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Adjourned at 9:45 P.M. in memory
of Mr. Charles Fulton and Mayor Mervin Schwab.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 1979, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

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Mayor Armstrong regretfully announced the passing of two esteemed Torrance citizens -- Mr. Charles Fulton and former Mayor, Mervin Schwab, and requested one minute of silence in their memory following the invocation.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Manpower Programs Administrator Winer led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Harold M. Slusher, Walteria United Methodist Church, followed by one minute of silence in memory of Messrs. Fulton and Schwab.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 1979 and March 13, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:Agency Selection:

Met on April 9th re: selection of architect for Downtown Redevelopment area -- recommendation will be forthcoming.

Community Planning: (Re: Transfer Station)

April 26th - 5:00 P.M. (Mayor Armstrong requested that Councilman Applegate serve on this Committee in the absence of Councilman Wilson.)

Public Safety:

April 18th - 5:00 P.M. re: Animal Problems.

Citizen Development:

April 19th - 4:00 Will meet with School Board.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PROCLAMATION - "Torrance Energy Fair Day" - April 18, 1979.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8b. TORRANCE MOUNTED POSSE - Annual Rodeo.

Request for use of Civic Center property.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City permit the use of Civic Center property for the Torrance Mounted Posse's Annual Rodeo, subject to review by this office, and in compliance with the requirements set forth to the satisfaction of the various departments.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro noted the need for long range planning, in view of imminent Civic Center development, with the Torrance Mounted Posse.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. RESOLUTION re: Football Franchise.RESOLUTION NO. 79-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO AWARD ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE TO THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM EITHER AN EXPANSION TEAM OR AN EXISTING CLUB

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-70. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Rossberg stated that he questioned the past dealings of the Los Angeles Coliseum; Mr. Rossberg does not appreciate the resolution, and he cannot support same.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Walker, Wilson;
Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. REVISION OF PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, AND SIDEWALKS (HCDA OF 1974).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the Street Improvement Financial Assistance Program be revised as outlined in communication of April 10, 1979, of record.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION - Weed Abatement Program 1978-79.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS
GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN
PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A
SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR
THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-71. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10c. LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SPONSORED SOUTH BAY TRANSIT STUDY.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. Concur with Staff's analysis of the ATE South Bay Report.
2. Authorize management to respond to the LACTC request for comments and vigorously state our opposition to the system as proposed.
3. Authorize the Mayor or the Chairman of the Council Transportation Committee to attend the April 25th Los Angeles County Transportation Commission meeting to express our position.

Staff presentation was provided by Senior C.E. Assistant Grosse, with note of the many recent developments and revisions of scheduled dates. Added Staff recommendations were also offered by Mr. Grosse, as follows: That Council request a 30-day extension for the technical comments to be presented to the Commission; and that Council and Staff representatives meet with Gardena representatives to work toward a unified position in response to the subject report.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with Staff recommendations as modified by Mr. Grosse. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10d. TERMINATION OF A COVENANT AND AGREEMENT FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS ON THE HOLIDAY INN SITE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject termination of covenant and agreement be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. ORDINANCE re: ZC 78-18, Greg Mardirosian.

ORDINANCE NO. 2901

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 157 PASEO DE LA CONCHA AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 78-18
GREG MARDIROSIAN

Councilman Brown moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2901 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12b. ORDINANCE re: 7C 78-24, James A. Kirby.

ORDINANCE NO. 2902

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 4304 AND 4312 WEST 182ND STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 78-24 JAMES A. KIRBY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2902 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12c. WAIVER OF PLANNING FEES. (Property Owners: Avery I. Knapp and A.B. Chettle, Jr.)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the subject fees be waived and the Variance and Division of Lot be processed in accordance with the Torrance Municipal Code requirements.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. ELEVATOR FOR OLD CITY HALL BUILDING.

Withdrawn.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. MINUTE SECRETARIAL SERVICES/DELETED SR. TYPIST CLERK POSITION, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE/REORGANIZATION OF CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That your Honorable Body act on the following:

1. Authorize the continuation of the current policy and practice of providing minute secretarial services and expand such services to include the Fine Arts Commission and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Airport Noise. The current vacant position of Minute Secretary should be filled to provide adequate coverage.
2. Restore 20 hours per week (half-time) through reassignment of a Senior Typist Clerk position in the Finance Department to work in the City Clerk's office.

Being that there is a minority opinion regarding the City Manager's office reorganization proposal, the Committee is submitting the minority report from Councilman Applegate. The majority of the Committee is recommending that the City Council act as follows:

3. Concur with the City Manager's recommendation for reorganization of the City Manager's staff as outlined in the subject report.
4. Adopt the resolution setting forth the pay range for:

Assistant to the City Manager
Principal Administrative Assistant.

MINORITY REPORT - COUNCILMAN APPLGATE:

While I concur with the overall proposal for the reorganization for the City Manager's office, I have a concern with the newly created position of Principal Administrative Assistant. The description of this job seems different from that of the personal staff of the City Manager, and, therefore, I have to believe it should be filled through a process of competitive examination.

This does not reflect a concern as to the capability of the current incumbent nor a concern as to whether or not the incumbent would be capable of passing an examination and be within reach of the City Manager's consideration, but more of a concern as to the process used and a belief that this is a position which should be filled through competitive examination.

Council discussion was directed to: forthcoming budget deliberations; need for further Committee review regarding the Minute Secretary position as well as the servicing of Commissions prior to adoption of the budget; efficiency and cost aspects of minute-taking; the absence of a Personnel Manager per se; the relationship of Civil Service and City Manager's office in the case of the Principal Administrative Assistant position; reservations regarding scope of Principal Administrative Assistant responsibilities, etc.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Committee Recommendations #1 and #2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Rossberg: Concurrence with Committee Recommendation No. 2, as a separate item. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Committee Recommendation No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilwoman Geissert: That the vacant position of Minute Secretary be filled on a temporary basis with an evaluation process taking place and a final decision being made before final adoption of the budget. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation for the reorganization (Recommendation No. 3). The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: To concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Recommendation No. 3, with the exception of the position of Principal Administrative Assistant, with a recommendation to the City Manager that he come back and propose the duties so defined to be a Civil Service position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg,
Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

Recommendation No. 4:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.1
OF RESOLUTION NO. 79-42

Councilman Wilson moved for adoption of Resolution No. 79-72, with the deletion of "Principal Administrative Assistant". His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT FOR BICYCLE ACCIDENT.

Considered in Executive Session - See Page 11.

19. ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

- 19a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Condemnation of Mobil Oil Corporation Land - Crenshaw Boulevard Grade Separation Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF EXERCISING THE POWERS OF EMINENT DOMAIN IN ACQUIRING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, LOCATED IN PARCELS 1,2 AND 4 OF PARCEL MAP 6266, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT AND SOUTH OF THE EXISTING SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY TRACKS, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF SUCH TAKING, MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUCH SUIT

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-73. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a.
- AWARD OF CONTRACT
- for Fire Hose.
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- Ref. Bid #B79-22 Expenditure: \$11,613.36

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/FIRE CHIEF:

That your Honorable Body approve of the award of the contract for required fire hose to the American Rubber Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$11,613.36, including tax.

- 20b.
- AWARD OF CONTRACT
- for Video Recording Equipment.
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- Ref. Bid #B79-19 Expenditure: \$9,333.53

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER/

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION: That your Honorable Body approve of the award of separate contracts for the required video equipment as follows:

To Avidd Electronics for Items 2 and 4 through 9 in the amount of \$6,029.51, including tax; and to Instant Replay Equipment Company for Items 1 and 3 in the total amount of \$3,304.02, including tax (per Bid Summary, of record).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a and 20b. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The hour being 8:40 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:41 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro noted the revised date for the annual Sportsmen's Club "Father's Night" -- April 25th instead of April 18th.

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer referred to Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia's recent communication re: Cancellation of Rapid Rail Contract -- Council confirmation of this action was requested by Mr. Remelmeyer.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia re: Cancellation of Rapid Rail Contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Rossberg: That the Council finds that there has been a default in the Rapid Rail Contract. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22c. Park and Recreation Director Milkovich clarified that Item 9a. re: Football Franchise was requested by Mayor Bradley, and had not originated from Staff.

22d. Councilman Applegate reported on the recent Medal of Valor luncheon and particularly commended Torrance police personnel for their high standards of conduct on a day-to-day basis.

22e. Staff input re: the Gann Initiative was requested by Councilman Brown.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert advised that she will be attending a Committee meeting in Sacramento in the near future regarding Madrona Marsh, and will report back to the Council.

22g. Councilman Rossberg noted that the Armed Forces Day Grand Marshal will be Dr. Walter B. LaBerge, Undersecretary of the Army.

22h. The recent communication from Mr. John LaRasche, Airport Noise Advisory Committee, complimenting Staff, and reviewing lease rental provisions was noted by Councilman Rossberg, with the request that Airport Manager Critchfield report back via the Airport Commission on any further tightening of such leases. Feedback on the touch-and-go pattern was also requested by Mr. Rossberg.

22i. Councilman Wilson announced that he will be going to Egypt, as a member of the U.S. AID Team, and will necessarily be absent from approximately four Council meetings. Following congratulations, Councilwoman Geissert MOVED to grant an excused absence to Councilman Wilson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22j. Mayor Armstrong commended Sr. C.E. Assistant David Grosse, Department of Transportation, for his work -- "it is methodical, it's deliberate, it's comprehensive, and it's always ready." Likewise commended were Airport Manager Critchfield, Environmental Quality Administrator Godfrey, and those Staff members who contribute so much to the Council material -- the Council is extremely fortunate, per the Mayor.

22k. Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado, urged the installation of synchronized signals in the City of Torrance.

22l. Ms. Patrice Kingello, 2144 West 182nd Street, expressed her concern regarding the hazardous traffic situation at 182nd and Van Ness and reviewed the overall need for enforcement of traffic laws. Staff was directed to follow through in this matter.

Rent control for Senior Citizens was also of concern to Ms. Kingello. Response was provided by the Mayor regarding Torrance's Senior Citizen efforts.

22m. Mr. Joe Arcuich, chairman, Airport Noise Advisory Committee, requested clarification of the membership status of Committee member Dan Wolf (Southwood Homeowners Association representative) who has now moved to Country Hills. It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Wolf's membership would not be affected.

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At 9:15 P.M., the Council recessed for an Executive Session
re:

ITEM 17b - PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OFFER OF \$18,500 - Bebout vs. Torrance for serious injuries allegedly sustained in a bicycle accident on July 3, 1976.

The Council returned at 9:40 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and the City Manager with regards to the settlement of the Bebout vs. Torrance case, and that the sum of \$18,500 be authorized for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker,
Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

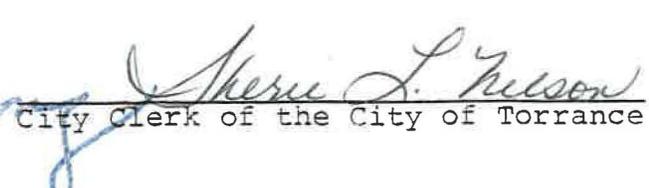
The meeting was formally adjourned at 9:45 P.M. in memory of Mr. Charles Fulton and Mayor Mervin Schwab.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance