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Adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 1972, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Wilson (out of town on University business).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert (illness).

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Larry Bowman led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by the Reverend R.W. Kornegay, First Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 1972 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given 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 Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

Met this date; no report.

Signal Synchronization - Hawthorne Boulevard:

Councilman Brewster reported on a recent meeting with District 7 Operations representatives, George Wolford and Jim Bell, regarding the long standing project of a synchronized signal system on Hawthorne Boulevard from 190th Street south to the southern City border.

Mr. Brewster then reviewed the original agreement with the County wherein the City would furnish some \$80,000 and the County some \$225,000 for nine signals in the signalization plan. There are now 14 signals on Hawthorne Boulevard, and the cost has risen to approximately \$450,000, according to Councilman Brewster -- further, while there is not yet a firm commitment, it would appear that District 7 is willing to put up \$350,000 (an increase of \$125,000 from the original agreement). If the City of Torrance would approve an additional \$20,000 (or a total of approximately \$100,000) that project then would probably come to bid sometime in early 1973, and completion, hopefully, before the fall of 1973, per Councilman Brewster.

It was further pointed out by Councilman Brewster that the above would require a new agreement between the State and the City involving the increased contribution -- however, some 70% of the money can be recovered from TOPICS funds.

In conclusion, Councilman Brewster stated that a complete report will be made by the Traffic Commission, following their analysis of the situation.

Taken at this time, out of order:

COMMENDATIONS:

11. RESOLUTION congratulating North High School Varsity Football Team and Coaching Staff on winning the 1971 Bay League Championship.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING NORTH HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHING STAFF ON WINNING THE 1971 BAY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-33. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE to Larry Bowman commending and thanking him for his service on the Civil Service Commission.

The considerable community service represented by Mr. Bowman's tenure on the Civil Service Commission was detailed by Mayor Miller with

presentation of the permaplaque, on behalf of the Council. Mr. Bowman accepted this recognition with much gratitude.

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Representing North High School, Mr. Bill Cunerty graciously accepted a copy of Resolution No. 72-33 (agenda item #11), with formal permaplaque presentation to follow at a later date.

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COMMENDATIONS:

10. RESOLUTION NO. 72-32 commending Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., for the expansion of its industrial facilities and for its support of Little League baseball within the City of Torrance.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC., FOR THE EXPANSION OF ITS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND FOR ITS SUPPORT OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-32. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

12. PROPOSED SERVICE STATION STANDARDS.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, with a request, first, for Staff presentation. Planning Director Shartle thereupon clarified the proposed Standards.

First to speak was Mr. Bob Churchill, 4801 Via El Sereno, who stated that he presently leases two service stations from Standard Oil, one of which does substantial business in "U-Hauls" and represents a considerable portion of his income. Of concern to Mr. Churchill is whether or not service stations may continue "U-Hauls" with adoption of the subject Standards. Planning Director Shartle responded that of primary interest is new service station applications before the Planning Commission; however, a question could be raised at some future date in this regard, and there is a provision in the ordinance which calls for Planning Commission approval.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that such equipment rentals augment the regular business of the station in many cases, and recommended that such reference be extracted from the ordinance and sent to committee for further study in order to find a solution to this problem in view of

the fact that such rentals appear to have a major effect on many service stations, labelling it a "bread-and-butter" operation. It was also the concern of Mr. Johnson that when a service station operator comes in for some kind of change, the rentals will be looked at, as well, as part of the Conditional Use Permit.

At this point Planning Director Shartle pointed out that in cases for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (such CUP being required with or without this ordinance) equipment rentals are a consideration, there is always a Planning Commission-imposed statement that rental or storage of equipment is not permitted on the premises unless specifically permitted by the Planning Commission in order that this might not just automatically go in at some future date, to the detriment of the area. Councilman Johnson reiterated his opinion that there is a need for additional clarification in this area; this could be deleted from the standards without otherwise hurting them for review by an ad hoc committee.

Mr. Bob Nibecker, Real Estate Representative for Shell Oil Company, 4250 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, offered the following for consideration as an alternate: Page 1, item (e) that there be an optional material, other than the decorative masonry wall requirement -- Page 2, item (1) re: 3 ft. wide planter; rather than locking into such a planter, that that be used as a guideline, and that the City could approve a lesser width planter consistent with the piece of property, making it optional. Mr. Nibecker added that his suggestion is based primarily on Page 2, item (5) re: public telephones; there would be a possibility, through these planters, for pedestrian walks rather than a firm planter area; such planter could have a walkway whereby people could get to telephones and other facilities coming from the street, rather than having to walk through a driveway area.

Mr. Nibecker offered a further suggestion: Page 3, re: posting of CUP provisions, noting that M-1 and M-2 zones do not require a CUP, hence nothing to be posted -- it would seem to him that the same basic ground rules should apply in these zones, with like posting in these stations thereby creating the same awareness of what the City is trying to incorporate into its service station standards.

Planning Director Shartle acknowledged the merit of Mr. Nibecker's suggestions, particularly the posting in the M zones.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Council reviewed the above discussion, the worthwhile suggestions offered, and the problems surrounding rental equipment, deeming it deserving of another good hard look by Staff and noting the difficulties faced by Staff in the establishment of rules of this nature. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that this item be referred back to Staff for review, to be returned to the Council agenda in 60 days. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

13. ORDINANCE re: Developmental Standards for Service Stations.

Held for 60 days, per action taken on Item #12.

Considered together:

14. ZC 71-27, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Change of zone from R-3 to R-P on property located at the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard between 178th Street and 180th Place.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO R-P (PRECISE PLAN) by the PLANNING COMMISSION.
15. ZC 71-22, MARVIN M. BASS and MALCOLM A. WINER. Change of zone from R-3 to C-1, C-2, or R-F on property located at the southwest corner of 180th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO R-P (PRECISE PLAN) BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Affidavits of Publication were presented by City Clerk Coil on Items #14 and 15; they were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Items #14 and #15, and invited those desiring to speak on these items to do so at this time.

Representing Messrs. Bass and Winer, Mr. Larry Bowman noted that approval of Item #14 would overcome the denial recommended by the Planning Department on Item #15 -- further, the requested zone change would seem to be in line with Council policy to limit apartment house development.

Mr. Bill Largent, 18832 Felbar, indicated neighborhood approval of the R-P zone; their objections are to C-1 or C-2 zoning.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

Re: Agenda Item #14:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department -- Alternative #2, to include a Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Re: Agenda Item #15: The zone change is now automatic, with Council action on Item #14.

16. Withdrawn.

REAL PROPERTY:

17. DEDICATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET PURPOSES - CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AT RESERVOIR SITE.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY, CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

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Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. COMPENSATION FOR OIL BOARD CHAIRMAN.

ORDINANCE NO. 2229

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE THE OIL BOARD FOR THE CITY ESTABLISHING ITS COMPOSITION, POWERS, AND DUTIES, AND THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL AND COMPENSATION OF ITS MEMBERS.

Prior to taking action on the Ordinance, Councilman Uerkwitz indicated certain reservations as to the financial aspect contained therein, and recommended that it be referred to the Finance Committee. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. The date for such meeting was set for Tuesday, February 29th, at 4:30 P.M.

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The hour being 8:05 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). A 10-minute recess followed at 8:07 P.M.

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PARK AND RECREATION:

19. RESOLUTIONS of the City Council authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest an amendment to the original agreement with the State of California Resources Agency on Project #819-224, and Project #819-232, Torrance Regional Park, to extend an additional year from June 30, 1972 to June 30, 1973.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY ON PROJECT #819-224, TORRANCE REGIONAL PARK, WHEREBY THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT IS EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL YEAR FROM JUNE 30, 1972 TO JUNE 30, 1973.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 72-37, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

At the request of Councilman Surber, and prior to roll call vote on the motion, for clarification pertaining to when the City started negotiating with the County, it was explained by Mayor Miller that the City has an agreement with the County that they would place \$300,000 as part of the purchase cost, the County having been in the picture virtually since the inception of the park. Further clarification was offered by City Manager Ferraro in that the City was going to acquire the property, and the County develop and maintain it -- a commitment from the County having been obtained via a previous Council, as to financial contribution and a development plan. These lines are being followed at the present time, according to Mr. Ferraro.

Councilman Surber then stated his understanding that the County does not now desire such a park. City Manager Ferraro commented that the opposite appears to be true, based on meetings held with City Staff, the Council Committee, and County representatives; another meeting is to be held in this regard with a County representative on February 24th to continue development discussion.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that his previous objections were based on the fact that the park is in the wrong place, and the many restrictions imposed, rather than the County takeover.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Miller.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Uerkwitz.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that he is reversing his usual vote on the Columbia Park situation, having been a part of the County/Committee action; this request is a valid one under the circumstances, and has nothing to do with his philosophical approach to this kind of thing, hence his "yes" vote.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that his "no" vote was for the same reasons as before -- he has not changed his mind and is of the same opinion that it is in the wrong place.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY ON PROJECT #819-232, TORRANCE REGIONAL PARK, WHEREBY THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT IS EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL YEAR FROM JUNE 30, 1972 TO JUNE 30, 1973.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-38. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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AYES: CCUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Miller.
 NOES: CCUNCILMEN: Surber, Uerkwitz.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

Councilman Johnson reiterated that his "yes" vote was for the reasons just expressed above.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

20. NOTIFICATION that Hawthorne has filed to annex four parcels on west side of Cerise Avenue, just south of Rosecrans Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That LAFCO be advised that Terrance has no objection to the City of Hawthorne's pursuing its proposed annexation, Moneta #7.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

21. NOTIFICATION to City Council that California State Senator Richardson has introduced SB 262 to simplify the procedure for creating new counties.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That SB 262 be referred to the Council Legislative Liaison Committee for study and action recommendation at the appropriate time.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$381.69 to Campbell & Hall for 75 adult and juvenile books.
2. \$6420.51 to Campbell & Hall c/c Harry R. Wilson for 715 adult and 81 juvenile books.
3. \$846.30 to George F. Cake Company for one only test overhead lamp and public address system which is now being tested by several other cities; and 2 only electronic siren public address systems as requested by the Police Department.
4. \$396.90 to Hersey Products for two only 2" water meters required by the Park Department for the Sepulveda Blvd. water service.

5. \$1013.25 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for one only 4-frequency Police vehicle radio complete as requested by the Police Department.
6. \$504.00 to Kirk Plastic Company for 60 each 24"x36" plastic covers .012" as requested by the Building and Safety Department to house City-owned maps.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

7. \$754.95 to Hersey Products for one only 8" water flow check detector as requested by the Water Department for installation of water service at the Homeowners Emporium. Payment has already been received.
8. \$1313.67 to Martin-Hannum, Inc. for 37-3/4 ozs. of gold and 86 ozs. of silver jewelry casting metal as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their jewelry craft classes. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from class participants.

23. TORRANCE CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD FUNDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That the \$440.97 returned to the City of Torrance from the Craftsmen's Guild annual sale be placed into a special deposit account to be used for the benefit of the Joslyn Center of the Arts.

24. CLAIM of Southern California Edison Company for property damage.
25. CLAIM of Doyle Chapman for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That agenda items #24 and #25 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #22, 23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. Councilman Brewster noted Information Item B - Recognition for Former City Commissioners - and the need for appropriate permaplaques.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that all those listed on this Item be given permaplaques, including former Commissioners Latteri and Ruhlow, even though they had only 3 years and 6 months of service.

Discussion was then directed to the Council policy requiring 4 years of service in order to receive a permaplaque, tile plaques usually being given those with lesser service. Councilman Surber reiterated his desire that these two Commissioners receive permaplaques, so long as the Council is not in violation of a law; policies can be, and are, relaxed.

Councilman Surber's motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that those individuals who have served four years or more receive a permaplaque; those who have served less than four years be given a tile plaque. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent Councilman Wilson).

This should be an automatic procedure in the future, according to Mayor Miller, unless there is Council action to set aside such policy.

27. Councilman Brewster recommended that the attention of Terrance residents be called to the new recycling center by way of an insert or notice in City billings.

28. A move-in in the vicinity of 233rd and Arlington was reported by Councilman Johnson who inquired as to what is proposed. Planning Director Shartle advised that it is indeed a move-in, to be completely remodelled into an office building.

29. Councilman Johnson requested Staff research and a report on a communication from TCEA re: a Phoenix Mutual claim.

30. A City of Lomita Resolution at hand urging that safety belts be required for school buses -- a matter also reviewed by the League of California Cities Transportation Committee -- was noted by Councilman Johnson, with the suggestion that a similar resolution be prepared for adoption by this Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

31. A "thank you" to Mr. James Clark for his Freeway Report was expressed by Councilman Surber -- Mr. Surber felt it an excellent report and was appreciative of the time and effort involved; there is a need for input by so-called "amateurs".

32. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to previous Council considerations regarding leaseback plans, and the apparent fact that nothing is underway in this regard -- Mr. Uerkwitz requested that Staff prepare a report on the status of leaseback plans for the Council meeting of February 29th.

33. Gross inequities in the entertainment tax, having to do with infrequent entertainment offered by restaurants, were noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, with a request for review by the Finance Committee.

34. Councilman Uerkwitz asked that Staff send a copy of the Tree Ordinance to industrial concerns, in the interest of clarification.

35. A recent communication from Mobil Oil, outlining their many accomplishments as a result of their meetings with the Environmental Control Committee was specifically noted by Councilman Uerkwitz.

36. Mayor Miller reported on a recent meeting with mayors of coastal cities to discuss the beaches from Long Beach to Santa Monica, the concerns therefor, and the recommendation that a local committee from each city be formed to work as a group to create a master plan. Further, the State has hired a consultant for overall review of beach frontages. The Mayor then outlined some of the problems faced: conflicting ordinances, a need for coordination of parking, the lack of rest rooms, development of beach uses in the winter, etc. Another meeting is slated early in March, and a report will follow that meeting as well; Mayor Miller will continue to work with other cities on this matter, if that meets with Council approval. Such approval was indicated by the Council.

37. This momentous date -- February 22nd -- represents the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Coil, and Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, extended congratulations and a few choice ad-libs.

38. City Librarian West announced the latest dedication date for the Southeast Terrance Library -- Saturday, March 18th, at 11:00 A.M.

39. Mr. Jim Thompson, 2842 Alberta Street, reiterated his previously voiced criticism of his treatment as a candidate for Council, the question surrounding the length of his residence in Torrance, and labelled it a "deliberate attack upon the credibility of my qualifications as a legal candidate, or it is a gross error in judgment."

It was the further comment of Mr. Thompson that in the event he does not receive a letter from the City Clerk's office within the next week stating unequivocally that he is either a legally qualified candidate, or that he is not qualified and the reasons so stated, Mr. Thompson shall instruct his attorney to seek an injunction halting the election until this matter can be decided one way or the other.

City Clerk Coil again explained the Code-required Election Qualifications Board. It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that if Mr. Thompson has been in Torrance the required time, there is nothing to fear; if the case is otherwise, then there is something to fear. Councilman Surber indicated some reservations as to the treatment afforded Mr. Thompson; there was further clarification by City Attorney Remelmeyer as to the propriety of what has transpired, with an indication by Mr. Surber that it might be well to review present procedures in order that there be no possible harm to anyone.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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Vernon W. Coil

Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk
of the City of Torrance

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance