

I N D E XCity Council - April 4, 1972

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>OPENING CEREMONIES:</u>	
1. Call to Order	1
2. Roll Call	1
3. Flag Salute	1
4. Invocation	1
<u>STANDARD MOTIONS:</u>	
5. Approval of Minutes	1
6. Approval of Demands	1
7. Motion to Waive Further Reading	1
8. Council Committee Meetings	1
<u>COMMENDATIONS:</u>	
9. Resolution No. 72-56 re: Mayfair Creamery	2
<u>PROCLAMATIONS:</u>	
10. "Earth Week" - April 17-23, 1972	2
11. "Pan American Day" - "Pan American Week"	2
12. "Secretaries Week"	2
<u>HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:</u>	
13. Weed Abatement Program for 1972	2
<u>PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:</u>	
14. Amendment to Code to allow Trade Schools in R-P zone	3
15. Resolution No. 72-58 re: CUP 71-58.	
<u>FISCAL MATTERS:</u>	
16. Sur La Brea Park Financing	4
<u>AIRPORT MATTERS:</u>	
17. Priorities of Guidelines for Development of Torrance Municipal Airport	5
18. Resolution No. 72-59 re: Application for Annual State Airport Assistance Revolving Fund	5
<u>ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:</u>	
19. Term expiration on L.A. County-Torrance Civic Center Authority Commission	5
<u>SECOND READING ORDINANCE:</u>	
20. Ordinance No. 2318	6
<u>NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:</u>	
21. Expenditures over \$300	6,7
22. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract No. 30035	7
23. Claim of J.B. Freymodsson	7
24. Claim of Grace MacKinnon	7
<u>PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:</u>	
25. V 72-1, Rolling Hills Country Club	7
<u>ADDENDA ITEMS:</u>	
26. Resolution No. 72-55, congratulations to TUSD employees	8
27. Resolution No. 72-60 re: Dominguez Water Corporation Carson Street Line	8
28. Sanitary Sewer in alley n/o Artesia Boulevard	8
<u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	
29. City Treasurer Rupert re: Franchise Tax Board checks	9
30. City Attorney Remelmeyer re: deputy attorneys	9
31. City Attorney Remelmeyer re: Van Bellingham prediction	9
32. City Manager Ferraro re: prisoner of war camps	9
33. Councilman Brewster re: Victor Precinct	9

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

i.

City Council
April 4, 1972

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.)</u>	
34. Councilman Johnson re: Good Friday	10
35. Councilman Sciarrotta re: Sister City program	10
36. Councilman Surber re: El Camino College District	10
37. Councilman Uerkwitz re: coins to Japanese wrestling team	11
38. Councilman Wilson re: Edison Company wires	11
39. Councilman Wilson re: night lighting problems	11
40. Traffic problems - Lenore and Anza	11,12

Adjourned at 7:45 P.M. to Tuesday, April 18, 1972, 5:30 P.M.

#

April 4, 1972

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 4, 1972, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Jack Tusky led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of March 21, 1972 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

No reports.

1. City Council
April 4, 1972

COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION commending Mayfair Creamery.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MAYFAIR CREAMERY FOR ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN CONVERTING ITS DELIVERY TRUCKS FROM GASOLINE TO NATURAL GAS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-56. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by a 11 call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Earth Week" - April 17-23, 1972.
11. "Pan American Day" - April 14, 1972 and "Pan American Week" - April 10-19, 1972.
12. "Secretaries Week" - April 23-29, 1972.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

13. Weed Abatement Program for 1972.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, and inquired if there were any exceptions.

Mr. Lester Foster, 21420 Madrona Avenue, responded, with the information that he had just spent some \$800 for compaction of soil on said location, and vowed that there is not a blade of grass in existence; hence his protest. It was indicated by City Engineer Weaver that the subject parcel would be exempted.

A further request from the North Torrance Pony Colt League to have their facilities at the southeast corner of Van Ness and 190th exempted was reported by Mr. Weaver -- this group has indicated that they will do the same, although it would be preferred that the City do the work, at no cost to them. It was the consensus of the Council that this group do the cutting, and the City will allow the exemption.

At Mayor Miller's request, City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and the Affidavit of Mailing -- Councilman Sciarrotta moved that they be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

2. City Council
April 4, 1972

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 72-51.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-57. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW TRADE SCHOOLS IN THE R-P ZONE.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the Trade School Section of the Conditional Use Permit Ordinance be revised as follows:

SECTION 95.3.18. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

- c) Trade or training schools conditionally permitted in any zone in which the trade being taught is permitted; provided, however, that no such permit is required in the M-1 or M-2 zones.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Commission; the motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. RESOLUTION re: CUP 71-58.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. CUP 71-58, ROBERT E. BARRON, TO ALLOW ON-SALE LIQUOR SALES IN A PROPOSED RESTAURANT IN THE C-1 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND MADRID AVENUE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-58. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. SUR LA BREA PARK FINANCING.

The Staff findings in this matter -- that Sur La Brea Park land acquisition and development will be given top priority in the preparation of the City's 1972-73 budget -- were announced by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Lou Sismondo, 1974 - 235th Place, reported the disappointment of Southeast Torrance residents at the Council decision on March 28th, and requested a show of Council determination at this time regarding Sur La Brea Park for budget considerations.

The Council generally reaffirmed their intent that Sur La Brea Park be given a high priority in the 1972-73 budget preparation.

The desire for a more concrete commitment by the Council on the part of SETHA residents was noted by Councilman Johnson, it being Mr. Johnson's opinion that there undoubtedly would be \$119,000, needed for Phase I of the park, in next year's budget. Councilman Johnson thereupon MOVED that the City Manager be directed to include same in his budget for the next fiscal year.

Discussion followed on the motion, with clarification by Councilman Johnson regarding the importance of such commitment to the residents. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated his feeling that there must be some knowledge as to the source of the money, a fact which can only be determined at the budget sessions; Mr. Uerkwitz reaffirmed his sympathy and understanding of SETHA residents concern. Concurrence with Councilman Uerkwitz was stated by Councilman Surber -- further, Staff already has the message that Sur La Brea Park is to have top priority.

City Attorney Remelmeyer joined in the discussion, reporting on Superior Court considerations re: Sur La Brea Park this date and land acquisition therefor. City Manager Ferraro, at the request of Councilman Sciarrotta, described the revenue problems faced for the forthcoming year and the substantial decisions which will have to be made.

Mayor Miller also concurred with the sentiment of Councilman Uerkwitz; this is a matter for budget sessions -- the Mayor added that Sur La Brea Park has priority consideration, but that does not mean that it will necessarily become a reality.

It was added by Councilman Uerkwitz that he would offer assurance that Sur La Brea Park would be ahead of any new park; agreement was expressed by Mayor Miller, for the reason that the development of this park has been long coming.

A final comment was offered by Councilman Brewster to the effect that there is overall concurrence -- and should it happen that Sur La Brea cannot be done next year, it will not be out of discrimination against this park, but will be because a whole host of things cannot be done.

Councilman Johnson's MOTION died for lack of a second.

AIRPORT MATTERS:17. PRIORITIES OF GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That the formulation and adoption of goals for the Airport be considered as an initial part of the Master Plan process. Also that the formulation aspect requires input from the several other interest groups in the community outside of the "City family", and that the other interest groups should also be invited to participate prior to final formulation and adoption by Council of said goals.

It is requested that the matter be referred to Staff for implementation as indicated above.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject information be referred to Staff for implementation, per recommendation of Airport Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro noted that a report will be made back to the Council as to how such implementation will take effect.

18. RESOLUTION re: Application for Annual State Airport Assistance Revolving Fund.RESOLUTION NO. 72-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL AVIATION FUND; AND TO EXECUTE ANNUALLY A CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION FOR AIRPORT ASSISTANCE REVOLVING FUNDS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS, FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 62-44.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-59. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. Term expiration on Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Mr. J. Walker Owens be reappointed to the Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority Commission; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Council policy regarding Executive Sessions for appointments was noted, the subject appointment was generally deemed an "exception". It was ascertained by Councilman

Surber that this matter had not been advertised. The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2318.

ORDINANCE NO. 2318

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 9 ENTITLED "LAYOFF PROCEDURE" TO PART V, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A LAYOFF PROCEDURE FOR EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THIS PART V, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2318 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

21. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

1. \$4318.44 to Econolite Corporation for one only traffic signal controller complete with operating hardware as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department -- corrected to read: at Plaza del Amo and Carson.
2. \$853.34 to L.F.E. Corporation of Torrance for four General Electric floodlight standards as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department to provide night lighting for the City Yard.
3. \$1854.25 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 178 adult and 95 juvenile books.
4. \$841.66 to Chilton Book Company for 184 adult titled books.
5. \$516.00 to Equipment Service Company for one only gas driven generator 2.5 K.W. as requested by the City Garage for a Traffic and Lighting Department replacement truck.
6. \$845.25 to Accurate Air Engineering Sales, Inc. for one only gas-driven air compressor as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
7. \$354.71 to Guardian Fence for miscellaneous chain link fencing supplies as requested by the Park Department to install fencing at Torrance Park Horseshoe Courts.

6. City Council
April 4, 1972

8. \$889.67 to B. Hayman Company for one only Jacobsen-Rogers renovator as requested by the Park Department as a replacement unit.

9. \$1621.46 to Hersey Products for miscellaneous Hersey water service meter repair parts as requested by the Water Department.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve above expenditures.

22. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND:

- TRACT NO. 30035.

Subdivider: Paradise Cove Land Company (Harry Kissel)

Bonding Co.: General Insurance Company of America

Bond No. 582551 - Amount: \$69,100

Bond No. 582396 - Amount: \$ 6,400.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject bonds be released.

23. CLAIM of J.B. Freymodsson for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.

24. CLAIM of Grace MacKinnon for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be denied, as it was not timely filed, and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items #21, 22, 23, and #24. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

25. V 72-1, ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB. Request for a variance from the provisions of the A-1 zone to permit the expansion of an existing golf course on property located north of the southerly City boundary line, easterly of Delos Drive.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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, and invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time. There was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval subject to certain conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. City Council
April 4, 1972

ADDENDA ITEMS:

26. RESOLUTION expressing congratulations and thanks to Torrance Univied School District employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO (EMPLOYEE'S NAME) FOR _____ YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-55. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RESOLUTION re: Dominguez Water Corporation Carson Street Line.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION FOR ACQUISITION OF TITLE TO DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION'S CARSON STREET WATER LINE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-60. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. SANITARY SEWER IN ALLEY N/O ARTESIA BLVD. W/O VAN NESS AVENUE.
(JOB NO. 72142)- AWARD OF CCNTRACT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Vido Samarzich Company, and all other bids be rejected.

(This project is financed by \$6,000 appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund on February 1, 1972.)

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#

The hour being 6:20 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to its regular agenda at 6:21 P.M. to consider:

8. City Council
April 4, 1972

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. A need to facilitate the handling of Franchise Tax Board checks was reported by City Treasurer Rupert, with the request for Council direction to this agency that future sales tax collection checks be redirected to the office of the City Treasurer, rather than the present arrangement wherein they are received by the City Manager. Concurrence with the request was indicated by City Manager Ferraro. Councilman Sciarrotta so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

30. It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer ^{there} that be Council approval to continue the authorization and appropriation for the two deputy attorneys until the end of the present fiscal year, such funds being in his budget. Councilman Johnson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council of a recent communication from "Dr. Harold Van Bellingham, the famous augur, astrologer, and necromancer; who reports that on the first Full Moon after the Ides of March he disemboweled twelve sheep on the slopes of Mount ? in Attica, and that after looking at the entrails, and after talking to the ghost of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, that he predicts that ALL OF THE INCUMBENT COUNCILMEN WILL BE RETURNED TO OFFICE." (It was added by Mr. Remelmeyer that Dr. Van Bellingham, however, had previously predicted 20 inches of rain the past year!)

32. The request of Howard Laitin, Victor Homeowners Association president, that the Council consider the adoption of prisoner of war camps in Hanoi as a Sister City was verbally conveyed by City Manager Ferraro with the recommendation that the request be referred to Staff for study, review, and recommendation. Councilman Uerkwitz so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. A Public Works Committee report was given by Councilman Brewster in that a tour through the Victor Precinct was made this date, in order to review recent Council action in this area and Staff concern relative to some of the problems which would be generated by an immediate 80 ft. widening. The Committee concurred, according to Mr. Brewster, that there would be significant difficulties in complying with the action taken.

Councilman Brewster then advised that it is the Public Works Committee recommendation to Council that the resolution reflecting Council's action be held until Staff can generate a summary of the problems and possible alternatives. Mr. Brewster so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "no" vote, that it was with due respect to the Committee, but he is concerned that 70 ft. streets might result; the 80 ft. width should be maintained, with any deviations recommended by Engineering.

34. Councilman Johnson noted that the City, traditionally, has permitted those employees who wish to go to church on Good Friday be allowed to do so, without being docked -- a change in the order took place this year with Good Friday take off time permitted but with the requirement that the time be made up or that the employee be docked in compensation.

It was Councilman Johnson's recommendation that it be Council policy that employees who wish to go to church on Good Friday be allowed time off, with compensation, to do so.

This was deemed a Meet and Confer item by City Manager Ferraro; it was Mr. Ferraro's request that any Council policy instruction be given in Executive Session.

Councilman Surber expressed his opinion that the above represents a benefit and should properly be discussed in Executive Session -- Mr. Surber so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Johnson stated that he would prefer that Staff be instructed to include the above in a Meet and Confer session; he can see no purpose in an Executive Session.

35. Considerable progress in organization of the Sister City program was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta -- a detailed report is forthcoming.

36. Councilman Surber referred to the excellent comprehensive report prepared by Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer and stated his opinion that the Council, as a body, should take a position on Gardena's request to become a part of the community college district, adding:

"The biggest reason the good people of Gardena stated for wanting to become a part of the El Camino District was the distance they have to travel for Harbor or Southwest community colleges. However, the report statistics show that the maximum distance for Gardena students attending the Los Angeles community colleges is 4.7 miles, and the maximum distance they would have to travel to El Camino would be 3.7 - only one mile less. At the same time the maximum distance El Camino students must travel is 9.8 miles - 5.1 more miles than the Gardena students now must travel."

Councilman Surber then urged that, in view of the information at hand, the Council pass a resolution opposing the request of those in the areas of the three high schools in the affected area to pull out of the Los Angeles community college district and to be allowed to become a part of the El Camino District. Mr. Surber so MOVED.

It was the added comment of Councilman Surber that a meeting in this regard is scheduled for April 10th at 4:00 P.M. and there should be a report from Torrance at this session in that Torrance citizens have nothing to gain and everything to lose.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Discussion followed regarding procedure to be employed; a SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Brewster: That Staff direct a formal letter to the Board strongly urging them NOT to take formal action until the City of Torrance has prepared its position, which it is now in the process of doing, along with study by homeowner groups and a need for time to put together a comprehensive analysis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Concurrence with such action was indicated by Councilman Surber; his concern is that Torrance be on record that any formal action revising the district be held in abeyance until the City's input is made available. It was Mr. Surber's request that the subject letter request meeting notification as well.

Councilman Brewster's substitute motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

37. The presence of a Japanese wrestling team was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz, as was his Council-approved gift of coins as token of appreciation from the City of Torrance.

38. Councilman Wilson noted the communication from Mrs. Sprankling recommending that the Edison Company be requested to either put up safety nets or in some way reroute their wires so that the recent accident at McMaster Park cannot be repeated -- it was Dr. Wilson's request that the Edison Company be alerted to this situation in order that corrections might be made.

39. Night lighting problems on school fields were also noted by Councilman Wilson, who inquired as to progress in this regard. City Manager Ferraro advised that the City is working with both Edison and the School District in this matter; a report will be forthcoming.

40. The traffic problems at the intersection of Lenore and Anza were reviewed at this time.

Mr. James Facina, 21701 Ocean Avenue, requested the installation of a 4-way traffic signal at Lenore and Anza, describing the problems now faced in getting the school children safety across this intersection and the concern of the parents in this neighborhood.

Further testimony regarding the hazardous situation, and the need for coordination with the School Board to avoid future problems with new middle schools, was offered by Mr. Robert Comford, 21226 Ladeene. Mayor Miller indicated concurrence that a letter to the School Board would be in order so that they might be aware of the traffic problems created by their middle school concept. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the City Manager prepare a letter for the Council indicating its concern with the problems confronted, and requesting that in future studies pertaining to middle schools be coordinated with the City in order to resolve any such problems. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Joining in urging positive Council action in alleviating this hazardous condition were: Mrs. Irene Adams, 21614 Anza; Mrs. Barbara Hunnicutt, 4213 Scott Street; Mr. Paul Meyer, 21421 Grant Avenue; Mrs. Pat Donohue, 4202 Carmen; and Mr. George Goldstein, 21502 Talisman.

There was extensive clarification by City Traffic Engineer Horkay regarding the problem, including: possible avenues for remedial action, like experiences in other areas of the City, signal priorities and the funding thereof, etc.

The following action resulted:

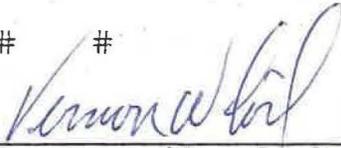
MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that, first and immediately, 4-way stop signs, with a flashing red light, be installed (as the one on Anza and 234th Street), to be followed immediately with putting in of a temporary electric stop signal system which would follow the regular red/yellow/green -- that to be followed with a permanent signal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz who noted the need for immediate action with the flashing red stop sign, the rest to come with the necessary study to permanently fix the problem. Concurrence was indicated by Councilman Johnson who amended his motion to incorporate only the necessary immediate action of a 4-way stop sign with a flashing red light. Roll call vote on the amended motion proved unanimously favorable.

A further MOTION was made by Councilman Johnson: That the matter of a permanent signal and permanent solution at the subject location be referred to the Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

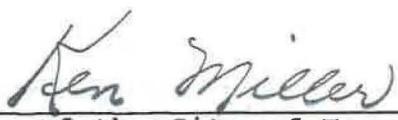
Yet further action: MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to approve an appropriation of \$1800 from the Gas Tax Funds for the subject stop sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At 7:45 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, April 18, 1972, at 5:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

#



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



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

12.

City Council
 April 4, 1972