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Adjourned at 11:18 P.M.

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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, May 23, 1972, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Wilson (out of the country).

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Billie Hayes led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Hugh Percy, St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of May 2, 1972 and May 9, 1972 be approved as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.AD HOC COMMITTEE RE: BILLBOARDS.

Met this date -- another meeting will be held prior to reporting to Council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING.

Councilman Armstrong noted the May 24th meeting of these groups, and invited Council comments for discussion at that time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Met on May 22nd; report under Oral Communications.

PRESENTATIONS:

- 9A. PRESENTATION OF TILE PLAQUE to Miss Becky Hayes, Hollywood Park "Goose Girl".

Councilman Brewster, on behalf of the Council, extended congratulations to Becky for her able and beautiful representation of the City of Torrance.

9. PRESENTATION regarding SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE.

Mrs. Jo Skibby first invited those present to attend the "100,000 in MAY" Salute to POW's at the Los Angeles Coliseum on May 29th -- a presentation of POW bracelets to each Councilman by members of POW families followed, an honor deeply appreciated by them.

COMMENDATIONS:

10. RESOLUTION honoring Supervisor Burton W. Chace..

RESOLUTION NO. 72-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING SUPERVISOR BURTON W. CHACE FOR HIS FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-96. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. HEARING ON CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAYS at various locations as shown on sketches.

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

Mayor Miller then announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) City Project 72-1 at various locations as shown on sketches. The Mayor then ascertained that no written protests had been received; he then invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Mr. John Schmissrauter, 16228 Taylor Court, protested the proposed action on Taylor Court in the 16,000 block -- he is joined in this protest by the three resident families in this block. Mr. Schmissrauter noted that there are curbs, gutters, and driveways already installed; their issue being a matter of the sidewalks. Sidewalks are deemed unnecessary in this case in that they are not a matter of public convenience and public necessity on this cul-de-sac street; there are further problems, according to the speaker, in that trees would have to be uprooted, lawns torn up, light standards and water meters to be contended with, etc.

Clarification of City efforts in instituting this action in an effort to clear up missing gaps relative to sidewalks, etc. was furnished by City Engineer Weaver who concurred that only sidewalks were needed on the subject three lots.

Discussion was then directed to the possible exclusion of these three lots, and the implications, if any, in so doing -- it was the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this matter be continued for two weeks in order that he might furnish an opinion as to whether or not such exclusion is possible.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the hearing relative to properties on 162nd and Taylor Court, to permit the City Attorney to investigate the legalities and report back; the date to be June 13, 1972, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone else wished to be heard on any other aspects of this consideration; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing, with the above noted exception. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) 72-1, with the above noted exception. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

12. HEARING ON CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAYS ON SOUTH SIDE OF 164TH STREET BETWEEN WILKIE AND CASIMIR AVENUE.
(Chapter 27, Short Form 1911 Act, 72-2)

An Affidavit of Posting 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, after determining that no written protests had been received. There being no one present who wished to speak, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) 72-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. AMENDMENT TO FENCE ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2327

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 92.13.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR FENCES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2327 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2328

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 99.1.12 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR FILING FEES FOR FENCE HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2328 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. APPEAL FOR RELIEF from requirement to provide curb, gutter, and sidewalk at 24243 Ocean Avenue (J. Adams).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the request be granted.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer; his motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

REAL PROPERTY:

15. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of lease with William Moseley Jones and A. Ellen Jones in the T-Hangar Development Area.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED MAY 23, 1972, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WILLIAM MOSELEY JONES AND ANN ELLEN JONES.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-97. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

16. RESOLUTION declaring the City's intention regarding the use of TOPICS funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ELECTING TO USE THE "TOPICS" FUNDS APPORTIONED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,271.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1971-72 TO BE ACCUMULATED WITH THE 1972-73 ALLOCATION OF \$69,271.00 to FINANCE A MORE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-98. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. REVISION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council:

- (1) Concur in the budget revision by deleting the subject positions;
- (2) Authorize three additional positions of Civil Engineering Draftsman;
- (3) Authorize revision of the budget to provide for four premium pay assignments of the working class title of Advanced Senior Civil Engineering Draftsman and one premium pay assignment of the working class title of Senior Civil Engineering Associate.
- (4) Meet with your representatives in Executive Session to give instructions regarding the proposed premium pay rates to be set and conferred upon with the representatives of the "Engineers."

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

The need for an Executive Session in this matter was specifically pointed out by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson; it was agreed to hold such session at the end of this meeting.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

18. RESOLUTION authorizing funding of the FAA Planning Grant Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN STUDY UNDER THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-99. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

19. RESOLUTION authorizing contract with Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall for Master Plan Study.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT DATED MAY 23, 1972 BETWEEN THE CITY AND DANIEL, MANN, JOHNSON AND MENDENHALL.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-100; his motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

20. MINIBIKE PARK:

Staff presentation was made by Airport Manager Egan re: the proposed Minibike Park and by City Manager Ferraro re: the Master Plan Study. Further formal presentation was offered by Mr. Sid Knable, representing the applicant, the Del Amo Rotary Club, with clarification of the proposed interim minibike park temporary use on the Airport -- joining in the presentation were Dr. Robert McLemore, the Rotary president, and architect Andrew Jansich provided a rendering thereof.

Audience discussion was then invited by Mayor Miller. First to speak was Mr. Dave Rutherford, 3446 Artesia Boulevard, a bike owner who commends bike riding as a great form of recreation, but now hampered by the distance which must be traveled in order to ride.

Mr. Chris Allen, 4307 Newton Street, pointed out the value of bike riding for young people, the dire need for space -- the proposed minibike park, under supervised conditions, would prove both beneficial and educational.

Joining in approval of a minibike park was Mrs. Judy Mace, 2819 Dalemead Street, who noted the accident statistics pertaining to bikes, as well as the need for this program and education relating thereto.

Mrs. Mace then outlined the history of the attempts to obtain a motor bike park in the City, starting with the initial meeting in August, 1970, to date. There should be immediate development of this much needed park, according to Mrs. Mace.

Mayor Miller next reviewed his long standing support of a minibike park -- Rotary Club discussions in this regard having taken place some time ago, with Airport property generally in mind (specifically noted by the Mayor was the fact that he would not support such a project adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway). Mayor Miller then indicated his desire that this matter be pursued, based on the alternative site, and affirmed his support of a minibike concept, in view of what it will mean to young people and their safety. Support as well for the proposed Airport Master Plan was expressed by Mayor Miller; however, his minibike support preceded the Master Plan undertaking.

Dr. Heglin spoke at this time regarding his experiences in hospital emergency receiving rooms and the resultant accidents from non-directed activities -- the proposed minibike park should provide an opportunity for young children with small bikes to learn proper use under supervision.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that he, philosophically, supports not only the intent and commitment of the Del Amo Rotary but the purpose and the idea of the minibike park -- however, there are problems faced at this particular time in that, in his opinion, it does not make good sense to contract for a Master Plan, and then, having done that, begin to undertake your own designing and planning and building. Of further concern to Mr. Armstrong is the absence of a report from the Park and Recreation Commission, it being his feeling that they should actively be involved in this undertaking.

Councilman Brewster stated that there are other needs for land uses, such a large amount of acreage should include consideration to further combine for additional types of land uses -- such as space for the annual rodeo, Boy Scout Jamborees, camp sites, etc. Further, Del Amo Rotary apparently proposes to use the subject property only on weekends. Mr. Brewster then urged deferral of this matter to the master planning process to review the concept to perhaps further incorporate other kinds of uses as well -- make it a multi-purpose area in order to obtain the maximum use of the capacity of this land -- hence, Councilman Brewster's recommendation that this matter be referred to the master planning contractor as a possible candidate for such land use, but not as a specifically directed use to be incorporated in the Master Plan.

It was indicated by Councilman Sciarrotta that he would not put economics above the use which could be made out of a minibike park in view of the importance of such a development to the young people -- a bigger revenue could be realized in knowing that the youth are receiving proper direction in bike riding. It was Mr. Sciarrotta's recommendation that this project be furnished the master plan contractors to the end that it be incorporated in the Master Plan.

Councilman Brewster clarified that "economics" was not his reference, but rather maximum use of the land as a total recreational site, including bicycle courses, camping grounds, rodeo facilities, Jamboree facilities, etc. -- there should not be just two days per week use of the property. It should be requested of the master plan

contractors that they try to incorporate a plan that will be viable seven days a week for a number of uses for a number of youth groups.

The Rotary Club was complimented by Councilman Surber for its excellent presentation; further, he is convinced that the Council should act now in that the master plan may not be returned before a year and a half, with many determinations to be made. The subject property, Mr. Surber continued, has been vacant for many years, and the Council should give directions at this time for the park to proceed full speed ahead. This project will be invaluable from the standpoint of education and training for young people in the interest of their safety. There is nothing requested of the City other than use of the now vacant property, with a guaranteed follow-through by the Rotary Club -- Councilman Surber will support the request.

Concurrence with Councilman Surber's comments was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz -- a primary consideration are legal liabilities and responsibilities, a responsibility assumed by the Rotary Club in the form of insurance and a "hold harmless" agreement to the City. It was also Mr. Uerkwitz' opinion that it will be two years before a Master Plan will be put together, and if the Rotary Club is willing to gamble that they may lose the property after their investment is made within a short period of time, this is further assurance for the City. Action should be taken now -- further delay will only provide a shorter period of time for use of the property; let the Master Plan take care of itself, per Mr. Uerkwitz.

A series of MOTIONS evolved, as follows:

MAIN MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minibike park be included in the Master Plan and that the contractors be so advised, to be subject to all Staff conditions; further, that studies be made as to how all the land can be utilized to the fullest extent. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION #1: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minibike concept, with the City Attorney's approval of all legal responsibilities; that it be short-term, to be worked into the Master Plan when it does come out. (City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that the motion, as stated, would prove impossible for him to carry out.)

SUBSTITUTE MOTION #2: Councilman Armstrong moved to direct Staff to initiate the subject project now, on a temporary basis, it being understood that this has no binding effect in terms of what the Master Plan might be.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION #3: Councilman Surber moved that the minibike park project start right now -- that Staff sit down with the Rotary Club and work something out, in a legal manner -- with referral then to the Master Plan.

The "temporary" aspect was of concern to Councilman Brewster -- in view of the extensive efforts to be made by many people to raise \$35,000 to construct this park on the possibility that it may not be allowed 18 months from now. Mr. Brewster would prefer to see the entire matter referred to the Master Planning Contractor as a possible candidate for the land use because there many ramifications that cannot

be appreciated in the discussion at this meeting, and that it be implied to the Contractors that what the City is seeking is a multi-purpose recreational kind of a candidate, be it feasible and legal, minus too many problems, that can be used not only for mini-bikes but for other kinds of recreational uses by the community.

Discussion returned to the appropriate action to be taken -- Councilman Armstrong reiterated his concern over the fact that a plan involving many, many considerations (without input from the Director of Recreation, Park and Recreation Commission, etc.) of a ready-made park concept is before the Council for approval. While the concept is not new to the Council, it is a fact, according to Mr. Armstrong, that this proposal is now being seen by the Council for the very first time, without the benefit of Staff study, etc.

The MAIN MOTION -- that the minibike park be included in the Master Plan, and that the contractors be so advised, to be subject to all Staff conditions; further, that studies be made as to how all the land can be utilized to the fullest extent -- was restated. City Manager Ferraro clarified his understanding of the intent of the motion -- that Staff will meet with the Rotary Club to try to implement the minibike park, it being pointed out by Mr. Ferraro that the matter will not be returned to Council unless there is a problem; technical approval of the lease will be the only matter to be approved -- the above represents approval of the concept and implementation will be undertaken. It was further confirmed that the above action refers to the ALTERNATE SITE.

It was also confirmed by Councilman Brewster that the above action automatically directs the Master Planners to take this site out and incorporate the minibike park.

The main motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz; Mayor Miller.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

There were further comments by Councilman Brewster -- not pertaining to the minibike park but to the fact that the processing of the application through the Airport Commission did not bring to light certain problems and a need for clarification of recent matters before this Commission -- specifically, recent Council consideration under Oral Communications re: Blue's Flying Service, a matter which had been before the Airport Commission only the week before, and would normally be before the Council, with appropriate backup material, in two to three weeks. However, this item was considered under Orals, without benefit of such material -- this was an erroneous action, in Mr. Brewster's opinion, and in the future it should be requested that such Orals be deferred until such time as the proper input is before the Council. Councilman Brewster so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, with the recommendation that this apply to all Commissions.

The standing policy in this regard was pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz -- it generally being agreed that such policy now be reaffirmed, rather than take any formal action.

It was further reported by Councilman Brewster that there apparently is some misunderstanding of Council action with regard to the Airport Master Planning -- on January 18, 1972 the motion was made by Councilman Uerkwitz - "to proceed with the usual procedures for handling Airport matters...." -- the intent being that aeronautical lease applications not be held up for the master planning process. It was Councilman Brewster's hope that this might be interpreted to mean any unusual kinds of uses would not be automatically processed without due consideration as to how they might affect the Master Plan, or should be or should not be included in the Master Plan study. Councilman Uerkwitz confirmed that his intent in the motion was that the City does not stop all business on the Airport because it has suddenly been decided to put in a Master Plan, i.e. the normal aeronautical leases.

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The hour being 9:00 P.M. a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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PARK AND RECREATION:

21. REGIONAL PARK IN ABALONE COVE, PORTUGUESE BEND AREA.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to the Parks/Recreation/Community Development Committee of the Council for consideration.

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

WATER SYSTEM:

22. WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN REPORT.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT:

That Council accept the report prepared for the City of Torrance entitled, "Water System Master Plan", dated May, 1972, as prepared by Brown and Caldwell, Consulting Engineers, and to authorize the Water System Manager to prepare for subsequent City Council approval the various phases of implementation of the recommendations stated briefly on the final page of the report.

Clarification was given by Water System Manager Borgwat as to what is proposed for Well #3 (the "problem child"); the role of the City's computer system, a yet to be determined factor; pending negotiations with Dominguez Water Company; etc. The fact that 1972 dollars are reflected in the report, rather than dollars inflated for future years, was specifically noted by Councilman Brewster, as was the commendable concept proposed with regard to weighted increases according to the fire suppression flow requirements of various developments.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that his understanding re: the proposed increase would be that the weighted factor would be explored first before any increased rate is established -- Mr. Borgwat confirmed that this would be so.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Water Commission and Water Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

23. RESOLUTION re: Supply of Natural Gas to Los Angeles County.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING UPON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS REPRESENTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ASSURE THAT THE SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS NOT REDUCED.

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Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-101. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2326.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF CARSON STREET, EAST OF PLAZA DEL AMO BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-3.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2326 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$2866.38 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 296 adult and 146 juvenile books.
2. \$1127.39 to Western Bookbinding Company for 289 library books rebound and 2,000 catalog covers.
3. \$472.50 to CCM Films, Inc. for a film entitled "Red Balloon" as requested by the City Librarian as part of their film program.
4. \$315.00 to Safeway Sign Company for 150 sign blanks as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department to make street name signs.
5. \$373.80 to Webco for replacement drive hardware for a mobile sweeper (Unit #9108) as requested by the City Garage.
6. \$371.83 to James Jones Company for 12 fire water valves, as requested by the Water Department for stock.
7. \$858.99 to Albro Fire Equipment Company for repairs to a Hale Pump on Fire Rig Unit #101-462 as requested by the Fire Department.

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8. \$763.18 to Tyrco Industries for 12 only 900 x 20 tires offered to Torrance at a special sale price below annual contract price.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

9. \$1060.18 to Martin Hannum Inc. for 19½ ozs. of gold and 185 ozs. of silver as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their craft classes. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from class participants.

26. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SPORTING GOODS - (Reference Bid No. B71-31) (Annual Expenditure - \$18,268.00)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the renewing of the City's annual sporting goods contract for another year "unchanged" to the Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop in the total amount of \$18,268.00 including tax.

27. REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF OIL WELL BOND #2481521 from Charles Rodabaugh in the amount of \$1,250.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF LICENSE SUPERVISOR:

That Oil Well Bond #2481521 be terminated.

28. ABSENCE FROM A COMMISSION MEETING:

REQUEST from Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Robert E. Flora to be excused from attending the Commission meeting of May 24, 1972, as he will be out of town on temporary duty.

MOTION Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #25, 26, 27, and #28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

29. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Widening of Crenshaw Boulevard (E/S) from 227th Street to 230th Place to provide one additional lane of pavement (Job #72153) B72-13.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to McAMIS ENGINEERING and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

30. LEASE WITH FAA FOR ILS LOCALIZER INSTALLATION AND OPERATION.

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his previously expressed opinion that there is no good reason why Paragraph 13 must be deleted -- it would seem that the FAA is merely using its power to tell the City that it will not go along with ^{the} request. It is time, according to Mr. Uerkwitz, that the City take a firm stand in this matter and no longer be intimidated by governmental agencies regarding its contracts.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that "we either get the localizer or we don't, and we don't get it if that paragraph is included..." the Mayor is in favor of obtaining the Localizer.

The primary issue, according to Councilman Armstrong, is one of air safety, not only for those in the air but those on the ground -- if the program is desired by the City, the rules must be accepted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LEASE NO. DOT-FA72WE-1423 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AN ILS LOCALIZER ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-102. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Brewster stated that he would revise his earlier "no" vote and now vote in favor of the ILS for the reason that he does not want to jeopardize that program -- such program benefits both the homeowners and the pilots. Mr. Brewster added that he simply cannot visualize a situation where two bodies cannot sit down and work out some kind of a statement satisfactory to both agencies; it is hoped that Staff will continue to search for an answer.

Councilman Surber noted the long, hard work in this matter by the Transportation Committee, and indicated his preference that Paragraph 13 be retained in the lease; however, the safety factor, and the inevitable saving of lives, is the important factor, in Mr. Surber's opinion, one that outweighs all other considerations.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber,
and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (nothing to do with safety).
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

31. RESOLUTION re: CONDEMNATION OF QUINN DAIRY PARCEL.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A STIPULATION FOR INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD BETWEEN ANZA AVENUE AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD.

(City v Quinn, Superior Court #982 019, Parcel 12)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-103. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Councilman Wilson absent).

32. SUR LA BREA PARK.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ATTORNEY:

- 1. That the stipulation on Parcel D be approved and the Director of Finance authorized to pay the sum of \$75,600 as therein provided.
- 2. That the City pay into Court the aforesaid sums as awarded by the Court for the acquisition of Parcels E, F, and G with \$170,000 advanced from the Sewer Revolving Fund to be repaid from funding provided in the 1972-73 budget.
- 3. That the judgment on Parcels E, F and G be appealed and a sum not to exceed \$7,500 is hereby appropriated from the fund to pay attorneys' fees and costs on the appeal.

Concern was voiced by City Manager Ferraro in that the subject request for an additional sum of approximately \$195,000, because of a judicial ruling, is money in excess of what has been budgeted for land acquisition -- now to be considered by the Council is whether to provide additional funds in next year's budget to acquire more land, and to provide funds, if possible, for the development of the land; the subject request for additional funds represents a third requirement, a requirement very seriously affecting the first two considerations above noted, and, in fact, jeopardizes the development of Sur La Brea Park.

Continuing, City Manager Ferraro elaborated on the problems now presented -- problems that might direct Council consideration to the abandonment of the proposed purchase and return to the 5½ acres already purchased, already paid for, and use the now requested sum of money for development of what is already owned, without the buying of additional land.

Mayor Miller noted his continuing stand for land purchase, rather than even development, as a priority -- however, in view of a problem of this nature, it was the Mayor's suggestion that the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association be contacted in order to have their input in this matter since they are the ones directly affected by the development of Sur La Brea Park.

Following extensive clarification by City Attorney Remelmeyer of the above recommendations and the various avenues available, Council discussion ensued. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated like dedication to the providing of a park for SETHA residents, but noted that he is likewise

dedicated to avoiding fiscal suicide, and the requested \$195,000+ represents such suicide -- there is a need for additional study, and a matter which should be referred to the appropriate Council committee.

SETHA's president, Mr. Orin Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst, noted a related problem re: CWOD Water Flooding (Information Item A) -- in this particular matter, it was Mr. Johnson's recommendation that the City proceed with the condemnation and attempt to reduce the price before consideration of any alternatives.

Mayor Miller then requested that this matter be referred to the Council Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee (with Councilmen Armstrong and Surber to temporarily serve with Councilman Brewster) -- with notification to the Park and Recreation Commission and SETHA re: meeting date, and returned to the Council agenda in three weeks. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. HILLSIDE ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2329

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 91.2.77 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF A HILLSIDE LOT; AMENDING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9, PROVIDING NEW STANDARDS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR HILLSIDE PROPERTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY..

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2329 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2330

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 91.2.77 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF A HILLSIDE LOT; AMENDING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9, PROVIDING NEW STANDARDS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR HILLSIDE PROPERTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS; AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2329 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2330 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. The considerable achievement of Sr. Zoning Enforcement Officer Bill Quale in passing the Bar Examination was reported by Councilman Armstrong.

35. Additional resolutions from the City of Bellflower and Signal Hill pertaining to the sales tax formula were referred to the Finance Committee by Councilman Brewster.

36. Councilman Brewster noted, with gratitude, the contribution of Walteria Business Women's Club of \$50 to the Torrance Public Library.

37. KNBC Channel 4's presentation of Torrance's Armed Forces Day Parade, and the outstanding recognition of the City of Torrance that provided, was commended by Councilman Brewster. Special praise was added by Councilman Sciarrotta for this coverage. It was the consensus of the Council that there be permaplaque recognition for this effort by KNBC.

38. Requested by Councilman Brewster was a general report as to the funding which makes the landscaped medians (as along Hawthorne Boulevard) possible.

39. Councilman Sciarrotta reported on the May 22nd Finance Committee meeting, as follows: Discussion was directed to the City of Santa Monica resolution opposing attempts to alter the method of levying, collecting, and distributing the uniform sales tax.

Both Councilman Sciarrotta and Councilman Surber (Councilman Armstrong absent) were in agreement that Torrance should oppose change to the existing law. The Committee requested Staff to prepare a letter setting forth the reasons Torrance opposed changing the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales Tax Law. The letter would be signed by the Mayor and sent to other cities, the League of California Cities, the Revenue and Taxation Committees of the State Legislature and other government officials. The Committee believes that such a letter would be more effective than a Council resolution. The letter will be placed on the Council agenda for Council approval.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta offered the following report re: revenue sharing: The Ways and Means Committee of Congress sent the revenue sharing bill out of the committee on May 22nd. Action by the committee was a "closed rule" and a "waiver of points of order." In addition the Rules Committee has issued a debate limit of eight hours on the measure. Revenue sharing measures were to be considered by the House of Representatives on May 24th; however, latest information is that the bill will not be heard until after the California primary election.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Sciarrotta that Congressional representatives be immediately contacted and urged to support the action of the Rules Committee, and, further, request their continued support of the revenue sharing proposals.

41. Next reported by Councilman Sciarrotta were Finance Committee considerations regarding guidelines and rules pertaining to permaplaque, tile plaque, and resolution presentations -- a report will be forthcoming at a later date.

42. Councilman Surber made the following Transportation Committee report-- Pursuant to Council direction, the Transportation Committee met re: the Jefferson Lease #6 Negotiations, with the following results: Following an introduction by the City Attorney regarding

the history of the negotiations and review of ANTS offer to Al Levitt, it was the direction of the Transportation Committee that ANTS resubmit the graduated percentage of property value rental offer to Al Levitt and return with the results to the Transportation Committee in 30 days.

Further reported by Councilman Surber were Committee findings that following review of results of negotiations noted above by the Transportation Committee, the recommendation of this Committee will be presented to the entire City Council for action.

A second related matter, according to Mr. Surber, was a review of Council/ANTS relationship in respect to the Jefferson Lease negotiations. The Transportation Committee concurred in the following: That until the City Council Transportation Committee has reviewed results of said final negotiations that the sole contact with Jefferson, Inc. be through ANTS.

Councilman Surber thereupon MOVED to concur with the above findings of the Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion ensued as to the presentation afforded Mr. Levitt, it being of some concern to Mayor Miller that Mr. Levitt be fully heard -- both by the Committee and the Council. The many prior meetings with Mr. Levitt were pointed out by Councilmen Surber and Uerkwitz, as was the present impasse.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

43. Councilman Uerkwitz ascertained that petitions to put the death penalty on the ballot could be obtained at the Police Department.

44. Mayor Miller, along with the entire Council, commended Staff for the outstanding Armed Forces Day Parade and attendant events. The Mayor then noted the success of the display in the Bullock's parking lot, and suggested that the 1973 event provide some kind of entertainment for those in the parking lot during the formal dinner awaiting the fireworks display. Staff will follow through on this suggestion.

45. Mr. Orin Johnson referred to Information Item A - SETHA concern regarding CWOD water flooding communication - and requested that the item be referred back to the Oil Board for further input from SETHA, to be returned later to Council as an agenda item. MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with Mr. Johnson's request; the motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved, there being no objections (Councilman Wilson absent).

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46. The/president of the YWCA, Mrs. Caroline Bushnell, 389 Palos Verdes Boulevard, requested Council reconsideration of their application for a fireworks stand, such application having been rejected by the City, apparently because of the proposed location. It is now proposed to have such stand at the southeast corner of Hawthorne and Redondo Beach Blvd., and approval is sought in view of the dedicated community contributions of the YWCA and their current financial stress.

The merits of the YWCA were generally acknowledged by the Council, as were necessary considerations surrounding the issuance of fireworks stands applications; specifically noted was the temporary year-to-year aspect of any such approval. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to give a general instruction to Staff to assist the YWCA in whatever manner possible in the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). It was clarified that the above action is not an out-and-out directive to Staff to issue the license, but, rather, to issue it only if there are no major problems.

7. Mrs. Diane Davis, 2936 Winlock Road, noted a "first" for the City of Torrance -- the filing of the first Environmental Impact Study -- and offered the assistance of the Walteria Homeowners Association in evaluating the Study and the other lengthy, involved reports.

It was the recommendation of Mrs. Davis that there be an ordinance in the City requiring that any sizeable development provide an Impact Study and that procedures surrounding such Studies be established.

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The hour being 10:55 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to permit discussion of premium pay rates created as a result of the Engineering reorganization (Item #17). The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). Mayor Miller announced that the Council would return to formally adjourn, but that no further business would be conducted.

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At 11:18 P.M. the Council returned to formally adjourn. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Monday, June 5, 1972, at 4:30 P.M. for a joint Council/Park and Recreation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Wilson absent).

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