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Adjourned at 11:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, June 12th.

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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, June 6, 1972, at 5:30 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. John Melville led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend H. Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Surber moved that the minutes of May 16, 1972 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, 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 (Councilman Wilson absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Ad Hoc Committee re: Billboards:

Councilman Armstrong advised that a formal report would be before the Council on June 13th.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Development:

Met this date re: Sur La Brea Park (a written report will be immediately forthcoming) and Regional Park, Abalone Cove -- a report on this matter will be made under Oral Communications.

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City Manager Ferraro advised that an Executive Session would be necessary sometime this evening for the purpose of meeting and conferring under State law regarding salaries, wages, and working conditions.

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PRESENTATIONS:

- 9. PERMAPLAQUE to Orin P. (Bud) Johnson commending him for his dedicated service to the City of Torrance as Councilman and as Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Johnson was present to receive this tribute from his constituents -- the presentation by Mayor Miller conveyed the Council's deep appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his contribution to this community.

- 10. PERMAPLAQUE to Mayfair Creamery for its efforts to improve the environment in converting its delivery trucks from gasoline to natural gas.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, lauded Mayfair Creamery for its significant contribution to Torrance's environment -- accepting the permaplaque was Mr. John Melville, who expressed his appreciation for this recognition.

COMMENDATIONS:

- 11. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Frank Paour, Jr. for his outstanding service to the City of Torrance and to his fellow man.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO FRANK PAOUR, JR. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TO HIS FELLOW MAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-104. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

12. "PARK AND RECREATION MONTH" - JUNE, 1972.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

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Mayor Miller, at this point, referred to agenda item #18 - Corridor Study - and noted the request of interested parties that this item be held until the end of the agenda because of the fact that it is election night. Concurrence with the request was indicated, and it was so ordered.

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HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

13. MARICOPA STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-70-2.

Held until after 7:00 P.M., the advertised hour for the hearing.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE for amending the C-5 ZONE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2331

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 24 OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING C-5 ZONES.

Prior to a motion of approval, City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated a need for further study of one of the ordinance sections for rewriting. In view of this, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the subject ordinance be sent back to the Legal Department, as above requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

15. RESOLUTION re: V 72-2, HARRISON I. AND MARIE C. SCOTT.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLES 23 AND 32 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY HARRISON I. AND MARIE C. SCOTT IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 72-2.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-105. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was as follows:

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- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (for previously stated reason, it being his opinion that it will open up "a can of worms" for the whole area.)
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

- 16. EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.
RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of a quitclaim deed to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-106. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

- 17. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement between the City and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for upgrading of railroad crossing protection in connection with the improvement of Carson Street at Plaza del Amo.
 (Appropriation of \$13,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover City's share of the improvement.)

RESOLUTION NO. 72-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC PROTECTION AT THE CARSON STREET CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACKS, DESIGNATED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AS CROSSING NO. 2H-21.6.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-107. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve appropriation of \$13,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover City's share of the improvement. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that City Attorney Remelmeyer renew contacts with the railroad/relative to an additional sharing of costs on their part for the grade crossings and the required drop arms, etc.

18. CORRIDOR STUDY.

Held for later in the meeting.

19. BICYCLE LICENSING.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMBINED BICYCLE STUDY COMMITTEE:

1. That the Council direct the City Staff to rewrite ordinances and policies regarding bicycle licensing to change the fee from \$1.00 every four years to \$1.00 annually. (Committee Note: The \$1.00 fee annually need not be collected on an annual basis. It is our feeling that details and procedures for bicycle licensing can best be developed by a team of City Staff involved in such a process, and, therefore, we are simply recommending an increase in the existing fees, leaving implementation of such an increase to Staff.)

2. That the Council earmark all funds dervied from bicycle licensing and the auction of recovered bicycles, as of July 1, 1972, for a "Bicycle Transportation Fund", and that monies accumulated in this fund be used to develop and maintain a system of bicycle routes and for any other projects of benefit to the cyclist.

Following the confirmation of Finance Director Dundore that the above recommended "Bicycle Transportation Fund" would appropriately restrict monies collected, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. Presentation by Chamber of Commerce Budget Review Committee re: 1972-73 City Budget.

Held for later in the meeting, at the request of Chamber president, Mr. Jack Schmidt.

21. CHARTER RATES - TRANSIT OPERATIONS.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF
FARES FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM
EFFECTIVE MAY 24, 1972.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-108. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Discussion ensued, prior to roll call vote. Councilman Surber inquired if there were any pending considerations re: fares for senior citizens and juveniles during summer months, in view of present empty buses noted around town. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated his desire that paragraph #3 of the resolution be revised to remove the tariff for senior citizens sixty years of age and over.

It was the further suggestion of Councilman Armstrong that there be a "beach shuttle" for young people, with possible use of high school parking lots, thereby enriching their summer leisure time -- there being the further implication that a like use could be made during the heavy shopping season at Del Amo Center.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the subject item be deferred to permit further study, to be returned to the Council in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Specific concern regarding the financial impact of what has been suggested was voiced by Mayor Miller, it being his request that there be additional information in this regard.

WATER SYSTEM:

22. PROPOSED 1,650 LINEAR FEET OF 6-INCH WATER MAIN EXTENSION ALONG SOUTH SIDE OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM HICKORY AVENUE TO MAPLE AVE.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. Advance of \$20,000 from Water Revenue Fund to Water Main Extension Revolving Fund;
2. Appropriation of \$20,000 from Water Main Extension Revolving Fund for subject facility.

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

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. RESOLUTION for charges to be levied for furnishing copies and certified copies of public records and establishing fees therefor.

Held for two weeks.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2327.

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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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2327 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2328.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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2328 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2330.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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2330 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:27. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases.

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$624.96 to Pioneer Stationers for Recreation playground craft supplies, as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their summer programs.
2. \$330.75 to Industrial Control System for an annual contract to supply "as required" cloth roll towels as requested by the Custodial Department.
3. \$567.00 to Industrial Supplier for 100 only 12-foot lengths of used oil well drill tubes as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use as street name sign posts.
4. \$4974.20 to L.F.E. Automatic Signal for the fabrication of a traffic signal controller cabinet for installation at Hawthorne and Del Amo, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Dept.

5. \$477.82 to Industrial Electric for 1,440 traffic signal long life (6000 hour) replacement lamps as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department.
 6. \$1713.29 to Brooks Products Inc. for 120 water meter boxes as requested by the Water Department.
 7. \$460.85 to Fusecote Company for fabrication work including the sandblasting, epoxy coating and repainting 14 water hydrant barrels as requested by the Water Department.
 8. \$467.28 to James Jones Company for 25 only 2" water meter valves as requested by the Water Department for stock.
 9. \$570.57 to James Jones Company for labor and parts required to repair 9 water hydrants as requested by the Water Dept.
 10. \$1698.13 to Campbell & Hall for 117 adult books and 156 juvenile books.
 11. \$1213.67 to Campbell & Hall c/o Dorothy Wilson for 79 adult books and 66 juvenile books.
 12. \$865.41 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 87 adult books.
 13. \$1168.91 to Henry G. Channing for 439 juvenile books.
 14. \$934.51 to Automatic Printing Company of Torrance for 539,400 library book transaction slips as requested by the City Librarian for use in their book check-out operations.
 15. \$373.28 to Michelin Office Supply of Torrance for one only Victor adding machine as requested by the Street Department to calculate service and manhour costs for their operation.
 16. \$675.05 to Essick Mfg. Company for various street-roller repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
 17. It is requested that Council approve the renewal for six months only of one paper goods annual renewal contract to Noland Paper Company "unchanged". This will result in two annual contracts for paper goods with the same contract expiration dates -- this will allow the City to combine these two contracts in six months into one bid requirement for larger volume prices. Total cost to cover this extension will be \$1500.00. Noland Paper Company has consented to extend this contract for an additional six (6) months based on last year's low bid prices.
- B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:
18. \$2665.80 to Hersey Meter Company for one only - 8" Hersey water meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Karney Construction Company. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.

- 19. \$441.16 to Park-Son, Inc. for two 6" and one 8" water valves as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Karney Construction Company.
- 20. \$733.20 to Koppl Company for three only proprietary 16" weld-on cement lined nozzles as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Karney Construction Company site. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.
- 21. \$322.43 to Green Ready Mix for 14 cubic yards of ready-mixed concrete as requested by the Park Department for use at the Pueblo Recreation Center. This expenditure is to be paid for by the Del Amo Optimist Club.

28. REFUND OF FEES (Carriage Real Estate):

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$397.50 be refunded to Carriage Real Estate Company.

29. REFUND OF FEES COLLECTED (Lewis & Sweasy).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That fees in the amount of \$435.00, collected under Engineering Receipt No. 14617, be refunded.

30. DONATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION:

That Council accept the contribution of \$160 from Armco Steel Corporation, and \$80 from the Torrance Rotary Club, on behalf of the City; and that the \$240 be deposited in Account #2146 (Donations for Recreation Programs). (Money has already been received and deposited with the City Treasurer. Both of these donations are to be used for the camping program.)

31. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Sanitary Sewer in Alley n/o Artesia Boulevard from Van Ness Avenue to 435 feet westerly (Job #72141) (B72-8).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Vido Samarzich Company; and
- 2. That \$400 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund to cover incidentals.

32. CLAIM of James Wynn Valestin for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items #27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and #32. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:33. TESTING CONTRACT PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1972-73.RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the 1972-73 testing contract be awarded to Cooperative Personnel Services.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be held over until budget sessions.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager to hold the subject item over until budget sessions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:34. QUIET TITLE ACTION TO PRESERVE PUBLIC EASEMENT FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.RESOLUTION NO. 72-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THAT THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACT TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC USE AND ENJOYMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN SAID CITY AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT TO ACQUIRE QUIET TITLE TO A PUBLIC EASEMENT IN SAID REAL PROPERTY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-110 His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Council now returned to:

20. PRESENTATION BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Budget Review Committee, Mr. Edward Boecher made a formal presentation of the contents of their brochure, presented to the Council and a matter of record, outlining their fiscal findings re: the City of Torrance and its budget, past, present, and future.

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At 6:40 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency; the motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The Council returned to its agenda at 6:43 P.M. to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss salaries, wages, working conditions; such discussion to ensue until the hour of 7:00 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to so recess; the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The Council returned at 7:00 P.M. to consider:

13. MARICOPA STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-70-2.

Mayor Miller announced that the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by resolution of intention, Resolution No. 72-83, when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, to the extent of said assessment district, or to the proposed grades to the real property to be acquired or to the structure to be demolished may appear before the City Council and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution. It is also the time and place fixed by said resolution of intention to determine whether public convenience and necessity require the work or improvement described in said resolution and whether the provisions of the Special Assessment Investigation, Limitation and Majority Protest Act of 1931 shall apply thereto.

At Mayor Miller's question, City Clerk Coil presented the following affidavits to the Council: Affidavit of publication of "Resolution of Intention"; Affidavit of mailing "Notice of Hearing"; and Affidavit of posting of "Notice of Improvement." MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the subject Affidavits be filed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

Assessment Engineer Thompson and City Engineer Weaver were sworn in by City Clerk Coil in order to give testimony concerning nature of work and extent of assessment district.

It was next indicated by City Clerk Coil that a large number of protests had been received, copies of which have been furnished the Council, and all a matter of official record.

The attorney for the Torrance Church of Christ, Mr. Douglas H. Trowbridge, 1826-D South Elena Avenue, Redondo Beach, restated their written protest: "Torrance Church of Christ hereby objects on all legal grounds possible to the street assessment as contained in Maricopa Street Assessment District No. A'11-70-2, as proposed in Resolution No. 72-83."

Mayor Miller next inquired if anyone wished to make an oral protest. Mr. Trowbridge returned to state that approximately 80% of the property owners in the assessment district have filed written protests with the City Clerk prior to this meeting. Mr. Trowbridge then directed the question to City Attorney Remelmeyer re: the Majority Protest Act of 1931, does this not mean that the assessment should then be abandoned, not to be considered for one year following same. Mr. Remelmeyer responded negatively, adding that the City Council by a 4/5th vote may overrule the Majority Protest --

however, it cannot be determined whether or not there is a Majority Protest until the end of the hearing. Further noted by Mr. Remelmeyer was his recommendation that this hearing be continued for one week, in view of the fact that this is election night, to be sure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard.

Presentations by Assessment Engineer Thompson and City Engineer Weaver followed, providing clarification regarding the proposed assessment district and what will be accomplished thereby. Specifically noted by Mr. Thompson was the fact that the present Maricopa Street, a dead end street, is a very dangerous thoroughfare, with some 323 apartments, 5 single family residences, and a pending 170-unit apartment development -- this represents a population of 1200 to 1500 people on a dead end street, and an alarming hazard potential. Mr. Thompson also pointed out the protests appear to be directed to one property, the church property, and is, therefore, only one protest.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Sciarrotta advised that he is the owner of property at Madrona and Maricopa, and the possibility that abstention on his part might be necessary. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he would make such a determination and report back at the continued hearing.

Fire Chief Lucas, at the request of Councilman Uerkwitz, confirmed the problems presented by excessively long streets (even cul-de-sacs) in the handling of fire equipment, traffic bottlenecks, etc. -- also noted by Chief Lucas was the proposed 14-story building housing elderly people slated for the subject street.

The total cost of the proposed improvement - \$60,000 - was noted by Councilman Brewster, as was the fact that approximately 25% of this amount has been assigned the church parcel. It is questionable, in Mr. Brewster's opinion, that the improvement is of that much value to the church -- in the first place, the increased property value of the church property is meaningless to the church; further, the church is not in a position to use the interest that they would pay on the proposed assessment as an IRS deductible item in that they are a tax exempt organization anyway. The most important consideration, according to Councilman Brewster, is the frequency of use by the church, noting the considerable apartment units on Maricopa Street involving heavy traffic use all week while the church primarily will be using the street on Sunday only -- therefore, the frequency of use by church parishioners would be far less proportionately than the \$14,000 (25%) assessment indicated at this point. City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that he would research Councilman Brewster's point for consideration during the assessment hearing pertaining to the financial aspects. General concurrence with Mr. Brewster's concern was indicated by the Council.

There was further clarification by City Attorney Remelmeyer in that the consideration now before the Council is whether or not to go ahead with the project -- the methods and amounts of the assessment are not proper subjects at this time, and must be reserved for the appropriate hearings.

Formal written objections by the Church of Christ were presented by Attorney Trowbridge at this time, and were received and incorporated in the official record of this case by City Clerk Coil.

On behalf of the Torrance Church of Christ, its pastor, Reverend Bob Marshall, advised that petitions of protest have been filed by the church's neighbors as well, there being some 79% of the area in opposition to what is proposed. Reverend Marshall would concur that the street probably needs to go through, and the protest is not with that fact, but the concerns are as to the manner in which it is being done and the 25% of the assessment assigned to the church. Further noted by Reverend Marshall was the approved use of church property by apartment tenants for parking, recreation space, etc., as well as other uses by community organizations -- the proposed assessment will present extreme financial hardship to the church and will likewise curtail such community contributions.

Mayor Miller then inquired if there were further oral protests; there was no response. The Mayor next asked if any person present desired to speak in favor of this proceeding or comment upon it in any other way; there was no response.

It was then stated by Mayor Miller that because today, June 6th, is the date of the statewide primary election, some interested persons may have missed attending this hearing. To give these persons an opportunity to be heard by the Council before action is taken, we should continue the hearing to next Tuesday's Council meeting. Accordingly, Mayor Miller MOVED that the combined hearing in this matter be continued to the meeting of this City Council on Tuesday, June 13, 1972, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Noted by Councilman Brewster was the indication that there is more than a majority protest, and requested procedure clarification. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that this must first be confirmed; should there be a majority protest, the Council will be appropriately advised at the next meeting. At this time, according to Mr. Remelmeyer, the determination to be made by the Council is whether to go forward with the District or not to go forward with same, as it pertains to the street, not the monies; in approximately four months the financial determinations will be made, at which time the legal considerations and the other aspects expressed at this hearing will be before the Council.

It was the request of Councilman Surber that a study of the church traffic vs. apartment tenant traffic be made in the interim in order that the Council may have knowledge regarding the traffic generated. City Attorney Remelmeyer ruled that assessments are not made on this basis, or other novel ideas, plus the time factor.

Mayor Miller's motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was next stated by Mayor Miller that the combined hearing in this matter has been continued to the meeting of this City Council which will be held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 13, 1972, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Anyone wishing to address the City Council on this matter may do so at that time.

Questioned by Councilman Surber was the Council "dark night" policy, specifically noting the fact that there was no meeting last week, May 30th, and yet operating this date, the date of a statewide primary election. It was Mr. Surber's recommendation that it be Council policy that Council be dark on election nights, and deemed the meeting this date an improper one in view of the inconvenience created for both those people interested in the subject item and those present on item #18, Corridor Study.

There was review of the past history pertaining to election days -- the infamous "Charlie Oates Day"-- with agreement expressed by City Attorney Remelmeyer as to the merits, from a legal standpoint, of being dark on primary or general election dates. (No formal action was taken at this time -- See Oral Communication #39, Page 21.)

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The hour being 8:00 P.M. a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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Considered at this time:

18. CORRIDOR STUDY.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is the unanimous recommendation of both the Traffic and Planning Commission and the Engineering, Traffic & Lighting, Planning, and Police Departments that Council pass the subject resolution approving in principle the concept of the City's participation in a corridor study.
2. It is the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Staff and the majority recommendation of Traffic Commission that the Council also request Assemblyman Beverly to table any further action on AB 278 until the corridor study is completed.
3. It is the further recommendation of the Staff that the City Manager be authorized to contact the various other affected cities to seek out their participation in the corridor study concept.

Mr. George Wofford, Deputy District Engineer, Division of Highways was present at this meeting, as well as at the Traffic/Planning Commission meeting of May 24th, to advise the Council (1) that approval of AB 278 would prevent a study of freeways as part of an overall corridor study, and would be deemed a mandate from the Legislature to keep hands off a freeway on Route 107; (2) deletion of the 107 freeway would greatly inhibit a corridor study and make same extremely unattractive, in that one of the alternatives that should be looked at would not be present; the freeway alternate should remain for comparison purposes, if for no other reason; and (3) on completion of such corridor study, with review of all alternatives (including a freeway), this Council would be free to accept, modify, or reject the corridor study at that time.

Mr. Wofford then outlined the likely procedures in a corridor study: first, the determination of the extent of the transportation problem, in a partnership arrangement with City Staff; then considered would be the appropriate solutions, to be followed by a study re: the logical remedy which might prove to be a conventional highway, a freeway, public transit, improvement of City streets, or a combination thereof. There would be many points of decision, according to Mr. Wofford, all subject to review by the Council, along with many required public hearings.

Noted by Councilman Brewster were the merits of such a corridor study, such study to include all possibilities and feasible alternatives without arbitrarily dismissing any one, as well as the merits of such study being overseen and participated in by a representative steering committee of the communities and various interests in the area. Further noted by Mr. Brewster was the "hang up" which has to do with the reference to the 107 general corridor (this not being a specific alignment), and his concern that should this 107 general corridor be deleted from the plan, it will, first lead to great difficulties in restoring it at some point in the future should the study result in evidence indicating a freeway is necessary, and should the communities agree to that. Mr. Brewster's next concern pertains to the possibility that the Division of Highways might find reason not to conduct the study at all without such authority from the Legislature, as represented by a general route or general corridor on the master plan. An amendment to the proposed resolution now before the Council was suggested by Councilman Brewster to the end that certain fears re: interpretation of the master plan would be alleviated, by revised wording in Section 2, along the lines of: "To request Assemblyman Beverly to amend AB 278 so as to delete from the master plan any reference to a specific freeway alignment for the 107 through the South Bay, but retaining the South Bay area on the master plan as a designated region for an undefined freeway corridor, pending the results of the requested corridor study."

It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that it is imperative that the traffic problems be solved, even should it prove to be a freeway; however, some people feel that there will be undue focus on a freeway than other alternatives -- Mr. Wofford confirmed that such was not their intent, and that he is aware of the community feeling in this regard. Mr. Wofford further stated that, to his knowledge, the proposed corridor study for the City of Torrance would be the first such study in the State of California.

Councilman Surber indicated his complete understanding of the fact that the people do NOT want a freeway, and asked that the corridor study be conducted "from scratch" and with the full understanding of this feeling, a feeling shared by him which prompted his original introduction of the resolution to this effect. There are many other considerations, according to Mr. Surber -- Torrance's neighbors, the legislators, etc.

Recent conversations with Assemblyman Beverly regarding his legislation were reported by Mayor Miller, and the need for some reference, not necessarily for or against, to the freeway therein. Mr. Wofford then, at the Mayor's request, reviewed the freeway history over the last two years, incorporating the original selection of a route, the subsequent studies, and then the change of feeling regarding a freeway, starting with the formal protest by the City of Lomita which caused new studies and

involvement with the Intercity Highway Committee. It was further indicated by Mr. Wofford that "substantial" agreement among South Bay cities would likely be sufficient for a corridor study -- cooperation and coordination with Staff members would be a very vital factor as well.

Councilman Armstrong commented on the fact that this community has rejected a freeway as an alternative -- however, the problem still exists, and now the City is starting all over with a new tool - a "corridor study", a study which will encompass the total problem, and on completion of this study, involving professionals and citizens, public hearings, etc., the recommendation could be any number of things - freeway, expressway, rapid transit, etc., or nothing at all. But the final say, pointed out by Mr. Armstrong, will be by this Council, and the request for a corridor study does not relinquish the control of the final decision.

It was clarified by Mr. Wofford, at Councilman Uerkwitz concern regarding the incorporation of a freeway in the study, that should the freeway deletion bill go through and become law, then the Division of Highways would see that as a mandate not to look at a freeway on the 1/107 corridor; it would be interpreted as a direction from the legislature, and they could not proceed otherwise. Continuing, it was stated by Mr. Wofford that were a freeway not one of the alternates to be looked at, then it would inhibit the corridor study to the extent that it would be virtually meaningless.

Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

First to speak was Mr. Ames Hendrickson, manager, Broadway Department Store, on behalf of the Del Amo Shopping Center, (residence: 20272 Cramer Lane, Huntington Beach), who indicated the serious need for a method of transportation to take care of the very, very heavy traffic problem in Torrance at the present time. It is necessary that what is proposed be viewed from an educated and objective standpoint in order that State assistance may be made available as to the best manner of handling this problem. Merchants in the Del Amo Center urge that the Council give favorable consideration to retaining the proposed freeway in the master plan, thereby insuring the corridor study for the South Bay area; also urged was defeat of the State Assembly Bill which would, if passed, eliminate consideration of the proposed freeway in the South Bay area.

Mr. Steve Skamita indicated his reservations as to the motives of the State, based on newspaper articles pertaining to other communities and freeways, and elaborated on his overall philosophy of life in cities vs. small communities, ecology, taxes, etc. and urged that local congestion and local traffic be placed on local thoroughfares in that the freeway is not the end to local problems.

Noted by Mrs. Gladys Meade, 139 Paseo de Gracia, was the fact that the proposed study will be the first corridor study done in the State under the new policy of the Department of Public Works -- the decisions made by this Council will likely have Statewide significance in terms of future corridor studies. In view of the apparent "shotgun approach"

in being told that the corridor study will not be pursued unless Assemblyman Beverly tables his freeway deletion bill, the new policy would appear to be negated.

Further, according to Mrs. Meade, since this Department has indicated they are accountable to the Legislature, then a resolution from the Council could be forwarded to the Legislature requesting a corridor study, minus a request to table the freeway deletion -- if the study is denied because of refusal to table the freeway deletion, then Assemblyman Beverly should be contacted to see that there is such direction to the Department.

Representing the Victor Homeowners Association, Dr. Howard Laitin, 4916 White Court, outlined their views in this regard: the incorrectly labelled "workshop" session of May 24th, the extensive past efforts of this group in the area of traffic in urging that all feasible alternatives be considered and the multiple, varied concerns surrounding the decisions to be made -- it is the request of the Victor Homeowners Association that the Council maintain its previous resolution requesting the deletion of the 1/107 route from the State plan; this will result in an honest corridor study and a "clean slate" for the consideration of all alternatives.

Dr. Laitin then described at length the negative factors of a freeway, and reiterated the disappointment encountered at the "workshop" session.

On behalf of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jack Schmidt, 4521 Via Corona, indicated their strong support of the freeway system for the reason that it appears to be the most effective way to move a high volume of vehicular traffic -- however, they are not wed to the freeway concept per se, and the new concept of a transportation corridor planning approach with the evaluation of various solutions for traffic flow problems offers the opportunity to search for alternatives. If there are workable alternatives to a freeway, they will have the full support of the business community, according to Mr. Schmidt.

Questioned by Mr. Schmidt was whether or not a corridor study would be possible or valid if the 1/107 freeway corridor is eliminated from the freeway system master plan by the State legislature. Noted as well by Mr. Schmidt was the fact that the traffic is a regional problem, not limited to Torrance -- however, Torrance can provide the leadership and initiative that implements an extended transportation corridor study, and it is strongly urged that the Council take the necessary steps to explore the feasibility of a transportation corridor study agreement between the City and the State. To protect the probability of such a study being made, and to enable the study to include every alternative, it is the recommendation of the Chamber that appropriate steps be taken to delay State legislative action on the bill to delete the 1/107 corridor from the freeway master plan until a complete and comprehensive study of an extended transportation corridor has been made.

Mr. James R. Clark, 19510 Tomlee, representing the South Bay Pacific Homeowners, deemed the freeway and the corridor study two separate matters, and noted as well his disappointment in the so-called "workshop" session on May 24th. It is his opinion that the corridor study will be done without a mandated freeway, in that Torrance has "unusual circumstances" in being the first city to have such a study, minus any precedent.

In conclusion, Mr. Clark stated that the Division of Highways should prove to the City that every possible alternative has been explored; should they fail to meet Torrance's transportation needs, the people would then support the freeway alternative. Concern as to the detrimental effect to legislators (represented by the proposed request to Assemblyman Beverly) was also voiced by Mr. Clark. It was his recommendation that Assemblyman Beverly be asked to institute legislation at the next legislative session to provide corridor studies for areas with traffic problems.

Mr. Orin P. Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst, representing SETHA, reviewed the past history relating to the freeway and the resultant Resolution No. 72-16, done in good faith -- now a reversal is proposed which would present embarrassment to both the legislators and the Council.

Added by Mr. Johnson was the feeling of SETHA that so long as a freeway is on the books the engineers will be biased in their studies and will more than likely reflect a rejustification of the freeway instead of the much needed corridor study involving a total transportation system and traffic problem solving program. It is, therefore, the recommendation of SETHA that the deletion of the I/107 freeway from the State books be urged by the Council, and that there be approval of a corridor study.

Representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Don Geiler, noted that this Board is on record as opposing the I/107 freeway, and that it is desired that this position be retained -- the use of a corridor study is recommended, and there is no conflict between the two recommendations, in the Board's opinion.

Mr. Joe Clukey, 272. Calle de Madrid, described his annoyance with the May 24th meeting, based on the absence of audience participation -- there is a need for participation by all affected parties in a study of the traffic problems and the solution thereof. Mr. Clukey would be opposed to a corridor study incorporating the freeway.

Next to speak was Mr. Bill Largent, 18832 Felbar, who stated that he does not feel that Torrance residents would concur in the manner in which this matter was resolved at the May 24th joint meeting.

Mr. Henry Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, representing Marble Estates, stated that it has now been confirmed that there is indeed a traffic problem in Torrance -- there is much yet to be resolved pertaining to the corridor study, particularly as it relates to the funding of same.

Speaking at this time was Ms. Diane Frieze, 3531 Cricklewood, who indicated approval of the corridor study but noted the ever lurking shadow of the freeway -- there must be an alternative other than the freeway!

Mrs. Kathleen Bresnahan, representing Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, requested that the Council permit the Beverly bill to continue as is -- also, that the corridor study be undertaken, not including the freeway.

Mr. Robert Stewart, 3241 Claremore, Long Beach, Manager, The Treasury store, indicated their support of the proposed corridor study as well as the freeway.

The last speaker was Mrs. Shirley Jensen, 22422 Anza, who stated that it is now time to start treating traffic problems in a sensible, businesslike manner. In her opinion the need for a north-south traffic movement is west of Hawthorne Boulevard. Mrs. Jensen also described her personal unhappy experiences involving traffic on her street.

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The hour being 10:05 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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On resumption of the meeting, Council discussion was directed to appropriate action at this time, it being reiterated by Councilman Brewster that his earlier recommended amendment to the resolution would be the proper way to proceed.

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that, rather than clouding the issue, the Council proceed with the deletion portion of the resolution and then immediately follow it up with a request that a corridor study be all encompassing. It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that if it is indeed true that the deletion of the freeway prohibits the Division of Highways from proceeding with the study, and it is done in two parts as suggested by Councilman Uerkwitz, then the City may run the risk of losing the study. It is the study that is most desired by Councilman Brewster.

Concurrence with the "clouding the issue" aspect was indicated by Councilman Surber, as well as his opinion that it would be relatively simple to institute such a study without revising the present bill, in view of the cooperative relationship with legislative representatives.

Councilman Armstrong stated that obtaining the corridor study is the important consideration -- all the options must be presented -- again noting the City control throughout.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE
THE CONCEPT OF A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
STUDY AND REQUESTING ASSEMBLYMAN BEVERLY
TO AMEND ACTION ON AB 278 PENDING THE
RESULTS OF THE STUDY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-109, with Section 2 revised to read: "To request Assemblyman Beverly to amend AB 278 to insure that if the 107 South Bay Corridor is deleted by the Legislature that the Legislature at the same time provide sufficient guaranteed and meaningful expression of intent, direction and

authority to the Division of Highways to allow and enable that department to proceed with the conduct of a Corridor Study, including all alternate transportation systems." The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That Resolution 72-109 be adopted, deleting Section 2, and that a new request or resolution be prepared indicating the intent of the Council to have a Corridor Study by the State department to include all means of transportation. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. City Manager Ferraro advised that the second half of the earlier requested Executive Session would now be cancelled, due to the lateness of the hour.

36. The establishment of Budget Workshop Sessions was requested by City Manager Ferraro, following official distribution of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for 1972-73 to the Council. Dates selected at this time were: Monday, June 12th, at 4:00 P.M. and Wednesday, June 14th, 4:00 P.M.

37. Councilman Brewster reported on the meeting this date of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Development Committee re: the establishment of a Regional Park in Abalone Cove -- support of the Regional Park was recommended by the majority (Councilmen Brewster, Armstrong) with a dissenting vote recorded by Councilman Surber.

It was stated by Councilman Surber that he had felt a need for additional input, and, further, he is basically opposed to Regional Parks -- hence his "no" vote.

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Vicki Birdsall indicated their wholehearted support of the subject Regional Park -- a project they have spearheaded throughout the Peninsula.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the Torrance City Council communicate to the Board of Supervisors support of the concept of the Regional Park in Abalone Cove. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, as follows:

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

38. Councilman Sciarrotta referred to Staff a communication from Mr. William Largent pertaining to setback requirements for commercially zoned property abutting residential property for investigation and reply.

39. Establishment of a policy whereby the Council would be dark on Election Days was MOVED by Councilman Surber. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

40. The status of the Victor Homeowners Association request that the City adopt, in some manner, the Prisoners of War was questioned by Dr. Howard Laitin. Mayor Miller advised that it would be on the agenda in two weeks.

41. Praise for the Torrance Police Department, and specifically Sergeant James Farrar, was expressed by Councilman Surber for their highly competent handling of a recent robbery of a market wherein Mr. Surber's son was one of the victims. Such professionalism should be acknowledged.

42. Mrs. Diane Frieze requested that the Council grant a public hearing on the proposed minibike park at the Airport -- the general public was apparently unaware when this matter was considered by Council.

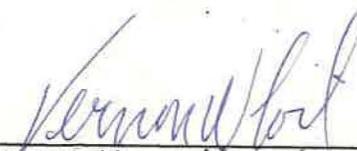
It was pointed out by Mayor Miller that this item will be back before the Council for review of the plans, with opportunity to speak at that time.

Specifically called to the attention of the Council was a communication from a Mr. McKee, as well as the Airport Commission minutes of May 25th, Pages 6 and 7, on this matter.

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At 11:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to 4:00 P.M. Monday, June 12, 1972. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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