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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, July 18, 1972, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Armstrong.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Ted Donovan led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Walter Kornegay, Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 1972 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Brewster 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 Uerkwitz; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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3. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Public Works Committee:

Met on July 17th and 18th -- continuing studies of problems pertaining to street widenings and environmental impact studies.

Police, Fire and Public Safety:

Will meet on Wednesday, July 26th, at 11:45 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION BY MR. DICK BONHAM, member of the Board of Directors of the Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra, concerning the Spring Concert dedicated to Torrance.

Mr. Bonham conveyed the appreciation of his organization for the sincere support of the City of Torrance in their cultural efforts.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

10. CONTINUED HEARING - V72-6. JEFFERSON COMPANY & ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY (Albert Levitt). Request for a Variance of the off-street parking requirements to permit the proposed construction of an additional hardware store on the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard. **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for hearing V72-6. Assistant City Manager Sharfman advised that meetings with Mr. Levitt have resolved most of the points of difference -- however, a complete agreement was not reached, and Mr. Levitt has consented to the continuing of this hearing for one additional week.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue V72-6 for one week, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Mayor Miller then inquired if there were anyone present who wished to speak; there was no response.

Noted by Councilman Uerkwitz were his objections to the continuing process of cases that have been held over time and time again, ending in frustration for those involved, beyond any point of compromise -- in the subject case, a due date should be established. Mr. Scharfman indicated that the committee will return next week with either an agreement, or two different recommendations to be decided by the Council.

Roll call vote on the motion to continue one week was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Armstrong absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE re: unit size and off-street parking for duplexes; ingress and egress standards and garage apartments.

ORDINANCE NO. 2338

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 92.20.3 AND

93.2.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO UNIT SIZE AND OFF-STREET  
PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR DUPLEXES AND  
REPEALING SECTIONS 92.20.5 AND 93.5.5  
OF SAID CODE RELATING TO INGRESS AND  
EGRESS STANDARDS AND GARAGE APARTMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2338 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

12. RESOLUTION granting CUP 72-11, Jack and Sonia Schumes.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL  
USE PERMIT IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE  
NO. CUP 72-11, JACK AND SONIA SCHUMES, TO  
ALLOW THE CONVERSION OF A RESIDENCE TO A  
COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FOR USE AS AN ART  
GALLERY IN THE C-2 ZONE ON PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 24411 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-138. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Surber (neither present  
at hearing)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong.

\*\*\*Further consideration of this item -- See Page 18.

13. PROCEDURES AND FILING FEES FOR DIVISIONS OF LOTS, PARCEL MAPS,  
AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Council adopt, effective immediately, a policy changing the filing fees for such maps in order to cover costs incurred as indicated on the following schedule. In addition, it is suggested that you instruct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the fee schedule of the Code accordingly, said ordinance to be an urgency ordinance.

The recommended fee schedule is as follows:

1. Division of lot applications fee increased from \$50 to \$125;
2. Tentative subdivision maps fee increased from \$25 + 50¢ per lot to \$125 + \$1 per lot; and
3. Tentative parcel maps fee increased from \$50 to \$125.

The drastic increases were questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz, it being clarified by Planning Director Shartie that new State law requirements

pertaining to advertising, etc. and necessitating additional Staff work have resulted in the proposed increases. A "trial basis" was recommended by Councilman Surber -- City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out the ability of the Council to revise such fees, should it be deemed necessary.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Director re: amended fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

Councilman Surber indicated that his "yes" vote was based on a trial basis.

14. RESOLUTION granting CUP 72-10, John D. Burrige.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. CUP 72--10, JOHN DONALD BURRIDGE, TO ALLOW THE ON-SALE OF BEER WITHIN A BILLIARD PARLOR IN THE C-2 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND OCEAN AVENUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-139. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

15. RESOLUTION granting V 72-5, Harvey E. Baker.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY HARVEY E. BAKER IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 72-5.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-140. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

16. RESOLUTION granting V 71-11, First Baptist Church.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM

THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1,  
ARTICLE 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE,  
AS APPLIED FOR BY THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 71-11.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-141; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

17. STUDY OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD AND YUKON AVENUE.

18. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-13, Despina Chalekson.

Noted was the request of Mrs. Despina Chalekson that this matter be tabled until September 15, 1972, as was the indication by the Planning Department that they had no objection to granting this request.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to table agenda items #17 and #18 until September 15, 1972. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

19. Appeal of the decision of the Police Chief regarding Taxi Cab Drivers License of Dandridge E. Buettner.

Police Chief Nash advised that the subject matter is now moot in that Mr. Buettner has been terminated from the Blue and White Cab Company.

Mayor Miller ascertained that Mr. Buettner was not present nor was there anyone who wished to speak on the matter. Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to file agenda item #19. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

20. CONSTRUCTION OF 1970 BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 8151.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1970 BOND ISSUE PROJECT 8151 AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAINS WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-142. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

21. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of agreement for the purchase of Parcel No. 22 for the widening of Del Amo Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 22 FOR THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

(Mynda Cohn)

(2062-2064 Del Amo Boulevard)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-143. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

22. RESOLUTION re: Carson Street Widening from Manuel Avenue to Western Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

(Carson Street Widening from Manuel Ave. to Western Ave.)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-144. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

23. RESOLUTIONS RE: STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 16.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA; MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES) FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-16-72, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET LIGHTING ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND, STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 16."

RESOLUTION NO. 72-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 16.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON THE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1972 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1977, AS PERMITTED BY THE STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919, FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 16, AND APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION THERETO.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolutions No. 72-145, 72-146, and 72-147. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolutions No. 72-145, 72-146, and 72-147. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement for rental and service of Unit Record Equipment with Genesis One Computer Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST TO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GENESIS ONE COMPUTER CORPORATION.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-148; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

POLICE OPERATIONS:

25. RESOLUTION re: Grant proposal for an Intruder Alarm Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR A CERTAIN GRANT TO THE CITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-149. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to direct the Legislative Advocate to process the subject application through the recognized channels. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

Further action was taken by way of a MOTION by Councilman Sciarrotta that the Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee accompany Legislative Advocate Rupert to Sacramento to present the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. City Council Ad Hoc Committees.

City Manager Ferraro presented the request of Councilman Armstrong for appointment to the Goals Steering Committee, Industrial Environmental Quality, and Legislative Liaison Committees. There were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the Standing Council Committees, per agenda item #26, with concurrence of the above requested appointments by Councilman Armstrong -- further, that Councilman Armstrong take former Councilman Johnson's place on any committees where necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

27. COUNCIL AWARD-MAKING POLICY.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. So that individual members of the Council will not have to recall upon the spur of the moment the type of award to be made, the motion that would be made at a Council meeting should be as follows: "I move that appropriate recognition be awarded to \_\_\_\_\_." Suitable remarks can naturally be delivered by the maker of the motion.

2. The City Manager will be responsible for preparing the appropriate recognition in accordance with the guidelines that follow. In cases of dispute about the type of award, i.e., appropriate, the City Manager's office shall seek the recommendation of the Council Finance Committee.
3. That all resolutions of commendation be prepared at the direction of the City Manager who would have the discretion to assign such preparation to the appropriate Staff agency.
4. At the motion of a member of the City Council, concurred in by the majority of the Council, a permaplaqued resolution shall be awarded to:
  - Retired Councilmen or Mayors.
  - Public dignitaries (e.g., Armed Forces Day Marshals).
  - Other governmental agencies.
5. Upon motion duly passed, a large tile plaque shall be awarded to:
  - Retired commissioners who have served at least a full term. (The Finance Committee of the Council shall have the right to recommend that commissioners in this category who have rendered truly outstanding service be given a permaplaqued resolution.)
  - Groups such as athletic teams, bands, etc. who have acted collectively, with a proviso that only one large tile plaque be given to the group.
6. A small tile plaque will be awarded to:
  - Retired employees of the City.
  - At the discretion of individual Councilmen, to community leaders on public occasions.
7. A Certificate of Appreciation will be given to:
  - Retired commissioners who have served less than a full term.
  - Each individual member of a group receiving a large tile plaque.
  - Upon recommendation of a Councilman or of the Staff, at the direction of the Finance Committee of the Council, to individuals who have performed feats of bravery or have rendered outstanding community service.
8. All other awards, including paperback resolutions, shall be discontinued.

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that retiring employees (item #6) with 25 or 30 years of service should be entitled to a permaplaque. City Clerk Cecil pointed out that a tile plaque is more than is presently received, and will be in addition to the pin as is now practiced. Mr. Uerkwitz reiterated his disagreement with that item.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee re: awards. The motion was seconded by Councilmen Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

28. MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND ORDINANCES affecting wages and working conditions for various employees of the City of Torrance.

SUPPLEMENTAL  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
S4-71

A SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
SETTING FORTH SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN  
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE  
PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Surber moved for adoption of Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding S4-71. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2339

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.61.1 OF PART  
IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADJUST THE SALARIES OF  
CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2339 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

SUPPLEMENTAL  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
S7-71

A SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
SETTING FORTH ADJUSTMENT IN THE SALARIES  
OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE  
TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding S7-71. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2340

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.101.1  
OF ARTICLE I, PART X, OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1  
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADJUST THE  
SALARIES OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2340 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2341

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART XI OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES AND ADDING A NEW PART XI DEALING WITH THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2341 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to appropriate the necessary funds from the reserve set aside for salary increases in the 1972-73 budget, in the amount of \$20,471, to implement these ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

29. AMERICAN POW/MIA's.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARK, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: That Council authorize the following specific actions:

1. Torrance Rodeo, August 1972. An invitation should be extended to the local POW/MIA organization to man an information booth at this public event. Mrs. Skibby has indicated a willingness to provide volunteers.
2. Airport Days 1972 shall include a "Missing Man" formation with appropriate presentation.
3. Endorse AB 144 "Tuition Assistance" revising the Military and Veterans Code to define "veteran" as including California servicemen missing, captured, detained or interned under specific circumstances. This bill has passed the Assembly and will be heard by the Senate Governmental Organization Committee (Senator Ralph Dills, Chairman) on July 20, 1972.
4. Endorse SB 15 "Veterans Dependents Tuition", revising the Military and Veterans Code to include dependents of military personnel missing, captured, detained or interned as eligible for tuition assistance.

5. Ascertain whether the Library collection includes the book, "Five Years to Freedom," and, if not, order copies. (Staff has since verified that two copies are available within the Library, with others available through the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System.)
6. Adopt a Council resolution reaffirming the Council's position of concern about the treatment afforded POW/MIA's, once again urging community support for the U.S. President's continuing efforts to honorably secure the return of all POW/MIA's, and calling on all cities (particularly those with whom we share membership in the South Bay Councilmen's Association, Independent Cities of Los Angeles County, and the League of California Cities) to enact a similar resolution.
7. If all American POW/MIA's have not yet returned, then, by proclamation, designate Sunday, October 22, 1972, as a Day of Prayer, asking the Ministerial Association to coordinate the theme throughout the community.

In addition, the Committee recommends that Council concur in the following, directing Staff to develop:

1. Appropriate informational displays on POW/MIA's, with particular emphasis on South Bay POW/MIA's, for use in the Library system.
2. Articles for TORRANCE TOPICS to advise the community on Council action and concern re: POW/MIA's.
3. Brief statements of thought and concern about POW/MIA's for use on the Council's agenda.
4. Explore how the upcoming dedication of the new City Hall could take note of local POW/MIA's.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that the Council support the above recommendations of the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

It was the suggestion of Councilman Uerkwitz that the new City Hall fountain be dedicated to the men who have given their lives in the service of their country, as well as the POW's and MIA's.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this idea be referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee for discussion, implementation, and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; there were no objections, and it was so ordered. It was the further suggestion by Councilman Surber that some thought be given to the inscribing of names thereon.

Mrs. Jo Skibby, and other POW/MIA family members were present to express their appreciation and offer their assistance.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:30. ORDINANCE NO. 2336.ORDINANCE NO. 2336

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 ON THE WEST SIDE OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET SOUTH OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-6.

(WALTER V. STORM)

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2336 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2337.ORDINANCE NO. 2337

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 13.8.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 13.8.1 THEREFOR CHANGING THE NAME OF THE YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION TO YOUTH COMMISSION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2337 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:32. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$464.94 to Garwood-L.A. Truck Equipment Company for replacement repair parts for rubbish truck Unit #9007 as requested by the City Garage.
2. \$330.33 to Southern California Trophy for 11 20-year service pins as requested by the Personnel Department for distribution to 20-year City employees.
3. \$599.66 to James Jones Company for the necessary parts and labor required for repair of six water hydrants as requested by the Water Department.

4. \$403.00 to Ken-Tex Company for two cases of disposable Gel-Pad Electrodes as requested by the Fire Department for use in the Paramedic program.
5. \$976.50 to Emporium Leather Goods for 200 police protective helmet carrying bags as requested by the Police Department.
6. \$567.00 to West Publishing Company for the City Library System, consisting of:
  - A. 1 Set - California Codes - Annotated
  - B. 1 Copy - U.S. Congressional and Administrative News
  - C. 1 Set - U.S. Annotated Codes
7. \$1118.93 to Needham Book Finders for 253 adult books.
8. \$1117.14 to Campbell & Hall c/o Mrs. Dorothy Wilson for 46 adult and 154 juvenile books.
9. \$1937.57 to Arco Publishing Company for 420 adult books.
10. \$352.80 to Econolite Corporation for one only neon traffic direction sign as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use as a part of the San Diego Freeway ramp metering system.
11. \$373.78 to Dieterich-Post for 200 only (24"x36") sheets of printed Engineering tracing paper as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use in drafting traffic signal and intersection layout systems.
12. \$5140.00 to Walker Coating Company to furnish and install 3,040 only reflective traffic lane pavement markers (buttons) as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use on Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards.
13. \$1408.06 to Western Highway Products for 122 traffic directional and warning signs and 10 rolls of sign mounting steel tape as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Dept.
33. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Tire Retreading and Mounting Services  
(Ref. Bid #B72-18) - Annual Expenditure \$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by South Bay Tire Company and approve of the awarding of the City's annual requirements for retreading and general tire service to them in the anticipated annual amount of \$10,000.00.

34. RENEWAL OF BUS COMPREHENSIVE, FIRE AND THEFT INSURANCE EXPIRING JULY 1, 1972.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That Council approve payment of annual premium of \$5,368.40 for another 12 months, which involves a rate increase due to loss experience.

35. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION EXCESS LIABILITY.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the following procedures be taken:

1. The combined rate for \$1,965,000 in excess of a non-insured retention of \$35,000 is .2040 per \$100 of payroll. Minimum and deposit premium is \$31,008.
2. Apply \$50,000 of the approximately \$70,000 to \$75,000 excess earnings, from the fiscal year July 1, 1971 to July 1, 1972 to an immediate catastrophe reserve fund.
3. Appropriate \$50,000 during the fiscal year 1972-73 year from earnings of the self-insured program to strengthen the catastrophe fund. This would provide the basis for increasing the retention at the beginning of the 1973-74 fiscal year.
4. Give consideration to increasing the retention in the fiscal year of 1973-74 to \$100,000.

36. CLAIM of Florence Daiell 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 #32, 33, 34, 35, and #36. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent.)

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The hour being 6:18 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

A 5-minute recess followed at 6:20 P.M.

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ADDENDA ITEM:37. RESOLUTION RE: POWER POLES.

See Page 17.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. The innovation of the beach bus trips for teenagers on Saturday, July 22nd, was reported by Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

39. Dedication of the new City Hall in December was noted by City Manager Ferraro, as was the need for proper guidance as to the necessary ceremonies in connection with this event -- it was Mr. Ferraro's request that this matter be assigned the Public Works Committee. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

40. City Manager Ferraro requested that there be a Personnel Session at the conclusion of this meeting -- per his communication regarding same -- in response to reference to public officers.

41. The importance of supporting S.B. 544 was pointed out by Legislative Advocate Rupert -- S.B. 544 having to do with grade crossing separation financing, and being particularly meaningful to the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council actively support S.B. 544, with the Legislative Advocate to proceed accordingly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

42. Permission to pursue, on completion of an Informational Traffic Problem Definition, this Definition with the Department of Transportation was next requested by Legislative Advocate Rupert. Councilman Uerkwitz so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

43. Councilman Brewster referred to Legislative Advocate Rupert's July 17th communication regarding Revenue Sharing, and was advised by Mr. Rupert, at his questions, that there is nothing that can be done at this time until a determination is made at the Senate Finance Committee; further, it appears that the only major opposition to Revenue Sharing in the Senate is the fact that the formula penalizes those States that currently have no State Income Tax.

44. Next noted by Councilman Brewster was the communication from City Manager Martin of Manhattan Beach re: the status of legislation re: maintenance of public landscaped areas -- Mr. Brewster commented on the satisfaction of seeing that positive action can be taken in the successful promotion of this type of legislation.

45. Councilman Brewster voiced his concern regarding the approaching Christmas shopping season and the inevitable traffic problems, and suggested that the Traffic Commission develop a plan as to 1972 procedures. It is Councilman Brewster's recommendation that curbside parking be eliminated in the heavy traffic areas.

46. Councilman Sciarrotta also referred to the Revenue Sharing considerations and the importance that Torrance receives a share of same -- it was Mr. Sciarrotta's recommendation that the representative to the League of California Cities (Councilman Surber) and Legislative Advocate Rupert make appropriate presentations to the Senate Finance Committee.

47. A much needed ambulance has been acquired for Sister City Guatemala, according to Councilman Sciarrotta; approval of an expenditure of \$250 to cover the cost of the gasoline was requested (the driver, Mr. Tom McCarthy, will assume all other costs, including his return air fare) -- it was noted that there is \$1500 in the budget for Sister City activities.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council approve an amount not to exceed \$250 from the Sister City Fund to deliver the subject ambulance to Guatemala City, subject to approval by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

48. Councilman Surber advised that he is now the delegate to the League of California Cities; Councilman Armstrong, delegate to the Independent Cities.
49. Congratulations to the Police Department and Torrance citizens on the 5% reduction in crime in Torrance were extended by Councilman Surber.
50. Councilman Surber requested that the record reflect that he asked Mr. Ferraro for written reports on the Stokes matter -- that Mr. Ferraro recommended that there be a Personnel Session to discuss this matter, such Personnel Session to occur at the conclusion of this meeting.
51. A "bouquet of thanks" to the Mayor, City Council, Mr. Horkay and all others responsible for the Three-Phase signal at Carson and Plaza del Amo from Mrs. Mary Surber was conveyed by Councilman Surber.
52. Councilman Wilson reported on the considerable concern in North Torrance regarding substantial property tax increases, and urged that a protest be lodged with the Board of Supervisors -- Staff will report back regarding this increase, and increases in other areas, the percentage, etc.
53. The Gardena mailing address for part of the North Torrance area was next noted by Councilman Wilson and referred to Staff for investigation and recommendation as to procedure.
54. Mayor Miller requested a written report regarding the Madrona-Prairie Avenue opening status.

ADDENDA ITEM:

37. RESOLUTION RE: PUC/EDISON DECISION.

Mayor Miller reviewed the incredible decision of the Public Utilities Commission in that residential streets are proper locations for the massive 100-ft. steel power towers now on Airsworth Avenue, and submitted for Council concurrence a formal resolution protesting Edison's placement of these towers on Torrance streets and objecting to the insensitivity of the Public Utilities Commission in allowing them to do so.

It was the Mayor's request that this resolution be sent with a cover letter including a picture of one of these towers to the League of California Cities, each of its member cities, the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, and Governor Ronald Reagan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROTESTING THE ERECTION OF MASSIVE 100-FOOT STEEL TRANSMISSION TOWERS ON ITS RESIDENTIAL STREETS BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY AND OBJECTING TO THE DECISION OF THE

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION THAT SUCH  
RESIDENTIAL STREETS ARE APPROPRIATE LOCCA-  
TIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-150. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

The Council also indicated concurrence with the Mayor's request that the subject resolution be accompanied by letters of transmittal earlier described.

55. Mr. Jack Schumes, 21360 Hawthorne Boulevard, the proponent on Item #12, CUP 72-11, noted a need for clarification regarding Condition #9 - "That a minimum 10-foot landscaped setback be maintained along Hawthorne Boulevard and parking space #1 be eliminated." - in Resolution No. 72-138 adopted earlier this evening.

It was noted that the above requirement would be inconsistent with the other property in this area fronting on Hawthorne Boulevard -- Mayor Miller confirmed his finding at the hearing that the proposed modification and rebuilding would upgrade the entire structure by way of a new front, and the desire to build to the front property line is in order. Hence, the necessity to delete condition #9 from the subject resolution. It was the overall consensus of the Council, as well as Planning Director Shartle, that such had been the intent of their action.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to reconsider agenda item #12. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to delete Condition #9 from Resolution No. 72-138, CUP 72-11, agenda item #12. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Surber (neither present at  
hearing)  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong.

Mr. Schumes expressed his appreciation for the fine treatment afforded him -- it is his hope that the rest of the citizens of Torrance are aware of this Council's interest in their welfare.

56. Mr. James Clark, 19510 Tomlee, referred to A.B. 528 which will allow cities to use highway revenue funds to provide relocation payments to people displaced by City projects, for the information of the Council. Mr. Clark also reviewed the pending corridor study, and urged that the Council, the Legislative Liaison Committee start working with Assemblyman Beverly and State Senators to generate legislation to be submitted at the beginning of the next legislative session re: the pending corridor study. Legislative Advocate Rupert will follow through.

ADJOURNMENT:

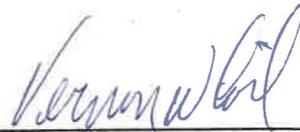
At 7:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session to discuss the request of Councilman Surber regarding public officers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

Mayor Miller announced that no further business would be conducted -- the Council would return only for formal adjournment.

City Manager Ferraro requested that City Attorney Remelmeyer and Police Chief Nash be in attendance at the Personnel Session.

The Council returned at 8:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Wednesday, July 19, 1972, at 7:30 P.M. for a joint meeting with the Torrance School Board, to be held in the Library Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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City of Torrance, California



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Mayor of the City of Torrance