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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, August 22, 1972, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 7:05 P.M.
Absent: Councilman Surber (vacation).

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Vincent Tyrrell led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd E. Warneke, Ascension Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

One minute of silence -- in memory of Supervisor Burton Chace and Lieutenant D.C. Cook -- followed the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the minutes of August 8, 1972, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber absent.)

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster not yet at meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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

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ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster, not yet at meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

An Executive Session, following this meeting, was requested by City Manager Ferraro, for two purposes: (1) wages, hours, and working conditions; and (2) to discuss a legal matter currently pending in the Superior Court regarding the beach property. (Subject matter revised later in the meeting -- See Item 24, Page 14.)

Ad Hoc Committee re: Establishment of Community Councils:

Councilman Armstrong advised that such committee meeting had been held; progress reports will follow.

REAL PROPERTY:

9. RESOLUTION directing City Engineer to prepare construction plans, specifications, a detailed cost estimate of the improvements and all incidental expenses and the assessment district map in connection with the formation of a proposed Assessment District (Madrona Avenue & 235th Street Assessment District No. A-11-72-3).

RESOLUTION finding and determining the necessity of the acquisition of the fee simple title in and to certain real property in said City for any public uses and purposes authorized by law and 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: (Madrona Avenue & 235th Street Assessment District No. A-11-72-3).

RESOLUTION NO. 72-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE CONSTRUCTION PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, A DETAILED COST ESTIMATE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT MAP IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF A PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

(Madrona Avenue and 235th Street Assessment District No. A 11-72-3)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-165, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Attorney Lynn Crandall, representing Mr. R.G. Harris, 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, called attention to the background history in this matter (per the City Attorney's August 17th communication) and urged that the Council defer action in this matter to permit consideration of Mr. Harris' position regarding the property herein involved.

The efforts by Mr. Harris to build were described by Mr. Crandall, as were the dedication requirements, deemed excessive by Mr. Harris, and the ultimate law suit filed to make the City of Torrance grant him a building permit.

Mr. Crandall then stated that the now proposed Assessment District appears unfair, pointing out that Madrona is eventually slated to be a major north/south street, and it is not, therefore, to benefit a 9-acre parcel of property but, rather, this is something which will ease the traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard, thus a communitywide affair. Also noted by Mr. Crandall was the fact that what is proposed will, in a sense, "freeze" development of Mr. Harris' property for another couple of years.

Mayor Miller confirmed that building on the land would not be impeded by the proposed Assessment District -- this will only serve to establish the right-of-way. The routine aspect of this process was also pointed out. Mr. Crandall reiterated his feeling of basic unfairness in this matter, and then departed from the Council Chambers prior to roll call vote on the motion.

Roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 72-165 was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 72-166

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 THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND 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.

(Madrona Avenue and 235th Street Assessment District No. A 11-72-3)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-166. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

10. ORDINANCES re: Adoption of Property Tax Rate and Authorization of Property Tax Levy for the 1972-73 fiscal year.

ORDINANCE NO. 2348

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1972.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2348 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2349

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1972-73 LESS THE AMOUNTS
RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED
FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY
TAXES.

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2349 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

11. REQUEST FOR YOUTH COUNCIL ATTENDANCE at League of California Cities Conference in October, 1972.

RECOMMENDATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL/YOUTH COMMISSION:

That the City of Torrance send two Youth Council delegates to the League of California Cities Conference in October to be held in Anaheim, these delegates to be selected by the Youth Council; and (2) that a sum not to exceed \$180.00 be allocated from the General Fund of the City to cover these expenses.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation, providing that there is a report back to the Council on the results of the subject Conference; also, subject to the City Manager-recommended basis, rather than a "per diem" concept. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

12. RESOLUTIONS authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign applications to HUD for open space grant to acquire and/or develop several parks.

Pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz was the fact that two previous attempts have been made by HUD to blackmail cities into accepting their type of housing, along with other requirements without city sanction -- in Mr. Uerkwitz' opinion, the City should not put itself in the position of having HUD say "now we've loaned you the money, you run it our way." Mayor Miller noted that there would be contract review prior to obtaining the money.

A necessary revision in the first resolution was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer: Page 2, Paragraph (1.) -- should read "...presently estimated to be \$2,134,163.00....." (instead of \$2,131,663.)

Also noted by City Treasurer Rupert was the reference to "other sources of Federal funding...." and the fact that Staff has other ideas that may work, along these lines; the HUD application will be processed, and the Council will have the final say, regardless of what happens.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN
APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP OPEN SPACE LAND.

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-167. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson;
and Mayor Miller (absolutely).
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (absolutely not.)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING ASSURANCE OF
COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL
PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT OF 1970.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-168. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, (emphatically
yes), Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (absolutely no).
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

It was confirmed by Mayor Miller that the majority of the Council would concur with Staff pursuing other sources of funding.

WATER SYSTEM:

13. ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE FACILITY - WALTERIA RESERVOIR SITE.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER COMMISSION/WATER DEPARTMENT:

That Council authorize the preparation of design plans for the construction of an 18-million gallon reservoir to be located at the WALTERIA Reservoir site, and direct that a finance plan be developed as soon as the reservoir design is approved.

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

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

14. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE GOALS REPORT.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the subject item. Deputy City Clerk Moss noted a letter of approval from the League of Women Voters. There was no one present who desired to speak.

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

A need for specific clarification regarding the reference on Page 2, Multi-Unit Residential Goal, Paragraph 3: ".....All housing units in the City should be required to conform to these standards in addition to the minimum health and safety codes now required." was pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz, in order that any further hassles regarding maintenance codes might be avoided.

Concurrence with Staff's findings regarding R-1 zoning was also indicated by Councilman Uerkwitz -- it was the consensus of the Council that the Staff-recommended rewording be used in the report.

Councilman Brewster recommended that the reference to a "tram system" (Page 3, Local Transit Goal) is too specific -- it should be a more general "people mover" system.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Citizens' Advisory Committee Goals Report, as submitted, with the following modifications: Such Report to incorporate Staff wording re: R-1 zoning, and the reference to "tram system" to be revised to state "other means of transportation". The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

15. ZC 72-11, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Change of zone from C-3 and C-4 to C-5 on property located at the east and west sides of Hawthorne Boulevard between Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Blvd. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 72-11, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 72-11, change of zone from C-3 and C-4 to C-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

16. ZC 72-12, PALOS VERDES BEVERLY - NOSTRAND REALTY COMPANY. (Louis F. Berke, President). Change of Zone from R-3 to R-3 P-D on property located at the east side of Palos Verdes Boulevard between Calle Miramar and Calle Mayor. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 72-12, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Attorney for the proponent, Mr. Larry Bowman generally reiterated his Planning Commission presentation regarding the background of the subject zone change request, specifically noting the Conditional Use Permit control which will result, as well as the fact that the development will consist of only 227 units, some 235 being allowable.

A present resident of the existing apartments, Mrs. Edith Messenger, expressed her opinion that it is a travesty to destroy the present apartments -- they are beautiful; the land has been utilized to great advantage; and are still very livable with proper maintenance and some improvements. The proposed development will present many problems -- traffic, schools, etc. -- along with increased density. Is this truly progress? questioned Mrs. Messenger.

Mr. Parker, 404 Camino de las Colinas, reported on the present absence of adequate parking because of the apartments, and expressed his concern regarding further parking problems with the new development. The 2-to-1 parking requirements were pointed out by the Council which will, hopefully, alleviate this situation.

It was the further comment of Mr. Bowman, in response to the above comments, that there is appreciation of the feeling of the present apartment residents, but there is no alternative of permitting them to remain in view of the deteriorating economic situation of the existing development.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 72-12, change of zone from R-3 to R-3 P-D. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong (associated with this case at
Planning Commission level)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

17. D 72-42, LIDO PETROLEUM CORPORATION. (William Pescosolido, President). Appeal of Planning Commission action on a Division of Lot into two parcels in the M-1 zone on property located at the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard, north of Moreton Street. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, and invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Mr. Leo Salisbury, 24520 Crenshaw Boulevard, agent for the proponent, described the proposed layout of the subject property, and indicated that a Precise Plan would be provided and that all parking and zoning requirements would be met. It was confirmed by Mr. Salisbury that he proposes to use the small 50' x 100' lot for his business, leaving the big piece of property for other development. Mayor Miller indicated reserved approval in that Mr. Salisbury proposes to use the small piece of property, with controls, rather than using the large piece and leaving a small "problem piece of property" for future concern.

Concurrence with the Mayor's findings was indicated by Councilman Brewster -- and, at Mr. Brewster's request, Mr. Salisbury outlined the proposed use of the larger parcel, a service station, which will be a complimentary use to his business and an overall upgrading of the area.

Staff condition #2 - "That a Precise Plan of Development shall be submitted for Planning Commission approval on Parcel No. 1 and Parcel No. 2." - was specifically noted by Councilman Brewster and questioned as to compliance re: Parcel No. 1. Reservations expressed by Mr. Salisbury, but were dispelled when it was pointed out that Mr. Salisbury is "agent for Lido Petroleum" (August 4th, 1972 communication) -- Mr. Salisbury then stated that Precise Plans on Lots 1 and 2 would be provided, conditioned on the lot split being granted.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to grant the subject appeal, and approve D 72-42, subject to Staff conditions #1 through #5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Clarification re: condition #1 - "That special permission from the City Council be obtained for driveway access to Crenshaw Boulevard." - was provided in that this will be a Precise Plan consideration, and need not come to Council if approved by the Planning Commission.

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The hour being 8:10 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Council recess and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

The Council reconvened at 8:14 P.M. and were afforded the pleasure of Councilman Sciarrotta's poetic contribution in recognition of two most noteworthy birthdays:

THE MAN WITH THE GAVEL

Today we are about to celebrate
 And to the next room travel;
 To honor with esteemed delight
 The man who wields the gavel.

Born here, in our metropolis
 He saw its growth unravel,
 And now he is the leading man -
 The one who wields the gavel.

With pride and joy he oft repeats,
 But really doesn't babble,
 The anecdotes that clearly show
 He does deserve the gavel.

His honesty seems to prevail
 In Council or on panel,
 And this is why we are so proud
 Of the man who wields the gavel.

Now that the moment has arrived,
 Let's to the next room travel;
 And sing a Happy Birthday song
 To the man who wields the gavel.

-- Ross A. Sciarrotta

'HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BREWSTER'

Today we also celebrate
 A Councilman who is really great.
 One who thinks and raises doubt
 And wants answers to what it's all about.

Who can forget his Freeway stand;
 I thought it noble and really grand.
 He's backed by Ronnie all the way
 And in the study it will stay.

He often keeps us in suspense,
 But what he says does make sense.
 And you can bet that when he's through
 We're closer to what should be true.

Let's wish him happiness and luck
 And may he never an issue duck,
 Let's hope that George is here to stay
 And people back him all the way.

-- Ross A. Sciarrotta

A 15-minute "Happy Birthday" recess followed, the hour being 8:25 P.M.

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18. REQUEST OF HARRY KISSEL RE: W 71-44.

REQUEST OF MR. HARRY KISSEL:

That Council instruct the Building Department to issue all permits necessary to construct Tract 30035, since all drive-ways had prior approval.

Mr. Kissel was present; there was Council review of his July 26th communication outlining the circumstances of the subject request, as well as recapitulation of Council action on W 71-44.

It was the consensus of the Council that their intent, in granting W 71-44, was that the new moratorium ordinance would not apply to Mr. Kissel's development, it being recognized that his development had progressed so far under the old ordinance that extreme hardship would result -- further noted was the Council's established rule of not imposing such hardships.

It was confirmed by Mr. Kissel that the plans for the subject homes were drawn prior to adoption of the new ordinance. Noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer was the established custom of permitting determination by the Building and Safety Director that the plans had been substantially completed prior to passage of the ordinance.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Mr. Kissel's request, exempting him from the ordinance, based on previous Council policy, in that he had substantial plans drawn and a sizeable investment made (unless the Building Department finds to the contrary). The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote, it was clarified by City Attorney Remelmeyer, re: whether or not there should be a new waiver application, that previous Council policy has maintained that cases of this nature have been considered exemptions from provisions of the ordinance, based on substantial hardship at the time -- such would apply in this case as well.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES:	COUNCILMEN:	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEN:	Armstrong (considered case at Planning Commission level.)
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEN:	Surber.

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19. PROPOSED OPENING OF 236TH PLACE TO ARLINGTON.

Mayor Miller invited interested parties to speak at this time.

Mr. John Kuhn, 1241 -5th Street, Manhattan Beach, representing Mrs. Virginia Fields on 236th Place, noted the problems that would be presented her were the street cut through.

Staff clarification followed, it being pointed out by City Engineer Weaver that there are no plans to touch Mrs. Fields' property in the immediate future. The matter now before the Council is re-affirmation, or revision, of the Master Plan.

Mr. Ray Lloyd, 2075 236th Place, reiterated previously expressed concerns regarding opening of the street, and urged that the cul-de-sac be retained.

A need for more representation at this meeting by residents on the street was noted by Mr. Ken Nye, 2131 West 236th Place, who requested postponement by the Council when residents could be in attendance, since this is a vacation period for most people.

Mr. John O'Dell, the developer of new single-family residences on 236th Place, stated that he has no preference as to the outcome of the street, but is aware of the dislike of the barricade by some residents. Mr. O'Dell would only urge that whatever is to be done be done now without further delay.

On behalf of SETHA, Mr. Orin Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst, asked that the requested delay be granted in order that the street may be resurveyed as to the feeling of the residents in this matter.

The Council had no objections to delaying this matter, -- specifically indicated by Councilman Brewster was his agreement to delay inasmuch as the developer is not harmed by such delay; however, he is opposed to cul-de-sacing 236th Place, and he will either reaffirm the Master Plan or, his preference, elbowing the street to the south, his position of February, 1971.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject consideration be continued for two weeks; further, that there be a Traffic Department analysis presented at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered. (Absent: Councilman Surber).

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PERSONNEL MATTERS.20. RECOMMENDATION TO REVISE COMPENSATION FOR POLICE CAPTAIN.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council announce its intention to:

1. Approve the revisions in salaries outlined in August 21st communication;
2. Authorize the inclusion of educational incentive pay as described in August 21st communication;
3. Concur approval of the revisions to the supplemental retirement plan; and
4. Direct Staff to return with an amendment to the ordinance to effectuate those actions described above.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:21. ORDINANCE NO. 2347.ORDINANCE NO. 2347

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2347 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

ROUTINE MATTERS:22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$2625.00 to Xerox Corporation for annual contract to supply "as needed" 100 cartons of Xerox Toner as requested by Central Services for use in City located Xerox copiers.
2. \$1981.92 to Campbell & Hall c/o Mrs. Dorothy Wilson for 127 adult and 204 juvenile books.
3. \$301.72 to McGraw-Hill Book Company for 49 adult and juvenile books.

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4. \$827.93 to Harbor Testing Labs for 50 gallons of fire fighting Aqueous Film Forming Foam as requested by the Fire Department for use in combating chemical fires.
5. \$2518.97 to Scotsman Mobile Lease Company for the purchase of one only 12'x51' office trailer currently being rented as "back-up" office space during the construction period at City Hall.
6. \$661.40 to Charles Thomas Company for one only Tokiem gasoline pump with ticket printer as requested by the Water Department for the Water Yard.
7. \$472.50 to University Microfilms for one only microfilm reader as requested by the City Librarian for the City's library microfilm program.
8. \$442.96 to Hersey Products for one only 4" water meter bronze case only to be used as a repair part.
9. \$307.97 to Homelite Company-Division of Textron for one only multi-purpose gas-driven iron pipe cutting saw as requested by the Water Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

10. \$892.50 to Best Concrete Products for two water meter vaults installed as requested by the Water Department for water service at the Old Towne Mall and for the Psychiatric Center. Payment has already been received for this service.
11. \$1747.00 to Hersey Products for two only 3" Hersey water meters and one only 2" Hersey water meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Old Towne Mall service. Payment for this service has already been received.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

23. City Manager Ferraro noted the 5th Tuesday aspect of the August 29th Council meeting, as well as the fact that that is the date of the Parnelli Jones dedication, also, problems are presented by vacationing Staff members, and recommended that Council declare a dark night on that date.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager, and declared Tuesday, August 29th, a dark night. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

24. Revision re: the needs of the earlier requested Executive Session was reported by City Manager Ferraro -- the only matter to be discussed now is the pending lawsuit on the beach property. Another Executive Session to discuss wages, hours, and working conditions will be requested on September 5th.

25. Adjournment in memory of Supervisor Chace and Lieutenant Cook was recommended by Councilman Armstrong.

26. A prepared oral communication pertaining to YOUTH SPORTS was presented by Councilman Armstrong:

"Perhaps no community programs involve greater numbers of people than those which can be listed under the general heading: youth sports.

"Ignoring for the moment the hundreds involved in interscholastic activities at our area high schools, in physical education programs at all our schools or the substantial numbers involved by our own Recreation Department, the community oriented youth sports groups affect great numbers and, by and large, do great work.

"Year in and year out, season after season, hundreds of parents, coaches and officials are committed to the welfare of young people through sports activities. There are Little Leagues, youth soccer groups, senior baseball, and, more recently, girls' softball, all organized on an area community basis.

"From time to time representatives of those groups come to the City for advice and counsel. Sometimes the request is as simple as a blessing. Other times it may involve a more complex question of public land for exclusive use. Sometimes government can help - other times it cannot.

"The major problem faced by these groups today is the rapidly diminishing land space suitable for their purposes. I believe that increasingly they will turn to the City and School District and bring pressure to bear for our aid in search of a solution to this problem. I think we must anticipate this turn of events and do what we can to plan now to provide whatever guidance and assistance possible.

"Representatives from the School District and City Staff, of course, members of the Park and Recreation Staff, and any other appropriate City agency would be involved in such planning. I don't propose we assume responsibility for, or usurp the authority of, the youth sports people or their programs; but, hopefully, City and School District can develop more efficient and effective land use policies in this area.

"With that in mind, I would ask that we direct Staff to contact youth sports groups and to make pertinent inquiries about their programs, their schedules, their projected growth, their land use needs and special problems.

"Specifically, the following questions should be posed for City and School District authorities:

- (1) Which City parks (or park sites or school playgrounds) are currently in use by youth sports groups (Little League, Junior All-American Football, soccer- AYSO, Pacific Coast Bobby Sox, et al)?

- (2) Indicate if the site is developed or undeveloped.
- (3) Indicate if the use is acceptable, desirable or undesirable.
- (4) What City or school sites not now used are suitable for additional youth sports activities?
- (5) What are basic constraints (i.e. restrictions on use of school or City sites) which ought to be complied with? Such constraints should form parameters within which youth sports groups would be expected to function.
- (6) What sites could be used (without conflict or within parameters) for which activity if the sites were lighted?
- (7) What are lighting needs and costs for night soccer, night Little League and night American Legion baseball?

"A survey of youth sports groups should include, but not be limited to, the following questions:

- (1) What is your schedule of pre-season and season play?
- (2) What are the field needs (dimensions, lights, special considerations, etc.)?
- (3) What are auxiliary needs (dugouts, snack bars, lavatories, showers, kitchens, etc.)?
- (4) What capacities do you have for establishing a portable or easily removed facility?
- (5) What special problems or needs do you have?

"I think that results of such inquiries should be made available as a basic resource for a joint City and School District effort to develop a planned program or guideline within which these various youth sports organizations could plan and program more effectively.

"Then, perhaps we can sit down with the responsible agents of youth sports groups and provide valuable guidance and counsel which will benefit them and all segments of the community."

27. The absence of City of Torrance identification on Automobile Club road maps, and directory listings of the Automobile Club, was deplored by Councilman Brewster -- it was Mr. Brewster's request that there be an official indication to the Auto Club that this situation should be remedied, by way of a resolution.

It was Councilman Brewster's further request that some of the major oil companies be furnished similar data regarding the City of Torrance.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

28. Tar puddles on Beech Avenue were reported by Councilman Sciarrotta, with a request for Staff investigation. There is need for further Staff investigation of the abundant shrubbery in the Madrid Market area, according to Councilman Sciarrotta.

29. A recent communication from School Superintendent Jones re: the Crenshaw School site was noted by Councilman Wilson who concurred with the City Manager's recommendation that this letter be referred to the Recreation Commission, with later review perhaps by the Council Committee.

Noted by City Manager Ferraro was the League of Women Voters document, acknowledging the site will be sold, but requesting that the City be permitted interim use of the property.

30. City Charter Revisions on the Spring ballot, in conjunction with the School Board election, was offered by Councilman Wilson, it being his request as well that Staff meet with the Ad Hoc Committee to again decide what recommendations should be made to the Council. (It was agreed that Councilman Armstrong would replace former Councilman Johnson on this Committee.) The date selected for such meeting was Wednesday, August 30th, at 4:30 P.M.

31. Edison Company-created drainage problems in the vicinity of 178th and Glenburn were reported by Councilman Wilson with the request that Staff contact Mr. Osberg at 17804 Glenburn and Mr. Smith, 17801 Glenburn, regarding same.

32. A communication from Mr. Barrington, Torrance Memorial Hospital Association, requesting a traffic light at the hospital entrance/exit, was referred to Staff for study and recommendation by Mayor Miller.

33. Mr. Bud Johnson, SETHA president, and spokesman for the Pacific South Bay Homeowners Association, indicated the concerns of these groups regarding Governor Reagan's veto of the freeway deletion bill, and requested that a public hearing be scheduled in the near future in order to permit discussion of all the aspects of this action by the Governor. Such hearing would provide necessary direction for the Council, according to Mr. Johnson.

Councilman Sciarrotta indicated his opinion that such concerns are groundless -- the wishes of the people will be carried out, if it is possible -- it is hoped that the traffic problems can be solved without a freeway, but it is not reasonable to tie the hands of concerned people by excluding a freeway from the corridor study, according to Mr. Sciarrotta.

It was next stated by Mr. Johnson that so long as there is a freeway on the books, the study will not be an unbiased one.

Mayor Miller stated that the Council would take this request under advisement.

34. Mr. Harold Thomasian, 3555 Torrance Boulevard, described difficulties encountered by his client, Mr. Sarnow of Las Vegas, Nevada, in opening a "speedway" ride at Fashion Square because of a Code interpretation by the Building and Safety Director at variance with other professional findings by his client. Mr. Sarnow was also present to elaborate on the problems.

Following discussion of the complicated circumstances of this matter, it was agreed that resolution could best be accomplished by recalling vacationing Building and Safety Director McKinnon -- the tentative date selected for such meeting for all interested parties was Thursday, August 24th, pending contact with Mr. McKinnon.

35. Mr. Bud Skolich, 118 Calle de Arboles, representing Riviera Homeowners Association, reiterated the earlier expressed request for a public hearing regarding the Governor's veto, the corridor study, the freeway, etc.

Noted by the Council were the many hearings pertaining to the corridor study which will be held by State agencies; the questionable value of reiteration by this Council of its previous stand, a matter of lengthy record, and action approved by the homeowners. It was recommended that the objections to the Governor's action, and the freeway per se, should be expressed at forthcoming corridor study hearings.

It was then requested by Mr. Skolich that the mechanics of the corridor study hearings be made known to the public as soon as possible.

Councilman Uerkwitz noted the need for Associations to unite and deal directly with Sacramento, and the importance of the Council working with Sacramento legislators to try to override the veto and then take on the corridor study as a whole new process.

Mayor Miller reiterated that the issue is now at a State level, rather than the local level, and it is now necessary to await the next steps taken by the State.

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36. The need for proper adjournment of the Redevelopment Agency to September 5th was noted at this point in the meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of adjournment to September 5th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent), the hour being 10:14 P.M.

The Council returned at 10:15 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session for the purpose of hearing information regarding a pending lawsuit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

It was formally confirmed by City Attorney Remelmeyer, at City Manager Ferraro's question, that the above action is permissible.

Formal Council adjournment -- in memory of Supervisor Chace and Lieutenant Cook -- occurred at 10:45 P.M. -- such adjournment being to September 5, 1972, at 5:30 P.M.

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