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6:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 1972, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Congressman Charles H. Wilson led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of October 7, 1972 be approved as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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.

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 ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Civil Service Committee:

Met on October 26th re: testing procedures; it was agreed to hold this matter in abeyance pending report from Civil Service Commission in this regard.

Ad Hoc Committee -- Commissions, Committees.

Met last week, and will next meet on November 9th; progress reports will be made.

Public Works Committee:

Met this date for continuing discussion re: dedication of new City Hall. The Committee's recommendations for the plaques were presented by Councilman Brewster, and following review of the format, Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to accept the plaque for the fountain. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to accept the Committee's recommendations for the Building Plaque, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that, in view of the many deliberations regarding appropriate names for this plaque, he would prefer that the Joint Powers Authority section be deleted, with all due respect to this group. A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the Joint Powers Authority section be deleted; 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, Wilson; Mayor Miller.

Roll call vote on the MAIN MOTION was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Surber, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he is in favor of the plaque but is in concurrence with Councilman Uerkwitz that there are many others who deserve to have their names on the plaque just as much, if not more, than the Joint Powers Authority.

Public Works Committee:

Will next meet on November 7th at 5:00 P.M. re: 223rd Street.

Transportation Committee:

Will meet on Wednesday, November 1st re: Jefferson Lease.

Joint School Board/Council Committee:

Will meet on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE CHARLES H. WILSON, Congressman, 31st District, and RESOLUTION authorizing termination of the Nike Site Lease by the United States Government.

Mayor Miller introduced and welcomed Congressman Wilson to this Council meeting -- Congressman Wilson thereupon reviewed the lengthy history of Torrance's Nike Site, and confirmed the long awaited return of this site to the City of Torrance for worthy future development.

It was further indicated by Congressman Wilson that positive efforts are going forward relative to the Naval Supply Depot -- Mr. Wilson further indicated that he would assist in current efforts pertaining to 223rd Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 TO LEASE NO. DA-04-353-ENG-4778 DATED OCTOBER 20, 1972, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR THE TERMINATION OF SAID LEASE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-223. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered together:

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. RESOLUTION re: Acceptance of Future Streets (Toluca Avenue and Onyx Street).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

20. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23721.  
 Subdivider: Carriage Real Estate Group (Gary Corwin).  
 Engineer: J.H. Edwards.  
 Location: Between Onyx Street and Emerald Street s/o Toluca Ave.  
 No. of Lots: 9

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

1. That subject final tract map be approved; and
2. That Council find the tract map is in accord with the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan.

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Relative to Item #10, it was the request of Mayor Miller that City Clerk Coil assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 72-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES LOT 3 IN TRACT NO. 26504 AND LOT 25 IN TRACT NO. 26770, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED LOTS "TOLUCA AVENUE" AND "ONYX STREET" RESPECTIVELY.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-224. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to Item #20: MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and Planning Director on Item #20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

\*\*Further consideration of Item #20; see below.

REAL PROPERTY:

11. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 2128 DEL AMO BLVD.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council accept the Rivera's offer to purchase the property at 2128 Del Amo Boulevard for \$4,000, subject to the terms in the Rivera's letter -- further, that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary legal documents for final action by the City Council, and that the City Manager be authorized to open an escrow as requested by Mrs. Rivera.

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

**\*\*ITEM #20:** At this point in the meeting, Mr. Fred Arkenberg, Carriage Real Estate Company, requested clarification pertaining to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. He pointed out the desire of the lender to circumvent the new "disclaimer" on the building permit, and questioned whether or not being "in accord with the Conservation Element" would void the "disclaimer".

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that efforts are underway to provide needed clarification regarding "disclaimers", etc. -- a report scheduled for the November 14th Council agenda -- which, hopefully, will be of help to the developer and still perform the duties under the Environmental Quality Act for the protection of the City.

Addendum Item #24 regarding Environmental Impact Statements was specifically noted by Mr. Remelmeyer as an action to relieve the problems above discussed. In the case of Item #20, according to Mr. Remelmeyer,

the matter could be resolved by Determination #3 on Addendum Item 24 -- "3) Such other projects as the Planning Director in his capacity as Controller of Environmental Quality shall find to have no environmental impact."

The Council thereupon considered at this time:

ADDENDUM ITEM:

24. AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 72-205 regarding ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR/BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND CITY ATTORNEY:

That the City Council find and determine that the following projects do not require the attachment of a disclaimer.

1. Individual R-1 homes on single lots.
2. Internal repairs or revisions causing no external or functional change.
3. Such other projects as the Planning Director in his capacity as Controller of Environmental Quality shall find to have no environmental impact.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation re: Environmental Impact Statements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller noted that the above action should facilitate Item #20, and announced that there would be formal consideration of the Environmental Quality Act again on November 14th.

FISCAL MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE re: Telephone Users Tax to include provisions for Teletypewriter Exchange Services.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Uerkwitz that this matter, pertaining to revenues, be first reviewed by the Council Finance Committee -- Mr. Uerkwitz so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Uerkwitz requested that the record reflect that he is not involved with Western Union,

It was the comment of Councilman Surber that what is proposed is a tax, and in fairness to the affected company there should be Finance Committee review -- Concurrence was voiced by Councilman Brewster and Mayor Miller.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 13. RESOLUTION protesting omission of Torrance from certain maps.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROTESTING THE OMISSION OF TORRANCE FROM THE "WESTERN STATES" AND "UNITED STATES" MAPS PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AND REQUESTING ITS ADDITION TO FUTURE EDITIONS THEREOF.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-225. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 14. ORDINANCE NO. 2366.

ORDINANCE NO. 2366

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 NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-7.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2366 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 15. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-14.

ORDINANCE NO. 2367

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 SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND LOMITA BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-14.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2367 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The hour being 6:20 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 5-minute recess followed at 6:21 P.M.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

16. V 72-13, PRAIRIE AVENUE CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL  
(Reverend Edwin E. Jaffe). Request for a variance from the provisions of the R-3 zone to permit a real estate agency business in an existing building at 18082 Prairie Avenue.  
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the advertising public hearing on V 72-13, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

The Assistant Minister of the Prairie Avenue Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Reverend Edwin Jaffe, was present. Mayor Miller noted the question posed by Minister Johnson regarding the two-year time limit imposed by the Planning Commission, and whether or not the \$200 fee would have to be paid again? Planning Director Shartle advised that Condition #3 could be amended to reflect "unless extension of time is granted by the Council", thereby making a new application unnecessary.

Discussion followed on the unique circumstances of the subject property, and the varied considerations over the years -- it being the general consensus that nothing will really change in two years.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of V 72-13, subject to conditions, amending Condition #3 to state: "That this Variance be terminated two years from the date of approval, unless extension of time is granted by the Council." The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Brewster indicated that his "yes" vote was a reluctant one. Councilman Uerkwitz stated that it would be more detrimental to let it remain vacant, hence his "yes" vote.

Further action was taken by way of a MOTION by Councilman Surber that the Council find that V 72-13, The Prairie Avenue Church of the Foursquare Gospel, is in accordance with the Conservation Element of the General Plan, and, therefore, no Environmental Impact Report is required. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

17. V 72-12, NEWTON PACIFIC (Robert J. Linnell, Partner).  
 Request for a variance to the off-street parking requirements in a shopping center to convert 3300 square feet of floor area from office use to retail stores on property located at 3110-3160 Pacific Coast Highway.  
 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing.

Staff clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle, who noted the additional condition imposed by Traffic and Lighting: "That no pedestrian or vehicular access be permitted to Tandem Way."

Attorney Don Hitchcock, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, representing the proponent, reviewed the history of the subject shopping center, and the extensive efforts of the owners to achieve a compatible use of the now vacant State Department of Rehabilitation offices -- noting in particular the purchase of adjacent City property by the proponent for use as a parking area. Planning Director Shartle noted that this particular City property is now zoned R-1, and cannot be used as a business parking lot unless it is either rezoned or the variance is readvertised to spell out that R-1 property is being so used.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of V 72-12, subject to certain conditions, and, further, to find that V 72-12 is in accordance with the Conservation Element of the General Plan and, therefore, no Environmental Impact Report is required. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster; Mayor Miller.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong, at the time of his "yes" vote, that it is his hope that the extra parking area can be acquired and that the appropriate zone change will be applied for; concurrence with these sentiments was indicated by Councilman Wilson.

It was stated by Councilman Brewster, with his "no" vote, that he simply will not vote for any more off-street parking variances.

Mayor Miller questioned the practicability of development at this location without more knowledge of the proposed retail use.

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

18. APPEAL OF J.K. GILL, DEL AMO FASHION SQUARE MALL, regarding Sign Review Committee.

The proponent was not present.  
 (Arrived later in the meeting, and item reconsidered.  
 See Page 16.)

Sign Review Committee Chairman Jackson verbally presented the findings of this Committee in the subject case.

There being no one present who desired to speak, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Sign Review Committee in the subject matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

19. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$697.53 to Needham Book Finders for 190 adult and juvenile books.
2. \$320.85 to McGraw-Hill Book Company for 46 adult and juvenile books.
3. \$677.10 to Library Associates for 131 adult and juvenile books.
4. \$2407.46 to Campbell & Hall for 481 adult and juvenile books.
5. \$565.82 to Shields-Harper Company for one only replacement Wayne Gasoline Pump as requested by the City Garage.
6. \$1700.00 to Kemiko, Inc. to regrind, stain and refinish six shuffleboard courts located at the Bartlett Center as requested by the Recreation Department for Senior Citizens "tournament" play.
7. \$484.05 to Pacific States Cast Iron for twenty each 6" water pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
8. \$309.02 to Henry's Camera Shop for three cassette tape recorders -- 2 heavy duty for Police Department; one for the City Library.

9. Reference "Cooperative Purchasing" program with L.A. County for tires, it is requested that Council approve a two-month contract extension as established by L.A. County with prices "unchanged" from Firestone Store #7134 and Sudduth Tire Company.

20. FINAL TRACT MAP 23721.  
Subdivider: Carriage Real Estate Group.

Considered earlier in the meeting -- See Pages 3,4,5.

21. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - Furnishings for City Hall.  
(Reference Bid No. B72-43.)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

In conformance with Bid No. B72-43, it is RECOMMENDED that Council award to the low bidder as outlined in pages 3-7 of the October 27, 1972 letter on this matter from Heitschmidt/Mounce/Associates, Section I low bids totaling \$9,020.56 and Section II low bids totaling \$65,945.43 while rejecting as not meeting the specifications bids for items nos. 41,51,52 and 68.

It is further recommended that Council then authorize the City Manager to readvertise and/or utilize purchase orders as appropriate to obtain the other items stipulating Hiebert's line in lieu of Prober for items 29,30,33,34,35,37, 38 and 39.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

It is also recommended that a total amount of \$76,089.00 be appropriated from the Civic Center Improvement Reserve Account to cover purchase cost and architect's fee (8½% of cost) for furnishings as recommended for Council acceptance of bids.

Additional appropriation will be required for furnishing items to be readvertised and rebid at a later time.

The funds needed for the award fo contracts as stipulated in Bid No. B72-43, and as recommended, are summarized as follows:

Furnishings	
Section I	\$ 9,020.56
Section II	65,945.43
	<u>74,965.99</u>
Architect's interior design fees	6,372.11
	<u>81,338.10</u>
Less amount already appropriated for Architect's fees	5,250.00
Additional appropriations required	<u>\$76,088.10</u>

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22. CLAIM of Billy and Janet Plaster for PROPERTY DAMAGES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED on the basis of not being timely filed, and referred to the City Attorney. The City Attorney concurs with the above action.

23. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AUCTION.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the Purchasing Department and the Equipment Superintendent conducting a PUBLIC AUCTION to be held on December 2, 1972 at 11:00 A.M. in City Yard for the purpose of disposing of surplus City vehicles and equipment replaced by budget-approved new equipment during the 1971-72 year.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items #19, 21, 22, and #23. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

24. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

Heard earlier in the meeting -- See Page 5.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that there be an Executive Session on completion of the agenda to discuss litigation re: Ector vs. City of Torrance.

26. Councilman Armstrong offered the following prepared oral communication regarding the need for accuracy and truth in political campaigns:

"Tonight we have agreed that this Council should not make public recommendation in the form of a published position on the November 7 ballot propositions.

"I, for one, have strong feelings on several of the initiative proposals; I'm sure we all do. And because of that, we may wonder, on November 8, if our failure to take public position made significant difference. Will we, as a Council, regret our failure to urge 'No' on 14, if 14 should pass? I can't predict. I can say only that I hope it does not pass because I believe it is bad legislation which would have catastrophic effect. Each of us has his concerns that there should be a 'yes' or 'no' vote on the score and more of proposals before the public.

"Perhaps it is too much to expect that we could develop a unanimous public position on any of the controversial issues, or even the position of a substantial majority. Perhaps, in the absence of such strength, our action tonight was after all the most appropriate. Even on those propositions which have an immediate and direct effect on the City and local government (and, in my opinion, only propositions of this sort should command Council attention at all) our recommendation might be diminished and rendered

ineffectual with split votes, or narrow margins. This time around, at least, I think that, on balance, we have taken the right step.

"Yet, this election year there is an important contribution we can make. Gentlemen, the fundamental principle of government and society in the western democratic tradition is rationalism.... man is a rational being.... he can think. There is the further assumption that he can think critically. We hold that given the opportunity to pursue truth, man reasoning with the evidence, and with his experience, can make decisions and thus order his own affairs. That's what self-government is all about, and it's the premise which makes sense of the initiative process. So saith the political philosophers... but they never had to deal with paid public relations propagandists who trade in trickery and whose first intent is slick imagery. Our ballot contains twenty and more issues written in a style and form which commands thoughtful study and decision. Left alone, the voter might rise to the challenge, but he is beset on every side by the tricky phrase, the slick slogan, the specially molded motto, and psychological manipulation. Billboards and spot commercials seek to capture the voter's eye and his vote and to persuade him with phony locked gates, bogus trash collections, and verbal twisting that the necessary thinking has been done.... our intelligence is assaulted and insulted. In an editorial last Sunday, the Daily Breeze called it Billboard Bamboozling and concluded 'There is a big difference between argument and deception. This kind of campaigning does nothing for rational debate of election issues. With the array of state and local propositions on the November 7 ballot, voters have enough homework to do without the water being muddied by simplistic and tricky sloganeering.' I quite agree.

"It seems to me high time that we in government lead the way - that we commit ourselves and demand of campaigns in the public legislative process a respect for accuracy and truth. There are laws requiring 'truth in lending' and laws requiring 'truth in advertising' to protect borrowers and consumers. Why shouldn't there be similar 'truth in campaign practices' laws to protect the voter?

"I ask that we instruct City Staff to move in pursuit of this objective in the most appropriate manner, either by resolution or by legislative liaison. Let us be among the first to cry 'foul'!

"There remains then for us to repeat that liberty is not license and that a vote given on the basis of the distorted phrase is a vote thrown away. Perhaps on any of the propositions, the best advice, the best recommendation we can make is this: Voters... remember and beware... there is some thinking, some reasoning to be done before you vote.... and if you don't do that thinking.... someone else will."

Discussion followed, it being the general consensus of the Council that Councilman Armstrong's comments were of merit and should be pursued -- reservations were expressed by Councilman Brewster in that, while concurring in the idealism, how is the truth to be determined? There is the further need, according to Mr. Brewster, to credit the voters with sufficient intelligence and understanding to do what is best for their government. Mr. Brewster has no objections to searching to find a way, but it appears to him to be a problem most difficult to control.

Councilman Wilson commented on the many misrepresentations during the present campaign, and the need to establish some responsibility on the part of the creators of such slogans, etc., with penalties in cases of violation.

In agreement with Councilman Brewster, Councilman Sciarrotta would acknowledge difficulties in trying to establish who is to blame for distorting the truth. Councilman Uerkwitz noted the purely political factors and the difficulty of pinpointing responsibility.

Mayor Miller noted the general agreement that there is certainly something wrong with the current publicity, and the apparent need for further study and possible establishment of standards. It was agreed that Legislative Advocate Rupert would work with City Attorney Remelmeyer in the preparation of a resolution for Council action.

27. Councilman Brewster noted Supervisor Hahn's communication regarding the major ball game blackout, and requested that it be referred to the Legislative Liaison Committee. There were no objections.

28. Referral to the Oil Board of Bud Johnson's communication re: Environmental Impact report on Southeast Torrance waterflooding was requested by Councilman Brewster. There were no objections.

29. Next noted by Councilman Brewster: Airport Department report re: motorbike park study and the Environmental Noise Impact measurements that were made -- it was Mr. Brewster's recommendation that if the concern for this project is to be dispelled that the noise meter be taken on the crest of the hill along Tortugas for measurement there. Airport Manager Egan indicated that he would follow through in this regard.

30. Councilman Sciarrotta commented on Mr. Henry Nowicki's communication objecting to day meetings of the Oil Board, and requested that this be reviewed by the Committee now studying Commissions and Committees.

31. The following prepared oral communication was presented by Councilman Sciarrotta at this time:

"The proper development of our great country is the responsibility of all levels of our American Political Institutions.

"At our last Convention, held at Anaheim, it was clearly pointed out that the future shape and stature of any city will depend upon the diligent search and methods found by city officials in returning a portion of the taxes paid by the people to the Federal Government. It is their money and they have a right to it.

"The orderly development of a city has a much greater priority than the philosophies that have engulfed some of our hearts and our minds. This is especially true when we consider that the Federal Government takes in an increase of 20 billion dollars per year, and that local governments are stymied in the areas of taxation. Therefore, if we are truly representing the people, it is our duty not to seek other avenues of taxation, but to get back some of the tax money which our people have already paid. These monies, at all levels, are to be spent

to protect, defend, and develop America, and I'm sure we must agree that Torrance is a part of America.

"The common argument used is that there are strings attached to Federal monies. I would like to point out that there are strings attached to all the monies received by the City of Torrance, whether they be Federal, State, County, or Local. We, in all cases, are told what our money must be spent for.

"Through contacts with officials of our higher political institutions, through properly prepared presentations and logical reasoning, we may be able to lessen the number of strings attached. We have made strides along this line -- our 1-million-14-thousand dollars of Revenue Sharing money will have very few strings attached. The benefits we will derive for this and other generations will be our monument. I am of the opinion that in time, by working together with other cities, we will be able to cut out all the red tape and bureaucracy attached to Federal money. It is up to us to show that the Revenue Sharing money we are to receive was spent properly and for good cause."

32. In reference to the Halibrand lease, Councilman Surber presented Transportation Committee recommendations, as follows:

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

1. Subject to City departments having jurisdiction, that the occupancy of Aeronautical Sheet Metal on the Halibrand premises be permitted on an interim basis pending results of the Master Plan Study, but said occupancy not to extend beyond November 1, 1973.
2. That this matter of the need for grouping of speciality shops for service to the aviation public be referred to the Master Plan Consultants for study.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Transportation Committee. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

33. Councilman Surber requested that the record reflect his stand on the November 7th Ballot Measures, as follows:

Proposition 2	No	Proposition 11	No
3	No	12	Yes
4	No	13	Yes
5	No	14	Yes
6	No	15	No
7	No	16	Yes
8	No	17	Yes
9	No	18	Yes
10	Yes	19	No
	Proposition 20	No	
	21	Yes	
	22	Yes.	

34. Appropriate acknowledgement of the fame afforded Torrance by Wayne DuBois, engineer for radio-tv personality Gary Owens, as "Prime Minister of Torrance", a title bestowed on him by Mr. Owens, was requested by Councilman Surber.

Mayor Miller concurred in urging an expression of appreciation for such refreshing publicity for the City of Torrance.

35. Commendation of the Police Department for a reduced crime rate during the last six months in the City of Torrance was offered by Councilman Surber.

36. Councilman Uerkwitz likewise praised the Police Department for the 8.3% reduction in crime rate in Torrance from January to June, 1972.

37. A recent communication from Mr. John W. Doering pertaining to experimental aircraft was referred to Airport Manager Egan, per Councilman Uerkwitz, for necessary follow-through.

38. Dirt, holes, and like problems on Carson Street were noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, as was the imperative need for its being open for holiday shopping traffic. City Engineer Weaver reaffirmed that there should be no problems in this regard.

39. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that Emergency Preparedness Commission Chairman Nolte be invited to forthcoming Industrial Committee meeting.

40. Mayor Miller <sup>also</sup> noted recent communication from Mr. Nowicki requesting night meetings for the Oil Board, and referred it to the Ad Hoc Committee studying the matter of Commissions and Committees -- it was the further request of the Mayor that the Ad Hoc Committee also study the expansion of the Oil Board from 3 to 7 members.

41. Mayor Miller inquired as to the status of Sur La Brea Park, particularly as it relates to site clearance and demolition of storage tanks, and noted the apparent need for a determination by the City Attorney. Mr. Remelmeyer thereupon ruled that the west side is ready to be developed.

It was next requested by Mayor Miller that he be advised re: tentative scheduling for the following:

1. Site clearance, demolition of storage tanks, wells, pipes, etc.
2. Revision of grading plan prepared 4-5 years ago.
3. The drilling of test holes to determine condition of soil and possible presence of oil sumps.
4. Completion of landscape architect's planning plan; and
5. Contract for development.

City Manager Ferraro indicated that the above information would be promptly provided.

42. Mrs. Betty Cantarano, 3530 West 187th Street, reviewed Traffic Commission consideration of a 4-way stop at 187th and Yukon, and the serious need to expedite this matter.

It was clarified by Traffic Engineer Horkay that this matter will be a regular Council agenda item on November 14th. Formal Council consideration was deferred until that date.

43. Mr. James Jones, Del Amo Fashion Square, requested reconsideration of AGENDA ITEM #18, having arrived late at the meeting -- Mr. Jones reiterated the desire for a signing modification to provide identity for one of the tenants at Del Amo Fashion Square, as presented to the Sign Review Committee.

Sign Review Committee Chairman Jackson reaffirmed this Committee's findings.

It was stated by Councilman Uerkwitz that no significant points had been made that were not covered in the earlier presentation, and he MOVED that the earlier Council action -- to concur with the recommendation of the Sign Review Committee -- stand. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The hour being 8:25 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discussion litigation, as requested by the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. It was indicated by Mr. Remelmeyer that Council action might be necessary, and Mayor Miller so informed those present.

The Council returned at 8:45 P.M. without taking any action other than that of adjournment, as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 14, 1972, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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