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Adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 1972, at 6:00 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:

Mr. Ed Enrietta led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Wilson provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of October 24, 1972, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 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.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.Public Works Committee:

Met this date re: new City Hall dedication ceremonies. The unsuccessful search for a primary guest speaker from top State officials was reported by Councilman Brewster, with a request that Council indicate how to proceed.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Committee use its own discretion. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Civil Service Committee:

Councilman Armstrong requested that his November 10th communication as follows, be officially recorded in these minutes:

"Addressed to Presidents of each Employee Organization; T.E. Donovan, Executive Secretary, Civil Service Commission; and John Gregory, Personnel Manager.

"A number of questions have been raised about the current promotional examination process. These inquiries and concerns have been deemed of sufficient import by the City Council that they have directed unanimously that the Civil Service Committee of the Council subject the entire process of the promotional testing program to comprehensive study and review.

"As Chairman of the Civil Service Committee of City Council, I share with my Committee colleagues, Councilmen Sciarrotta and Wilson, an abiding commitment to the Civil Service concept. We are genuinely concerned whenever doubts arise which may have implications for either employee morale or employee confidence in the system or its processes. The purpose of our study and review will be to identify problems if they exist, define those problems, and recommend procedures which will resolve those problems, to the end that confidence in the process and the system and its integrity can be sustained.

"This letter is addressed to you and to all vitally and essentially concerned members of the City government. The studies of the Council Committee will not be conducted in a vacuum. You and all responsible leaders are encouraged to take part, to attend study sessions of the Committee, to offer your views on strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations on those elements of the process under review.

"I know that you will agree that the integrity and confidence in our Civil Service practices and processes must be maintained. If doubts cloud the scene, they must be dispelled. The alternative, failure of confidence, has implications for employee morale too startling and devastating to contemplate. If there are indeed difficulties, problems and concerns, they must be satisfied and resolved.

"The Council Committee intends to work closely with the Civil Service Commission. Presently, the essential inquiries are being conducted by the Commission. Hopefully, their study and review will

proceed at a good pace. We have met with representatives of the Commission and it is agreed that the study and review will include every opportunity for your participation. Representatives of the Commission will meet with the Council Committee from time to time as the study continues.

"Your concerns and comments should be directed either to Commission Chairman Hickcox or to me. You can write me at City Hall, at any time, or call me, leaving phone messages for my mailbox, or at home at 370-1272."

Ad Hoc Committee - Re: Commissions and Committees:

Met on November 9th. Per Councilman Armstrong, there is general concurrence on the following points:

1. A reaffirmation that Council maintain a policy of utilizing viable Commissions to assist in community decision making, while also maintaining active Boards and Committees to provide advice to Council on particular subjects.

2. A recognition that a good positive relationship between Council's Standing Committees and the various appointed groups needs to be maintained.

3. Agreement, except when less than voter age appointees are desired, and except for <sup>when</sup> unique appointments with special expertise not available in Torrance is required, all appointees to appointed groups should be qualified Torrance electors.

4. The endorsement of a current concept of publicly recruiting applications for appointments and conducting public interviews.

5. The Ad Hoc Committee reaffirms that 4-year terms on a staggered basis should be utilized for appointed groups.

6. As a general rule of thumb, the size of the appointed groups should be seven.

7. Remuneration in lieu of ordinary expenses should remain as is.

8. Procedure for removal of an appointee, including the attendance provision as exists in the City Code, seems adequate.

This Committee will next meet on November 22nd at 5:00 P.M. where the Chairmen of all appointed groups have been invited to participate.

Finance Committee:

Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 20th, at 5:30 P.M.

School Board/Council Committee:

Councilman Wilson noted November 14th; report made under Oral Communications (Page 19).

PRESENTATIONS:9. 1971-72 BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS,  
TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Chairman E.W. Boecher, Chamber Budget Review Committee, was present, along with a number of Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce representatives, to verbally elaborate on their Policy Recommendations, dated November 10, 1972.

In view of the substantial contents of this communication, it was the consensus of the Council that it best be first reviewed by the Council Finance Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Agenda Item #9 be referred to the Finance Committee for study, discussion, and later for recommendation to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The date of Wednesday, December 6th, at 5:30 P.M. was selected for the first Committee meeting on this matter.

At Councilman Wilson's question, it was the opinion of City Attorney Remelmeyer that attendance by Councilmen at Committee meetings on an "observer" basis would be acceptable -- however, the presence of 4 or more Councilmen at meetings on public business should be avoided and, in "observer" cases, should be without participation in Committee business. Non-attendance by other than Council Committee members was generally recommended by Mr. Remelmeyer, in view of the stringent requirements of the Brown Act.

10. HERMA TILLIM SENIOR CITIZENS GIFT.

Held for November 21st agenda, per City Manager Ferraro.

11. GIFT OF POW/MIA BOOKS.

Held for later in the meeting. (See Page 6.)

PROCLAMATIONS:

12. BIBLE WEEK - November 19-26, 1972.

13. CHRISTMAS SEAL SEASON - November 1 - December 31, 1972.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

14. NATIVE AMERICAN DAYS - November 17 - 19, 1972.

Held for later in the meeting. (See Page 7.)

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

15. Rekeying of existing City Hall.

Withdrawn from the agenda.

REAL PROPERTY:

16. RESOLUTION authorizing assignment of Pathfinder Engineering Corporation Aeronautical Lease to Astronautics Corporation of America.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF AIRPORT LEASE OF PATHFINDER ENGINEERING CORPORATION TO ASTRONAUTICS CORPORATION OF AMERICA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-226. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. SALE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF VIA VALMONTE AND MESA STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council approve the sale of the subject parcels, in accordance with the Notice to Bidders.

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

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

18. 4-WAY STOP ON YUKON AVENUE AT 187TH STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION: That the 4-Way Stop be granted.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT: That the subject 4-Way Stop be DENIED.

Staff and Commission findings were clarified by City Traffic Engineer Horkay.

Mr. Tom Cantarano, 3530 West 187th Street, reported on the accidents which have occurred in this area -- both the recorded accidents and the unrecorded accidents -- and announced that the corroborating parties were in the audience. Mr. Cantarano further noted that the Traffic Commission had recommended crosswalks in addition to the 4-Way Stop at the subject intersection.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a 4-Way Stop Sign and crosswalks be installed at the intersection of 187th Street and Yukon Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that he supports the above motion, this being a unique problem not shown by the traffic counter or impersonal machinery -- a problem created by the traffic flow down from the high school. However, there is still a need to redouble efforts to educate school children to use judgment with these devices, according to Mr. Armstrong.

Councilman Brewster indicated his displeasure with the findings of Traffic Commissioners McElroy and McMullen who in a virtually identical situation at Victor and Garnett, with a back entrance to the Victor School, the dip in the road, the standing water, denied this case a short time ago. Commissioners McElroy and McMullen have reversed themselves in the subject case.

Continuing, Councilman Brewster commented that the problem in this case is one of recognizing the human element, in that there is really no such thing as a "safe school route", and the fact that children will go to school via the shortest way. In this case, the shortest way is to go up 187th Street, behind the high school, and then into the elementary school -- as at Victor School. It would be well, in Councilman Brewster's opinion, to review the present policy, with an eye to making the natural way to school the safe way to school.

Noted by Councilman Uerkwitz was the sometimes necessary action in going against Staff recommendations -- the need for technical expertise was acknowledged, but he would have to agree that there should not be a disastrous occurrence before taking remedial action.

Mayor Miller concurred in the need for Staff's position and dedication to statistics -- the human element is a factor at the Council level. It was the Mayor's request that a report be made to the Council on this matter in six months.

Roll call vote on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion to approve the 4-way stop and crosswalks proved unanimously favorable.

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The Council now returned to:

11. GIFT OF POW/MIA BOOKS FROM MRS. DOROTHY BRAZELTON.

There was a gracious presentation of three copies of the book, "Unforgettable Faces" by Shary Aument by Mrs. Dorothy Brazelton. Mrs. Brazelton commended the City of Torrance for its extensive efforts regarding the POW/MIA program.

The books, autographed by Shary Aument, were gratefully accepted by both Mayor Miller and City Librarian West.

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FISCAL MATTERS:

19. CITY YARD IMPROVEMENTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That qualified firms providing this service be requested to submit proposals for the possible relocation, for redesign, and for development of a central warehouse system at the City Yard.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried with unanimous approval by roll call vote.

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The hour being 6:55 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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Council consideration was now directed to:

PROCLAMATIONS:

14. NATIVE AMERICAN DAYS - November 17 - 19, 1972.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with colorful acceptance by Chief George (Tall Sun) Pierre, accompanied by his mother -- both were attired in native Indian dress, with Chief Pierre relating pertinent Indian history.

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LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

20. Post Avenue Library Facilities.

Withdrawn.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2367.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND LOMITA BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-14.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2367 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

22. CONSULTANT FOR SEISMIC SAFETY ELEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the contract be awarded to Envicom and that all other proposals be rejected. Since only \$5,000 has been budgeted

for this proposal, it is recommended that an additional \$4000 be appropriated from the unappropriated surplus.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ENVICOM, CONSULTING ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-227. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

23. GOAL STATEMENT - TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN.

In view of the magnitude of this matter, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that agenda item #23 be referred to the Transportation Committee for study and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

The date of Thursday, November 16th, at 5:00 P.M. was selected for the first meeting of the Transportation Committee in this regard.

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(The hour of 7:30 P.M., advertised for the public hearings, had not yet arrived, so the Council now considered, out of order:)

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

28. ORDINANCE and Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding regarding AFSCME.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur in the subject Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2368

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.51.1 AND SECTION 17.54.5 OF PART V, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES COVERED THEREIN.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2368 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. Councilman Armstrong noted a need for clarification of procedures pertaining to Civil Service Commission Executive Sessions, and the fact that a resolution had been prepared by the City Attorney to facilitate same.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter return as a regular agenda item, rather than taking action on a "walk-in" basis.

43. Outgoing Youth Council president, Jeff Tasker presented the following prepared oral:

"At the May 24, 1972 Joint Meeting of City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Youth, Youth Commission, and Youth Council, the Torrance sponsorship of a South Bay Youth Leadership Conference was a topic for discussion. The minutes of that meeting reflect that the Youth Council should study the aspects of such an undertaking and begin planning of same.

"The Youth Council has done just that, and with Dave Lowerison as Conference Chairman, has planned what we believe will be an exciting and educational opportunity for South Bay youth.

"Our plan includes inviting a delegation of four youth from each of the cities in the South Bay (as determined by cities covered in the Daily Breeze) at a cost of \$10.00 per youth. This would include the snacks during scheduled breaks, one catered dinner, a band and entertainment for the closing night, the production of audio-visual material and printing of information.

"Torrance Youth Council members will be working throughout the Conference as workshop leaders, reporters, hosts and hostesses, and will assist Staff in all phases of the Conference. Because we are not asking for any City allocation to cover our own members' expenses (we are assuming that other cities participating will finance their delegation), we feel that a \$5.00 fee for TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL members, as an out-of-pocket registration fee, will be equitable. Therefore, our Conference will be self-supporting, with no allocation of City funds necessary.

"I have distributed a tentative outline of the Conference Schedule. Each session is being chaired by a Youth Council member who is responsible for determining the format and selecting the necessary speakers, with the assistance of Staff.

"Financially, there will be no cost to the City for this Conference. The Youth Commission has been aware of the plans and has been kept informed as we've progressed. They have been supportive in our efforts and will work with us throughout the Conference.

"We, however, before we can progress further, need your Honorable Body's approval to host the first South Bay Youth Leadership Conference."

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong move to grant approval for the Youth Council to host the subject Youth Leadership Conference. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

44. Mayor Miller commended Jeff Tasker not only for his successful term as Youth Council president but for his valuable input to the City Council. The Mayor further noted that Jeff -- "a young man with a cause" -- has worked closely with the Youth Council and Commission, the Recreation Department, etc. in the establishment of many meaningful community contributions for Torrance youth.

It was noted by Councilman Wilson that the Del Amo Optimist Club is likewise honoring Jeff on November 15th.

Added by Councilman Uerkwitz was his close knowledge of the tremendous job done by Jeff in reviving the Youth Council and bringing it to its present active status.

The hour of 7:30 P.M. having arrived, the Council considered:

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

24. ZC 72-18, MIDLAND PACIFIC CORPORATION (Marvin E. Poer, President). Change of zone from A-1 to R-4 on property located at the westerly City boundary line southerly of Torrance Boulevard. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO R-3 (P-P).

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 public hearing on ZC 72-18, 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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 72-18, change of zone from A-1 to R-3 (P-P). The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz noted adjacent R-5 property and the fact that the above action would have an effect thereon. Questioned by Councilman Brewster was the reason the subject parcel <sup>was</sup> not considered as a natural extension of that R-5 zone?

The motion to approve ZC 72-18 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Wilson;  
Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz.

25. ZC 72-19, GREAT LAKES PROPERTIES, INC. (Harry B. Gorman, Agent). Change of zone from A-1 to C-3 on property located between Torrance Boulevard and Fashion Way, approximately 1450 feet west of Madrona Avenue.  
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO C-3 (P-P).

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 public hearing on ZC 72-19, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 72-19, change of zone from A-1 to C-3 Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. ZC 72-21, G.L.S. BUILDING CORPORATION (Ekos Associates - G.L. Schuler, President.) Change of zone from R-3 (PP) to R-3 (PD) on property located at the southwest corner of Del Amo Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle -- specifically noted were the block wall requirements adjacent to residences in the area, and the need for proper treatment thereof, a matter for Precise Plan review.

A communication from Mrs. Pearl Voich, 20324 Eastwood, requesting that there be specific information as to the height and reinforcement of the proposed retaining wall, and indicating her preference that a block wall be built above the retaining wall, was read aloud by City Clerk Coil.

Mayor Miller invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Mr. George Schuler, president, G.L.S. Building Corporation, stated that he has conferred at length with Mrs. Voich, and noted that two condominium apartments would face Mrs. Voich's property, which should not prove detrimental. As to the height of the wall, Mr. Schuler further stated that Del Amo is approximately 6 feet higher than her property, a necessary height for drainage, etc.; there will be a block retaining wall, and, in compliance with Mrs. Voich's request, a 6 ft. fence will be installed on top of the retaining wall, according to Mr. Schuler.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Planning Commission be made aware of the Council's desire regarding adequate and proper fencing, and that such be reflected in the Precise Plan.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that, in his opinion, the condominium concept is superior to apartment house development because of the home ownership aspect. Concurrence was indicated by Councilman Brewster who noted that he had fought, albeit losing, the hard battle for commercial development on the subject property, but he is pleased to see the condominiums rather than straight R-3.

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; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 72-21, change of zone from R-3 PP to R-3 PD. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

27. REQUEST OF GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY to eliminate their requirement to post excavation bond.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the matter be referred to Staff for further study and report.

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

28. ORDINANCE re: AFSCME - Heard earlier in the meeting. (Page 8.)

ROUTINE MATTERS:

29. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$417.38 to Harbor Testing Labs for 30 replacement fire extinguishers for Police vehicles as requested by the Police Department.
2. \$320.25 to A-1 Chemical Company for two heavy duty commercial vacuum cleaners plus one back-pack vacuum unit which is new equipment for maintaining the new City Hall addition as requested by the Custodial Department.

3. \$453.18 to Garwood-L.A. Truck Equipment Company for two only hydraulic cylinders as requested by the City Garage as replacements for Packer Truck #9003.
4. \$313.43 to Burt C. Gentle Company for 15 Ames library divider shelves as requested by the City Librarian to match existing shelving.
5. \$1537.42 to Reflector Hardware Corporation for five Spacemaster Display Cases as requested by the City Librarian for display purposes in various branch libraries.
6. \$992.09 to Needham Book Finders for 232 adult books.
7. \$3212.48 to University Microfilms for a microfilm copy of back issues of specific periodicals as requested by the City Librarian.
8. \$2150.00 to Joylis Industry for replacement plastic drapes for Joslyn Center as requested by the Recreation Department.
9. \$333.90 to Pacific States Electric Wholesale Company for 24 only refractors for lamp fixtures as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacements.
10. \$944.90 to Zumar Industries for 24 traffic control signs; 100 - 10 ft. sign mounting metal posts; and various sign mounting hardware as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.
11. \$608.95 to National Drinks, Inc. for one only portable soft drink dispenser as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their various programs.
12. \$2422.77 to Bell & Howell Communications Company for various "undercover" radio equipment as requested by the Police Department for special use.
13. \$5271.00 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for antenna and radio crystal hardware required to activate the new Police frequency. This is antenna filtering equipment and frequency crystals previously budget approved. This equipment will assure compliance with F.C.C. Regulation 91.104 C-3.
14. \$947.00 to GMC Truck & Coach for one complete cylinder block and other various repair parts as requested by the City Garage for overhaul of Unit #340.
15. \$730.38 to Engine Parts Corporation for one only Ford engine and one only Hercules engine as requested by the City Garage as replacements for Units #2814 and #9553. These are rebuilt City supplied engines.

16. \$314.37 to Mine Safety Appliance Company for six breathing air cylinders as requested by the Fire Department for spares.
17. \$961.80 to Accurate Air Engineering for one only compressor and engine as requested by the Street Tree Division to provide the existing tree crews with additional equipment.

30. TRACT NO. 29156 - REDUCTION OF BONDS.  
 Performance Bond No. 856-228: \$64,000  
 Inspection Bond No. 856-229: \$ 2,600

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That performance bond be reduced to \$10,000 and inspection bond reduced to \$1,000.

31. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30527.  
 SUBDIVIDER: Dan E. Butcher  
 ENGINEER: Lanco Engineers  
 LOCATION: Between 231st Street and 232nd Street w/o  
 Pennsylvania  
 NO. OF LOTS: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

32. BID NO. B72-40 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REST ROOM/STORAGE BUILDING AT TORRANCE AIRPORT.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. That the bid of Rockport Construction Company in the amount of \$16,266.00 for construction of rest room/storage building at Torrance Airport be accepted and all other bids be rejected.
2. That \$20,000 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings to provide public rest rooms in the T-Hangar area.

33. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 89.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That Sewer Reimbursement District No. 89 be established to recover the cost of sewer construction at the rate of \$11.95 per foot for Phase 1 and \$3.25 per foot for Phase 2, per sketch of record.
2. a. That Lewis & Sweasy be refunded \$369.75 due to an intentional overcharge of connection fee for S.R.D. No. 89.  
 b. That Rinker Development Corp. be refunded \$153.00 due to an intentional overcharge of connection fee for S.R.D. No. 89.

34. MODIFICATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM - Del Amo and Hawthorne (Reference Bid #B72-29) - \$3790.00 Expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the traffic signal modification work as completed satisfactorily, and approve of payment of the work.

35. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Storm Drain from Riviera Way to Via El Chico - Job No.72152 (B72-34).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That final payment be made to the contractor, G.W. Shore Construction Company; and
2. That \$1,200 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund to cover costs.

36. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Traffic Signals, Controls, Parts - Econolite Corporation (Expenditure - \$15,000) (Reference cooperative purchasing program with L.A. County)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the extending of our annual contract with the Econolite Corporation for another year "unchanged" so that our agreement coincides with L.A. County.

37. PURCHASE OF BUDGETED ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS on State of California Contract #1-72-71-2 (\$3,118.50 Total Expenditure)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the City of Torrance joining on the State of California contract for heavy duty electric typewriters, and further approve of the purchase of up to 11 remaining budgeted typewriters on this program. The actual expenditures for this recommendation are as follows:

1. \$3118.50 including tax to All American Electronics Business Machines Company to purchase eleven budgeted electric typewriters.

38. REQUEST OF G.L.S. BUILDING CORPORATION for relief of street construction requirements.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the request be granted.

39. CLAIM of Mrs. Andrew Berish for Property Damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

40. CLAIM of Cleveland Wrecking Company for Property Damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and #40. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

41. CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN FROM OCEAN AVENUE TO HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD S/O 226TH STREET (JOB NO. 71010) - CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,933.70 be authorized.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:00 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to its agenda at 8:01 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42A. City Manager Ferraro specifically noted the substantial savings represented by the purchase of Olivetti typewriters, in conjunction with State of California contract, per agenda item #37.

43A. Mr. Robert L. Davis, newly appointed Director of Community Relations for the Little Company of Mary Hospital, present in the audience, was formally introduced by City Manager Ferraro.

44A. The 25th Anniversary of the Torrance Area Youth Band was noted by Councilman Armstrong who generously praised this Band's community contributions and the credit they have brought to Torrance.

45. The status of the renovation of the billboard on the northwest corner of Earl Street and Hawthorne Boulevard was questioned by Councilman Armstrong. City Manager Ferraro advised that certain negotiations are now underway, and a report will be forthcoming in approximately 30 days.

46. Councilman Armstrong referred to the recently approved Proposition 20, and the fact that Torrance was among the few cities to support the proposal makes it imperative that Torrance "assume responsibilities implicit in that support. Whatever our differences in debate on the motion to support the proposal, now that the voters have responded, I think we must make whatever effort is necessary and within our power to assure its success.

"A vital element in the proposal was the establishment of Regional Commissions to review plans for major coastal development. Members of the new Commissions are to come from a variety of sources. It seems to me that, as the third largest city in the County, and one of the few cities urging support, and a coastal city, at that, we must play a leading role in the formation of the Regional Commission.

I think our support of the proposition, albeit 4-3, implies an obligation to play that role. In my opinion, whatever influence we can bring to bear on the final makeup of the Regional Commission should be in support of the naming of Mayor Miller to this group. As Mayor, he would represent the presence of this City, and its people, and would symbolize community support of the worthy objectives of the new law. He could bring broadly based Councilmanic experience, and as a former Planning Commissioner he is familiar with the planning process and principles of sound planning. He is a Mayor of a coastal city with its coastal areas firmly and fully committed, and thus would represent an interested and involved community without conflict.

"I ask that a resolution be drawn expressing the sentiment of this Council and this community that Mayor Miller be named to the Regional Commission. In my judgment, his service will bring honor and distinction to this City, and truly support our commitment to the principles of safeguarding the coastal environment."

Mayor Miller expressed his appreciation for the foregoing, and joined in emphasizing the importance of becoming involved; the Mayor solicited such help and support in this meaningful endeavor.

It was the consensus of the Council that Mayor Miller indeed be recommended as a member of the Regional Commission, minus any need for a formal resolution to this effect, and that such recommendation should be appropriately expedited.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong so MOVED, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. Roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Prior to his yes vote, Councilman Surber ascertained that there are certain exemption provisions in the Act, it being City Attorney Remelmeyer's recommendation that this aspect be reviewed at a later date when there is more overall knowledge in this matter.

The necessary SCAG representation was pointed out by Councilman Wilson, who MOVED that Mayor Miller be formally appointed as alternate SCAG representative. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

47. Councilman Brewster also alluded to Proposition 20, and indicated his approval of the above action; however, a recent article in the Los Angeles Times hints at the tremendous number of problems which will be caused by Proposition 20. It was added by Mr. Brewster that it is his personal opinion that it will prove to be a "classic case of environmental overreaction which resulted in a poorly contrived mechanism of legislative overkill."

48. At Councilman Brewster's request, City Engineer Weaver reported on the effects throughout the City of the recent rain storm.

49. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that Councilman Uerkwitz serve as Mayor Pro Tem starting this date until May 15, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

50. The tremendous role the South Bay area played in the recent election of Supervisor Hayes was specifically noted by Councilman Sciarrotta.

51. Poetry by Councilman Sciarrotta:

"Now that the election is over,  
And the people with their ballots have spoken,  
We'll find that reactions will be plenty  
Though many a promise is broken.

"It's hard to convince all our people  
That all of our achievements depend  
Upon perseverance and endeavor  
And that many an arm one must bend.

"Although our achievements come slowly,  
We find that our people won't wait,  
And thus start spreading their venom  
With the many idle words that they state.

"They'll say we should have known better;  
He's another so-called 'ding-a-ling';  
He'll feather his nest, and, believe me,  
When I say I'm tired of the whole thing!

"But be what it may, please believe me  
And take it from your Uncle Ross,  
That even the greatest of all doers  
At one time was nailed to the cross."

52. Procedures pertaining to use of the Civic Center Library Meeting Room were reviewed by Councilman Surber. Specifically noted was the recent appearance of Jane Fonda; the propriety of same was questioned by Mr. Surber, based on the large number of people present and the likely hardship caused Police Department personnel.

The circumstances of this AAUW event were reported by City Librarian West, as was the fact that it was an orderly presentation. Council discussion was directed to the pros and cons of its role in approval and/or disapproval of meeting room applications, with City Attorney Remelmeyer pointing out that everyone must be treated equally; the use of City facilities cannot be refused on the grounds that the position taken by the applicant may not be favored by the Council.

Councilman Surber clarified that his primary concern is due to the large crowds attracted by controversial personalities, and the fact that large crowds usually attract trouble -- and trouble involves policemen who are seriously needed all over the City. Therefore, on that basis, in Mr. Surber's opinion, the Council should be able to deny such requests. Added by Mr. Surber was his further feeling that the Library Meeting Room should not be so used; better the Council Chambers. In any event, the Council should be fully advised regarding events of this nature, per Councilman Surber.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that the subject event was known to the Council prior to its taking place, and the Council wisely took a low key approach to the matter.

53. An appropriate recognition of the recent award to the Torrance Mounted Posse in its continuing activities of credit to the City of Torrance was requested by Councilman Wilson.

54. Councilman Wilson offered the following prepared oral communication:

"On Wednesday, November 1st, the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee met, all members present, with two representatives of the School Board. Much ground was covered that evening.

"Tonight I would like to just mention the areas covered. Next week there will be several agenda items as a follow-up from the Committee's meeting.

"1. One area which we discussed extensively was the need for refining policing practices regarding night athletic events, particularly during the football season. If all of the high schools have a home game on the same night, the City is unable to provide the desired amount of policing. This matter is being reviewed by City and School staff for a later report to us.

"2. The Committee advised the School District of our in-process study on the magnitude of community use of City and School facilities. A final report is expected by the first of the year.

"3. In the area of data processing, we found that both the School District and the City are exploring ways to improve capabilities. The City is fortunate to have been receiving some advice and consultation from the Chamber of Commerce in this area. The possibility of City-School joint use is now being pursued, and we hope that the Chamber can expand their outlook accordingly.

"4. Next week we will have a cultural proposal from Park and Recreation to financially sponsor a joint venture with the School District for a children's art exhibit at the County Art Museum. This is another first in City/School relations and one which will have an impact throughout the County.

"5. We also reviewed the several young adult concepts which the Council is well aware of.... the student-community council proposal and the possibility of creating a Legislative Internship Program. The student-community council plan is under study at Torrance High, and Dr. Jones has assigned staff to work with the City to precise high school involvement in a Legislative Internship Program."

55. A communication from the El Camino Football Alumni Association advising that Fire Captain Richard DeArmitt has been elected to the El Camino Football Alumni Hall of Fame was noted by Mayor Miller. The Mayor extended the congratulations of the Council and the community to Captain DeArmitt, present in the audience, on this outstanding honor.

56. Mrs. Louis Najera, 2475 West 253rd Street, Lomita, described the hazardous circumstances surrounding the curve on Crenshaw Boulevard, in the vicinity of Pacific Coast Highway.-- a long-standing situation of concern to residents in the area, a situation in need of proper protection from fast moving Crenshaw traffic, and the site of several accidents, one of which was particularly serious.

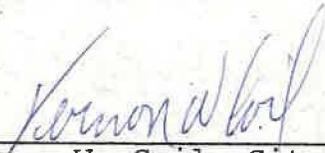
The need for Staff review and recommendation was pointed out by Mayor Miller, and it was agreed that such report would appear on the November 28th agenda.

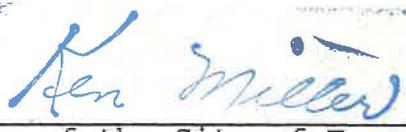
57. Mr. Bob Schimmick, 22636 Ocean Avenue, generally reiterated his criticism of the Planning Commission's attitude and action in the matter of CUP 72-43E, as outlined in his November 13, 1972 communication of record. It was Mr. Schimmick's request that the Council override the Planning Commission-recommended public hearing.

The Council declined to take such action.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk of the  
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