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Adjourned at 8:05 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, December 19, 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:

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Lee Title.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend H. Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the minutes of November 28 and December 5, 1972, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.Ad Hoc Committee on Commissions and Committees:

Met on December 14th -- a "first phase" report is being prepared for presentation to the Council. Further meetings are scheduled on January 11th and January 18th.

Finance Committee:

Pending meetings with employee groups re: Chamber of Commerce budget presentation were noted by Councilman Sciarrotta, it being agreed that such meetings would be held early in 1973.

PRESENTATIONS:9. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION.

Mr. Ed Enrietta, Vice President, Torrance Rose Float Association, extended an invitation to the Council to attend "City Council Night" at the Pasadena Rose Palace on December 30th -- also present in this regard were Dru McCabe, Miss Torrance; Woodsy the Owl; and Rose Float Association President, Hal Smith.

PROCLAMATIONS:10. TORRANCE JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB MONTH - JANUARY, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:11. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of certain Easements in Tracts No. 27475 and 15757.RESOLUTION NO. 72-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN TRACT NO. 27475 AND TRACT NO. 15757 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-246. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:12. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement for purchase of property for the widening of 182nd Street (Macksoud).RESOLUTION NO. 72-247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF 182ND STREET.

(Fred and Ida Macksoud)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-247. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. APPROPRIATION FOR GUTTERS FOR AIRPORT LEASED HANGARS.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That \$1,500.00 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings to install gutter on Airport leased hangars.

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

14. COLUMBIA PARK - Transfer to County.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned numbers and read title to the following five resolutions:

- A. RESOLUTION authorizing Assignment of the Edison License Agreement to the County, with copy of Assignment.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN ASSIGNMENT OF THE EDISON LICENSE AGREEMENT ON COLUMBIA PARK TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

- B. RESOLUTION approving 1) conveyance to the County of land acquired by the City from CBS and 2) the execution of an incidental agreement with the County - with copy of Quitclaim Deed and copy of Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING (1) THE CONVEYANCE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OF 17.2 ACRES OF LAND ACQUIRED BY THE CITY FROM COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. FOR FUTURE COLUMBIA PARK AND (2) THE EXECUTION OF AN INCIDENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THEREFOR.

- C. RESOLUTION relinquishing to the County the City's rights to receive funds from the U.S. of America for future Columbia Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELINQUISHING TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE CITY'S RIGHTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR FUTURE COLUMBIA PARK.

- D. RESOLUTION relinquishing to the County the City's rights to receive funds allocated by the State of California for future Columbia Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELINQUISHING TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE CITY'S RIGHTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR FUTURE COLUMBIA PARK.

- E. RESOLUTION authorizing the making of amendments to certain documents and the execution of other documents necessary to the transfer to the County of the City's title to the land and rights to Grants for future Columbia Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND THE EXECUTION OF OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OF THE CITY'S TITLE TO THE LAND AND RIGHTS TO GRANTS FOR FUTURE COLUMBIA PARK.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolutions No. 72-248, 72-249, 72-250, 72-251, and 72-252. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson,
and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Uerkwitz (for previously stated
reasons).

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

15. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the City Manager to file an application to amend the grant for Project No. CA-03-0029 (Urban Mass Transportation Administration Bus Grant).

RESOLUTION NO. 72-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE GRANT FOR PROJECT NO. CA 03 0029 TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT BY INCLUDING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ITEMS.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-253. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:16. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE RE: AGE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICANTS.RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve the subject proposed Code amendment regarding age requirements.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney to return in one week with a formal ordinance for adoption.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Needed review by the City Attorney was acknowledged, as was the likely need for perusal by the Council Civil Service Committee -- Mayor Miller directed City Attorney Remelmeyer to proceed accordingly.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:17. ORDINANCE NO. 2374.ORDINANCE NO. 2374

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 81.2.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES, AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR; AND ADDING SECTIONS 81.2.18, 81.2.19, 81.2.20 AND 81.2.21 RELATING TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS AND AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2373 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon noted a needed correction on Page 3 of Ordinance No. 2374, as follows: (b) Fire Alarm "...to exits into stairway shafts and in every elevator lobby....."

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2374, as above corrected, at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The highly favorable press coverage in recognition of Building and Safety Director McKinnon's role in the evolution of these precedent-setting standards was acknowledged by Mayor Miller -- like praise was extended the Fire Department's contribution to this legislation by Mr. McKinnon.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:18. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-19, Great Lakes Properties, Inc.ORDINANCE NO. 2375

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 SOUTH OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, NORTH OF FASHION WAY, APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-19.

(GREAT LAKES PROPERTIES, INC.)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2375 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-18, MIDLAND PACIFIC CORPORATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 2376

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 SOUTHERLY OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AT THE WESTERLY CITY BOUNDARY LINE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-18.

(MIDLAND PACIFIC CORPORATION)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2376 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

20. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-21, G.L.S. BUILDING CORPORATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 2377

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 AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-21.

(G.L.S. Building Corporation)

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2377 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

21. GOALS - MASTER PLAN. TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED GOALS:I. ENVIRONMENTAL.

In consideration of the high sensitivity and the desire of the community to develop a very strong direction in the control of noise and air pollution as well as other environmental impacts of the airport, effective and enforceable control standards within mutually tolerable parameters should be developed to assure compatibility between adjacent land uses and airport uses.

II. DEVELOPMENT.

Economic - Encourage a balanced mix of uses, compatible with aviation and surrounding communities that will reasonably generate property tax, sales tax, rents, and employment, with a substantial social, recreational and cultural benefit to the community.

Recreational/

Cultural - A substantial area be provided for recreational/cultural uses of a broad nature for the general public, compatible with aviation and surrounding communities. A feasible amount of "open space" should be allocated.

III. AVIATION.

Type of Airport - Subject to environmental standards, develop a general aviation airport accommodating private/executive aircraft. Allow the number of based aircraft to increase to an airspace capacity which is functioning under strict safety standards and restrictions as necessary to insure compatibility with neighboring land uses.

Navigation

Aids - The installation of navigational aids should be commensurate with the overall development goal for specific use of general aviation only, maximizing safety for both aviation and the community.

IV. AERONAUTICAL AND GENERAL PUBLIC USER FACILITIES.

Facilities shall be provided to accommodate based and transient pilots as well as the general public, including a complete pilot center and municipal facilities.

V. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Commercial

Area - Provide a reasonable balance of land use for the specifically commercial areas and the remainder for airport uses, recreational/cultural purposes and open spaces.

Hotel

Restaurant

Convention

Center

- Provisions to accommodate both transient pilots and the general public might include a hotel/restaurant complex and the possibility of a suitable convention center.

VI. INDUSTRIAL.

Expand industrial areas to include as much vacant land as feasible in relation to recreation, open space, commercial and aviation uses.

VII. AESTHETIC.

The design and appearance of all developments, private and public, shall be subject to Precise Plan and established aesthetic quality; aeronautical development shall be included in such requirements.

Specifically noted were the following Committee member Minority Reports:

Councilman Uerkwitz: "The record shows that I am in concurrence with all the other desired improvements under this Goal Statement except the hotel/restaurant/convention center complex as a desirable future possibility."

Councilman Brewster: "This is our opportunity to research and study as many possibilities that may relate to the Torrance Airport, the surrounding environs now, the future, 5, 10, and 20 years hence. It just doesn't make good sense to limit before we investigate!" Councilman Brewster specifically referred to "commuter service" and its future potential "provided technology were such that it fell within the environmental standards to be adopted and enforced under Goal I." It was further stated by Mr. Brewster that "to exclude specific uses or activities from the Airport, it will be interpreted as a mandate that it not being included at all in the study. This to me is the important key now and the important link to the future. The study would be a comparison of various alternatives. Council exercises control over what is now and what will be allowed in the future at the Airport."

Councilman Brewster indicated like feelings re: navigational aids: "For future safety of both pilots and the community, the door to explore all available options should be left open. Considerations of only General Aviation are too restrictive. Council again will make the final choice, but at least let's find out what choices we can explore."

Mayor Miller invited discussion at this time.

Representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Joe Clukey, 272 Calle de Madrid, indicated their agreement with the Committee recommendations, with the following exceptions: 1) III. Aviation - Type of Airport which recommends that the number of based aircraft be allowed to increase to an airspace capacity "which is functioning under strict safety standards and restrictions as necessary to insure compatibility with neighboring land uses;" they are not in agreement with any increase. 2) Nor are they in agreement with the recommended convention center.

Airport Commissioner Robert Vroman commented on the need for latitude in the pending Master Plan Study -- every avenue should be explored -- Mr. Vroman noted the fact that the Council will approve or disapprove the completed Master Plan.

Council discussion ensued at this time. Mayor Miller commented on the historical Council opposition to commuter service on the airport, and to indicate otherwise to the Master Planners would be "leading them down a primrose path", with wasted efforts and expense. Councilman Brewster reiterated his Minority Report opinion: there is a need for research and study of all possibilities that may relate to the Airport; it does not seem feasible to him to hold to past opinions and arbitrarily deny additional input and analysis.

Certain reservations were expressed by Councilman Sciarrotta who likewise pointed out the final Council approval aspect of any and all recommendations.

Councilman Surber stated that he had no strong feelings regarding a Convention Center -- Mr. Surber also noted that private airports are decreasing; Torrance should be maintained as such, without increased usage. The Master Planners should be aware of the anti-commuter airport feeling of the community, in Councilman Surber's opinion.

The "recommending" aspect of suggested goals, to be used as guidelines or a "wish list" of things at this time which appear to be the best for the Airport, and the need for review by the consultants as to whether or not they are viable goals, with a report back, possibly with alternative suggestions, was noted by Councilman Wilson.

Concurrence with Councilman Brewster was expressed by Councilman Armstrong -- the consultants are not operating in a vacuum; they will have studied the community and will be aware of the Council's position historically; and they will return with the appropriate expertise to this problem when their findings are finally formalized. In the last analysis, according to Mr. Armstrong, the Council will have to take the responsibility for what is done with the Master Plan presented.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that it is not reasonable to state on the one hand that a commuter type airport is not desired, and then turn around and request a professional study encompassing a commuter airport. Mr. Uerkwitz would prefer that the money, time and energy go into a Master Plan which will finish off this area and result in the best possible realistic input.

Discussion continued, with Councilman Brewster expressing his opinion and concern about "a lot of sanctimonious words about what the public and what the community wants, and to eliminate these things from the study is to deny the people the data upon which to judge for themselves." Mr. Brewster then expressed his concern that the people should have the facts, and to accomplish this the study should not be hampered. A final decision can be made farther down the line when all the evidence, analysis, and data are in, with such information furnished the people at that time; only then will the people know what they really want.

Mayor Miller expressed his displeasure at the reference to "sanctimonious" -- Councilmen are individuals, and, whatever the judgment, good or bad, so be it. The Mayor added his feeling that issues before the Council should not take on a personal aspect -- to so proceed is not for the overall good of the City. Councilman Surber voiced concurrence with the foregoing comments, noting his own experience as a fairly consistent member of the minority side.

The next speaker was Mr. Bud Skolich, 118 Calle de Arboles, president, Riviera Homeowners Association, who pointed out that a recommendation for the study of commuter service would open the door for commercial airport consideration, and would have a psychological impact on the community, starting this date.

Mr. Eli Alexander, 2955 Airport Drive, commented on the ever changing character of the community, specifically noting increased apartment dwellers who might like to have commuter service -- it would be wrong to close the door to future trends. Mr. Alexander added that this area is becoming an industrial and financial hub, and there is need for a convention center.

Mr. John Kirk, 4224 Calle Mayor, commended the subject report, and indicated favor with a general aviation airport. It was his recommendation that the wording might encompass noise control or noise level, rather than a specific type of aircraft use.

Representing Rolling Hills Aviation, Torrance Airport, Janice Baylor pointed out that jet fuel is not sold at Torrance Airport which limits the use of the Airport. Miss Baylor then recommended reading of the December issue of Airline Pilot and Owners Association's article pertaining to noise and the Burbank Airport. It was her recommendation that there be care not to increase the present noise level at the Airport; and, in her opinion, commuter service is not the answer at this time.

Council discussion returned to commuter service vs. no commuter service on the Airport, with overall reiteration of previously stated feelings. It was added by Councilman Uerkwitz that SCAG has already, in writing, made a recommendation that the Torrance Airport become a commuter-type airport; SCAG is "waiting in the wings for us to make some kind of a decision that will give them another foothold to proceed with this."

Also discussed was the possible need for a public hearing in order to receive further citizen input, it being Councilman Sciarrotta's recommendation that a night be set, other than a regular Council meeting night, where the public would be invited to fully discuss and review the Master Plan on its completion and submission to the Council, per Exhibit A. Mr. Sciarrotta so MOVED, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the Council vote on Items 1,2,4,6, and 7 of Exhibit A, with separate consideration of Items 3 and 5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Items 1,2,4, 6, and 7 of Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Item 3; the motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, with the comment that the explanation of General Aviation is much broader than what is contemplated here, and would include enough study of other possibilities. Councilman Brewster pointed out that such would not be the interpretation by the consultant, based on their correspondence in this regard -- this refers to the study that will be done, and as it is written it excludes from the study any option considering commuter transportation services.

The Mayor clarified that a "yes" vote would exclude commuter service from the study. The motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Comments were:

Councilman Armstrong: "I am not enamoured with commuter service nor in favor of it as I understand it, but I want the study to be complete, not limited, hence my 'no' vote." Councilman Brewster stated that his 'no' vote was for identical reasons.

Councilman Sciarrotta: "I feel the same way. I'm not for commuter service, but I want it to be included in the study, then I have the right when it's presented to the Council to vote on each individual item that I don't care for."

Councilman Surber: "I think they can check with SCAG to see if it will work out as a commuter airport, so my vote is 'yes'."

Mayor Miller: "As I see it, the facts presented as to how profitable it may be are irrelevant -- to me it is still an environmental thing and almost needs an Environmental Impact Study. I cannot accept, after all these years, that there would be something in the study which would change my concept of what that Airport should be, based upon what I think the people of the City want -- my vote is 'yes'."

Discussion returned to appropriate manner of procedure. Per language on Page 3 of November 16th Transportation Committee minutes:

"Subject to environmental standards, develop a general aviation airport accommodating private/executive aircraft with consideration to the future possibility of transportation service and its relation to the overall transportation system in Southern California."

And the further language on Page 1, Exhibit A, as follows:

"Allow the number of based aircraft to increase to an airspace capacity which is functioning under strict safety standards and restrictions as necessary to insure compatibility with neighboring land uses.

"The installation of navigational aids should be commensurate with the overall development goal for specific use of general aviation only, maximizing safety for both aviation and the community."

the following Council action resulted.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above delineated language as "Recommended Goals". The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Next considered was Item 5 re: Convention Center.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the minority report on Item 5, which would eliminate consideration of a convention center. There was no second, and the MOTION DIED.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to retain Item 5 as a possibility for study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The final action in this matter was taken by Councilman Sciarrotta in a MOTION to request that when the final report is completed that it be furnished each of the homeowner groups and any and all interested citizens desiring same -- further, that a date be set, other than a regular Council meeting for a lengthy hearing in order that the Council may have the input from the people on the entire report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS.

1. \$467.25 to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing for 50 gallons of film forming foam "light water" as requested by the Fire Department for training.
2. \$1422.66 to Oranco Supply Company for various sprinkler system replacement parts as requested by the Park Services Division for use at the Entradero Park and City Plunge.
3. \$422.42 to Joslin Lumber Company for various size lumber and nails as requested by the Park Services Division for installing a roof on the Walteria Park picnic shelter.
4. \$530.25 to Aaron Envelope Company for 15,000 special "property" envelopes, as requested by the Police Department for fingerprints and inmate property.
5. \$304.62 to Graybar Electric for various electrical couplings and conduits as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Dept.
6. \$682.71 to Automatic Printing of Torrance for 500 special invitations and envelopes; 5,000 letterheads and 1,000 name-tags, as requested by the City Manager's office as part of the new Civic Center dedication program.
7. \$925.00 to Botello Maintenance Service for furnishing and installing bunting and flag decorations on the new City Hall complex as requested by the City Manager's office as part of the new City Hall dedication program.
8. \$837.23 to Torrance Auto Body for repairs to 1972 Plymouth B&W unit (Unit #7151) which was involved in an accident, as requested by the City Garage.
9. \$315.70 to ABC Media Concepts for one (1) only film: "Christmas Carol" as requested by the City Librarian.
10. \$1824.52 to West-States Books for 240 adult books.
11. \$1260.00 to John Wiley & Sons for one (1) set of encyclopedias (22 volumes).
12. \$1600.88 to Campbell & Hall for 156 adult books.
13. \$617.68 to Needham Book Finders for 210 adult books.
14. \$1482.34 to Folcraft Library Editions for 189 adult books.
15. \$1465.65 to Doubleday & Company for the renewal of 42 "series" subscriptions for one (1) year.

16. \$355.90 to Ideal Auto Glass Company of Torrance for the replacements of glass in two City buses as requested by the City Garage.
17. \$417.69 to Pacific States Cast Iron for 18 each 6" water pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
18. \$899.54 to Park-Son, Inc. for six (6) each 6" valves and two (2) each 4" valves as requested by the Water Department for stock.
19. \$477.79 to Reliable Foundry Company for ten each, 6" by various lengths, flanged cast "spools" as requested by the Water Department.
20. \$973.82 to Ray Vane, Inc. for the purchase of three air conditioned units for three Fire Department vehicles approved by Council on December 12, 1972 which was inadvertently omitted in the transmittal to Council. Funds are available in the Fire Department Budget for this purchase, and, therefore, no special appropriation is required for this purchase.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

21. \$889.71 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach for repairs to Bus #341 involved in an accident, as requested by the City Garage. Billing to the responsible party is in progress.
22. \$346.50 to Hersey Products for one only 4" Hersey meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Al Levitt (Hillside Village) service. Payment has already been received for this service.

23. PRAIRIE AVENUE FROM 190TH STREET TO TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$63,000 be appropriated from 2107 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced project. (Job No. 67028).

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

ADDENDA ITEMS:

24. JANUARY 30, 1973 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Inasmuch as January 30th is the fifth Tuesday of the month, and could be, unless necessary, a dark night, and the further fact that this will be Open House Week for the new City, it is recommended that the City Council hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 1973.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Council Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. CIVIC CENTER DEDICATION EXPENDITURE REQUEST.

RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

That Council approve an allocation of an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to cover the cost of this dedication program. In addition, it is recommended that this appropriation be made from the Civic Center Development Reserve Account.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Public Works Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. LEASE NO. 6 NEGOTIATIONS (Albert Levitt).

The Council Transportation Committee recommendations, of record, per their December 15, 1972 communication to the Council were reviewed at length -- clarified were the negotiating aspects of the Committee's recommendations, recommendations arrived at as the Council's agent, for presentation to Mr. Levitt. Mayor Miller indicated his concern at the fact that Mr. Levitt was not present at this meeting; ensuing discussion pointed out the Committee-reporting-back-to-Council procedure, and confirmed that Mr. Levitt was not foreclosed from Council appeal.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the Transportation Committee recommendations of December 15, 1972 re: Lease No. 6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Mayor Miller indicated that his "yes" vote was a reluctant one.)

27. TEST VALIDATION STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY SELECTION CONSULTING CENTER.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve participation in the subject Study.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council appropriate \$500 from the unappropriated General Fund Reserve as a contribution for 1972-73, considering the need for any future monies at budget time. (Staff time is in addition to these monies.)

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above recommendations. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. RESOLUTION extending commencement date of Rolling Hills Nursery Commercial and Agricultural Leases (Fifth Amendments).

RESOLUTION NO. 72-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT

LEASE AND FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT AGRICULTURAL LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ROLLING HILLS NURSERY, INC.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-254. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. QUITCLAIM OF MONETA WATER COMPANY RESIDUAL INTEREST.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That the City Council authorize the execution of the subject Quitclaim Deed.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Water System Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:40 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 7:44 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that the Public Utilities Commission has accepted the amendment in recent power pole decision -- a written report will be furnished.

31. A Happy Holiday wish to all was extended by Councilman Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong also expressed the hope that 1973 would be a great year for the City of Torrance and its people, as well as year in which "all men could find both dignity and peace". This sentiment was echoed by Councilman Brewster.

32. A need for providing information re: service numbers -- specifically APCD -- perhaps via water service billings -- was noted by Councilman Brewster.

33. Appropriate recognition of Torrance resident, Mr. Jesus Garcia, former Assistant District Engineer, State Division of Highways, now promoted to the position of State Pollution Control Officer, was requested by Councilman Brewster. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that Staff prepare a report regarding the crime impact in the City of Torrance since loss of its housing code.

35. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Staff and all were expressed by Councilman Surber.

36. Chief Nash, at Councilman Surber's question, advised that Police Department staffing is some 6 or 7 people under budget-allocated positions.

37. Happy Holiday wishes were likewise expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz, with specific praise to Staff for its accomplishments in 1972.

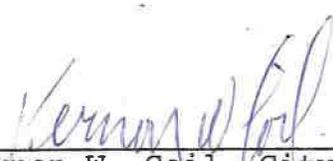
38. Councilman Wilson requested review of a report to him regarding a need for a traffic signal at Crest Road and Crenshaw Boulevard, in the vicinity of Hillside School.

39. Noted by Councilman Wilson were pending hearings before the Board of Supervisors regarding private open space, as was the report prepared by Planning Director Shartle in this matter -- it was Dr. Wilson's request that this be returned to Mr. Shartle for an appropriate resolution to be presented to the Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

40. Mr. John B. Mosley inquired as to the status of plans for a civic auditorium; past considerations were reviewed, with specific note of the financial aspects of such a development.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:05 P.M. to Tuesday, January 2, 1973 at 5:30 P.M. on a MOTION by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Brewster, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with a "MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR" wish to all by Mayor Miller.

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 Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk of the
 City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance