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Adjourned at 7:35 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 6, 1973.

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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, January 30, 1973, 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:

City employee Frank Yancey led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend DeWitt J. Brady, Seaside Community Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of January 16, 1973 be approved 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 regularly 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 REPORTS:

Environmental Committee:

Will next meet on February 1st at 5:00 P.M.

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Finance Committee:

Met briefly on January 25th; will next meet on Thursday, February 8th, at 6:00 P.M. (instead of the previously scheduled date of February 7th).

Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:

Will meet on January 31st.

PRESENTATIONS:9. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION.

Mayor Miller expressed the appreciation of the entire Council to the dedicated employees participating in this ceremony, a ceremony designated to recognize their contributions to the City.

At the Mayor's request, Council Civil Service Committee members -- Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson, and Armstrong -- presented the service pins, accompanied by appropriate congratulations.

Employees so honored were:

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro - 10 years.
 Assistant City Manager J.I. Scharfman - 15 years.
 City Clerk Vern Coil - 10 years.
 Planning Director Charles Shartle - 10 years.
 Water System Manager John Borgwat - 5 years.

15-Year Pins:

Don Tandy, Sanitation
 Dick Rankin, Finance
 June Bailey, Retired (License Division - Finance Dept.)
 Harlon Williams, Bus
 Margaret Dean, Retired (Recreation Dept.)
 Howard G. Fisk, Fire
 Richard M. Humphry, Police
 Arthur R. Fuller, Police
 Frank D. Yancey, Engineering
 Carl D. Newcomb, Engineering
 Darrell Lanham, Police

20-Year Pins:

David A. Cook, Police
 W.L. Johns, Water
 H.B. Kidner, Water
 R.S. O'Cain, Water
 W.T. Boskovich, Park
 James Wass, Fire

25-Year Pin:

H. (Mickey) Fischer, Police Department.

30 Years - Watch:

Sherm Miller, Bus Department.

35 Years - Special Recognition:

Cecil Powell, Water Department.

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10. REPORT ON 1972 ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS BY TORRANCE INDUSTRY.

The subject report of record was formally reviewed by an industry representative present for this item, it being noted that this was the first such report, with many others to follow.

The report was commended by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the request that the City Manager, in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce, investigate the merits of tours of such industrial facilities by interested parties, and, further, that the Council be provided with a list of non-participating industries, to the end that they might be encouraged to join in this effort.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to accept, with commendation, the Report on 1972 Environmental Efforts by Torrance Industry, with the hope that future reports will be forthcoming. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was the recommendation of Councilman Sciarrotta that the report be furnished homeowner organizations, this being a matter of extreme interest to them.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

11. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Easement for Sanitary Sewer purposes to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County across City-owned Lot 24, Tract No. 21484 (Meadow Park Redevelopment Project parking lot).

RESOLUTION NO. 73-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN SEWER EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESCRIBED AS LOMITA TRUNK SEWER EXTENSION NO. 2 (REVISED) DESCRIPTION NO. 2969, ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (LOT 24, TRACT NO. 21484).

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-12. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

12. RESOLUTION authorizing Mobile Fueling Concession for Gerardin Corporation dba Peninsula Aviation.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN MOBILE FUELING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE
GERARDIN CORPORATION dba PENINSULA
AVIATION COMPANY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was confirmed by Councilman Uerkwitz that there is no involvement of jet fuel in the subject matter.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. RESOLUTION re: land purchase to comply with Public Utilities Commission decision on 220KV transmission line routes.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-14

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that this item be forwarded to the Park and Recreation Commission and the Torrance Beautiful Commission for their information.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Council authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to seek purchase of said property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. ROLLING HILLS AVIATION, INC. APPLICATION FOR LEASE FOR UNIMPROVED LAND ADJACENT TO EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF LEASEHOLD.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

That Rolling Hills Aviation, Inc.'s application for a lease be delayed until draft input from the Master Plan from this ("100 x 100") area is available. At this time Staff is to consider the application in phase with the final draft and adoption of the Master Plan to avoid delay in negotiating.

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

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

15. RESOLUTIONS re: transfer of City of Torrance TOPICS monies to the County of Los Angeles, and authorizing the execution of an agreement for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE REMAINDER OF CITY OF TORRANCE TOPICS MONIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 71-72 AND 72-73 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-15. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE UPGRADING AND MODIFICATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-16. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. MODIFICATION OF BUDGET - PERSONNEL NEEDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize the following:

1. Full year funding for permanent position of Planning Technician in the Planning Department;
2. 1 Position of Junior Stenographer Clerk, in lieu of .5 position of Intermediate Typist Clerk, in the Personnel Department.
3. 1 Position of Junior Typist Clerk in the Finance Department, and .25 seasonal-recurrent position of Audio Visual Aide in the City Council budget.
4. An appropriation of \$3,400 from the General Fund, unappropriated reserve, to cover 5 months funding of these positions.

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

17. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND 71-2132 FOR THE PURCHASE OF GYMNASTIC EQUIPMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council approve an appropriation of \$585 from the Program Development Fund for the purchase of 3 tumbling mats, 1 safety mat, and 1 practice balance beam.

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

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

18. SENIOR CITIZEN BUS FARES.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

That Council authorize:

1. A no-fare system for Senior Citizens using the Torrance Transit System within the City limits; and
2. That this program be administered through the City facilities, to include Senior Citizen Centers, public libraries, and City Hall.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

19. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OF THE TORRANCE-SOUTH BAY CIVIL COURTS BUILDING AND PARKING STRUCTURE.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that this item be held for one week -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

In view of the importance of this matter, Councilman Surber directed that it be held on an Informal Public Hearing basis, with notification to interested parties and appropriate advertising.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

20. TENTATIVE PROPOSITIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN THE CHARTER PROPOSED FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE:

That, subject to approval of the School Board, the Council direct that certain administrative Charter amendments be placed before the voters at a special municipal election to be consolidated with the School Board election set for April 17, 1973.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Charter Review Committee. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

21. V 72-16, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS (DAILY BREEZE). Herbert L. Kaltenbach, President. Request for a variance to permit off-premise parking to allow an addition to an existing building on property located at the south side of Torrance Boulevard, approximately 450 feet west of Palos Verdes Boulevard.
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, and following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for approval, subject to certain conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he is very skeptical as to how much use that lot is going to get; employees likely will find it more convenient to park in the food company parking lot, but the Daily Breeze is doing the right thing in making this effort to do all they can to meet the ordinance -- hence his affirmative vote.

22. ZC 72-26, D & D DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Change of zone from A-1 to RTH zone of property located approximately 400 feet south of Newton Street and west of Madison Street.
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS R-1 WITH AN R-1 PD OVERLAY.

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, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

City Clerk Coil read January 30th communication from Attorney Ronald C. Pass requesting that the subject matter be granted a two week continuance. There were no objections to the request, it being further noted by Mayor Miller that the agenda material had just been received and, therefore, would have to be studied.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue agenda item #22, ZC 72-26, to February 13, 1973, a 7:00 P.M. meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Del Bliss indicated his preference for R-1 PD zoning on the subject property, as well as his desire that action be taken by the Council this date. Mayor Miller indicated his desire to further study the material, an opinion concurred in by the Council.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

23. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$1945.44 to David's Gloves for annual contract to supply 96 dozen heavy duty work gloves, as requested by the City Garage for the various departments.
2. \$3230.95 to Campbell and Hall for 466 adult books and 87 juvenile books.
3. \$7449.75 to McNaughton Book Service for Lending Library Service for all six libraries.
4. \$566.42 to R.R. Bowker Company for 16 adult books.
5. \$754.48 to Pasadena Pipe and Supply Company for three replacement controllers, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
6. \$781.20 to Graybar Electric Company for 66 replacement symmetric lighting lens, as requested by the City Airport.
7. \$1000.00 to L.F.E. Automatic Signal Division to install a traffic signal preempt system to override standard traffic signal sequence in order for fire equipment to be able to cross Hawthorne Boulevard in an emergency, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
8. \$600.00 to Staat Bros. for emergency sandblasting the parking lot at the rear of City Hall and Police Department in preparation for the dedication program.
9. \$1575.00 to Modern Alloys, Inc. for 600 feet of used single rib guardrail material, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department, and previously approved by Council on 12/12/72.

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24. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF EMULSION SPRAY UNIT - REFERENCE BID #B73-2 (TOTAL EXPENDITURE - \$4591.76)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the bid submitted by Essicks Machinery Company, and approve of awarding them the contract for our required replacement emulsion spray unit which will be mounted on a City supplied truck in the total amount of \$4591.76, including tax.

25. FINAL DEPARTMENTAL MOVES.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council appropriate an additional \$3500.00 from the unappropriated surplus General Fund to cover required final moves of departments as a result of the City Hall remodeling program.

26. EMPLOYEE LOUNGE FURNITURE.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council appropriate \$1800.00 from the reserve for the Civic Center Improvement Fund to cover the cost of Employee Lounge furniture for the new lounge located on the second floor of the Public Works Building. (Specific expenditures will be submitted next week.)

27. CLAIM of T G & Y Stores 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.

28. CLAIM of Inka Somogyi for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. Insurance Carrier concurs.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations on agenda items #23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and #28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 6:35 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. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:37 P.M.

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ADDENDA ITEMS:29. EXAMINATION FOR FIRE CHIEF:RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the examination for Fire Chief be given on a promotional basis with the written test weighted 60%, and the oral test 40%.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Civil Service Commission. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

30. RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND ADOPTION OF NEW HEALTH PLAN.RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER:

That Council approve renewal of the existing Blue Cross-Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company health and major medical coverage, and authorize a contract with California Medical Group as an alternate health and major medical plan, effective January 1, 1973.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Ferraro advised that Southwest Torrance residents desire to appeal a recent Traffic Commission decision pertaining to the barricading of a street in that area, and requested direction as to procedure.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the subject request, and that a formal public hearing be scheduled for February 20th on this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. The need to receive direction regarding forthcoming negotiations with Fire and Police representatives was noted by City Manager Ferraro, with the suggestion that the February 6th meeting convene at 4:30 P.M., with a 2-hour period allotted for these considerations in an Executive Session.

City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed the propriety of such deliberations. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. Formal presentation of the KNBC Award at the Dedication Dinner to absentee Councilman Surber was made at this time by City Manager Ferraro -- a most unusual array which titled Mr. Surber the "Duke of Law and Order".

34. Councilman Armstrong commended City Clerk Coil on the excellent "Volume 1 - History of Torrance" in evidence during the dedication period.

35. Next commended by Councilman Armstrong was Public Works Committee Chairman Brewster and members Sciarrotta and Wilson; all Staff members; participating departments; and all involved in the planning and execution of the dedication proceedings.

36. Councilman Brewster expressed appreciation for the foregoing, and likewise expressed appreciation to Staff -- their efforts and support were outstanding -- brilliantly conceived, masterfully developed, and flawlessly executed.

37. Noted by Councilman Brewster was the recent recognition of City Prosecutor Owen Petersen who was named by the Torrance Jaycees as the "distinguished young man in the community for 1972" and was the recipient of their Distinguished Service Award.

38. Councilman Sciarrotta provided the following poetry....

"A TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON

'Twas a bitter day in November
In Nineteen Sixty Three
When Lyndon was called to duty
To lead this land of the free.

Many of our people doubted
The future that was in store
But Lyndon came through with colors
On proposals made before.

He won his own election
With millions of votes to spare
Then waged his war on poverty
Because he really cared.

He was dealt a great injustice
For a war he didn't start
He really sought to end it
Because peace was in his heart.

The McCarthys and McGoverns
And the Kennedy Family gun
Sought to oust our leader
In spite of all he had done.

Today we mourn our leader
And history must decide
The value of his stewardship
And of those who changed the tide.

When the facts are in and counted
I am sure that we will find
That his stature was much greater
Than that of those who undermined."

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39. The following prepared oral communication was presented by Councilman Sciarrotta:

"I will never forget the day of January 28, 1973. It was one of the most gratifying days I've had in the eleven years that I have served as a City Councilman. The Lord must have smiled down on us because it was a beautiful day. Hundreds of people streamed through our new City Hall which we were to dedicate. These people liked what they saw. The expression on their faces were reactions of pride. The accolades they uttered were assurances that they were totally satisfied with our new and necessary edifice. They realized that this was their new City Hall, a new monument, another achievement, and a new milestone in the glamorous history of our bustling and progressive great city.

"It is hard to conceive, some asked, why a city of 140,000 population can get away with little more than two million dollars for such a magnificent building while a neighboring city spent over fourteen million for a municipal building. They were further amazed when they were told that we allowed for future needs in our new facility, and that it will be adequate enough for many years to come.

"The Mayor, the Public Works Committee, and the full Council realized the need to inform its citizenry of what their money bought. They realized that the best way to inform the public of the needs of the City, and why a new City Hall, was to invite them to see for themselves why the action was taken. Our people deserve to have questions answered by those who know -- not only on the new facility but on the whole Civic Center Complex, and where we go from here. They need to know how lease-back financing works, and that while the money must come out of their taxes, the tax rate was not increased. They need to know that for over ten years, this Council and past City Councils have not raised the City tax rate, and that there is no indication that this will be done. Our aim has been to keep our people informed with the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth -- in short, the cold facts without editorializing.

"On this day we were honored by the presence of elected officials of neighboring cities and elected officials of all levels of government. We invited these leaders because we wanted to share with them our experiences and elation. We wanted our County, State, and United States officials to see how frugal we are, and to make them aware of the future needs of a fast growing city. These same leaders, I am sure, will help us in our needs, because they came, they saw, and they heard. With the help of these leaders we will be able to proceed at a more rapid speed in solving our traffic problems, our open space problems, and the improvement of our total environment.

"This day was an inspiration to the many Mayors and Councilmen of neighboring cities. They too realized how much can be done for so little; that it doesn't take huge sums of money to have adequate facilities and at the same time improve the environment.

"All in all, it was a great day. Our citizens are proud, our employees are jubilant, City officials of neighboring cities were impressed -- our City, with its orderly growth and its needs was exposed to elected officials of all levels of government -- and, above everything else, we did this for less than \$15,000.

"P.S. I did receive one letter of complaint."

40. City Manager Ferraro reported Councilman Surber's request for an Executive Session at the end of this meeting, for the purpose of giving instructions to the City Manager regarding hours, wages, and working conditions.

This was ruled a proper procedure by City Attorney Remelmeyer, and it was so ordered.

41. The Civic Center Dedication Ceremony, mc'd by Councilman Brewster, was an inspiring event, in Councilman Surber's opinion:-- with thanks to the planning of the ad hoc committee, with the assistance of Coordinator Dee Manning. The Staff and personnel involved did an excellent job in having everything in readiness for this big day.

Added by Mr. Surber was the honor bestowed by the POW and MIA families by being in attendance, and unveiling the plaque for the new fountain -- further praise is due the young people who played in the band, the Scouts, Campfire girls, Y members, Police Explorers, and all who participated exemplified the fine caliber of Torrance youth.

Councilman Surber further stated: "The Almighty saw fit to give us a beautiful day -- springlike, instead of the gloomy weather forecast for Sunday, and Reverend Kornegay must have had a special prayer in our behalf. It was a memorable day for Torrance, and I sincerely thank all of the people who made it a success, including the local, State, and national representatives who took their time to attend and participate in the program. I do appreciate the efforts of our senior ^{speaker} Senator from California in accepting our request to be the honored guest/-- however, I must say I was embarrassed, especially because of the families of the service men in attendance, by a few of his remarks which I personally felt were inappropriate to the occasion. Inasmuch as a portion of the ceremony was the dedication of the POW-MIA fountain, I do not feel he should have taken advantage of a captive audience to espouse his own partisan political philosophy and beliefs regarding the foreign policy of this country and military preparedness."

42. Praise for the dedication ceremony was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz -- with particular note of the outstanding contribution made by Dee Manning and her pages. The Staff job is recognized and appreciated by Mr. Uerkwitz.

43. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that the City Manager review a manner of appropriate recognition of Torrance servicemen -- perhaps on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day Parade -- the entire Council concurred that proper tribute should be paid.

44. A forthcoming presentation to the South Bay Councilmen's Association by City Attorney Remelmeyer re: Environmental Impact was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz.

45. Councilman Wilson conveyed his pleasure with the Dedication as well -- Torrance is a City blessed with fine facilities, the latest equipment, a balanced community, and it is hoped that this Council can measure up by providing the necessary leadership for the quality of living in Torrance in order to be commensurate with these facilities and what is represented thereby.

46. Mayor Miller expressed his concurrence with the foregoing words of praise and approval of the Dedication -- certainly a most outstandingly successful event.

A special "thank you" to the Mayors from nearby communities who were in attendance was conveyed by the Mayor -- like development in other cities was noted, with good wishes for their success.

47. Mr. Dick Cahill, AFSCME representative, recommended that future Service Pin Award ceremonies be scheduled for later in the Council meeting, the 5:30 P.M. hour being inconvenient for many employees in the Yard.

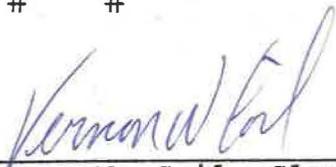
It was the consensus of the Council that such future presentations be arranged for a more convenient hour for employees.

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The hour being 7:10 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to give instructions to the City Manager regarding hours, wages, and working conditions. City Attorney Remelmeyer reaffirmed the propriety of this Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 7:35 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to 4:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 6, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance