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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, February 27, 1973, at 7:00 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:

The invocation was given by Reverend Quincy K. Hamilton, Central United Methodist Church. At the request of Councilman Armstrong, one minute of silence to the memory of Miss Alice Liu followed.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of February 13, 1973 be approved 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 regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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, 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 Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

Will next meet on Thursday, March 8th, at 5:00 P.M. with discussions to encompass agenda item #14 this date - Torrance Rose Float Association request for transfer of funds and annual summation -- along with other pending matters.

Environmental Committee:

It was agreed that the March 13th Council meeting would convene at 6:00 P.M. to consider the Environmental Impact Report.

REAL PROPERTY:

9. RESOLUTION A. Re: Purchase of approximately 4.76 acres of land in the Delthorne area. (Thomas)

RESOLUTION NO. 73-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF THAT PROPERTY AS SET FORTH IN THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED JULY 23, 1971, FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF APPROXIMATELY 4.76 ACRES OF LAND IN THE DELTHORNE AREA FROM SHERMAN THOMAS AND CORDELIA THOMAS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS THEREFOR.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz confirmed that the above action would not in any way affect or delay the development of SETHA's park.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (for reasons previously stated).

- RESOLUTION B. Re: Purchase of approximately 4.77 acres of land in the Delthorne area. (Foley)

RESOLUTION NO. 73-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF THAT PROPERTY AS SET FORTH IN THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED JULY 23, 1971, FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF APPROXIMATELY 4.77 ACRES OF LAND IN THE DELTHORNE AREA FROM FRANCIS D. FOLEY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-29. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

10. RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the license permitting the City to widen Madrona Avenue in the existing Santa Fe Railway right-of-way.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LICENSE BETWEEN THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR USE OF CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY AS A TRAFFIC LANE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-30; his motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ELECTION MATTERS:

11. RESOLUTION re: SPECIAL MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, CONSOLIDATED, TO BE HELD ON APRIL 17, 1973.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MARTIN & CHAPMAN CO. RELATING TO THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, CONSOLIDATED, TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON APRIL 17, 1973.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-31. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$9,800 from the General Fund to cover this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

12. RESOLUTION re: Special Municipal Election to be consolidated with the General School District Election to be held in the City of Torrance on April 17, 1973 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors three proposed Charter Amendments.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 3,4,5 AND 6 OF RESOLUTION NO. 73-18 WHICH CALLED AND GAVE NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF AND PROVIDED THE BALLOT FORM FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1973, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY THREE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE REPEAL AND REVISION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF THE TORRANCE CITY CHARTER AND THE RECODIFICATION THEREOF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-27. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

13. TORRANCE CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD FUNDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That the \$483.30 returned to the City of Torrance from the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild annual sale be placed into a special deposit account #2146, to be used for the benefit of the Joslyn Center of the Arts.

Presentation of the subject check was made by Mrs. Ann Adams, secretary of the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild, with grateful acceptance by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council.

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

14. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION request for transfer of funds and annual summation.

Referred to Finance Committee (See Page 2).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: PP 72-25, Gerald Chong.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 25-UNIT CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT BUILDING, AS APPLIED FOR BY GERALD CHONG IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PP 72-25.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-32. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-29, Gerald Chong.

ORDINANCE NO. 2384

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 NEWTON STREET, APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET WEST OF MADISON STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-29.  
(Gerald Chong)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2384 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. RESOLUTION re: CUP 72-59, Gerald Chong.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 25-UNIT CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE R-3 (PD) (PP) ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF NEWTON STREET, APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET WEST OF MADISON STREET.  
(CUP 72-59 - GERALD CHONG)

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS.

18. CUP 72-52, SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

The advertised hour of 7:30 P.M. having not yet arrived, this item was held for later in the meeting. (See Page 9).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

19. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$527.94 to Western Highway Products for 84 various required traffic control signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
2. \$2546.88 to Campbell & Hall for 387 adult books.
3. \$467.78 to Peter Smith for 93 adult books.
4. \$376.79 to Baker & Taylor Company for 63 adult books.
5. \$414.75 to Panorama of Great Arts for 100 reproduction prints mounted on canvas panels for patron circulation.
6. \$581.75 to Doubleday & Company for 79 adult books.
7. \$312.11 to West-State Books for 52 adult books.
8. \$310.80 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for six radio frequency crystals as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department to complete activation of new Police radio frequency.
9. \$675.00 to Staat Bros. Sandblasting to remove a variety of markings on City streets at several locations within the City.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

10. \$454.65 to Hersey Products for one only 6" Hersey water meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Rudy Wilson service. Payment has already been received.
11. \$655.20 to Hersey Products for one only 3" CT water meter as requested by the Water Department for service at the Surf Medical Building. Payment has been received for this service.

20. AWARD OF CONTRACTS for annual requirements various lubricating oils - Reference Bid #B73-8 - Expenditure \$6000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of awarding the following contracts to the low bidder in each case (per February 23, 1973 communication to Council):

1. Recommend Items 2,3,4 and 7 be awarded to Shell Oil Company in the total amount of \$1400.00 including sales tax.
2. Recommend Items 1,5,6,8, and 9 be awarded to Texaco in the total amount of \$4600.00 including sales tax.

21. WORK PERFORMED BY WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES - MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSOCIATE TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

1. That work performed for the City of Torrance by the consulting firm of Wilbur Smith and Associates for the design of street lighting and parking lot lighting in the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project be accepted.
2. That the final ten percent of the fee due Wilbur Smith and Associates in the amount of \$425.00 be paid.

22. CLAIM of Donald Kasten for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items #19, 20, 21, and #22. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

23. City Manager Ferraro requested both an Executive Session (for the purpose of presentation re: police officers wages, hours, and working conditions, and current meetings pertaining thereto) and a Personnel Session (re: problem involving certain members of City organization). It was agreed to hold such sessions at the completion of the meeting.

24. The proposed Student Internship Program was reviewed by Mayor Miller by way of the following prepared oral communication:

"Several months ago I discussed with you the concept of involving Torrance School young adults in a parttime program with each of us as Mayor and Councilmen. With your concurrence to proceed in principle, meetings have been held with School District Staff to try to develop a workable program.

"I would now like to outline the skeleton of a proposal, after which I will then ask for your approval to implement.

"The primary reason for developing this program is to expand on young adult involvement in City government, particularly to develop a program that is of lasting value. In that regard it seems to me that what is needed is to create an ongoing relationship between young adults and their local elected officials.

"For several years, we have enjoyed the benefits of a Junior Citizens' Day Program. What we need now is to go beyond that.

"Each of us in our elected capacity serves on a parttime basis. The demands for services placed on us are increasing every day. I do not, therefore, lightly suggest increased involvement on our part. However, I do think it is possible to establish a program that will increase young adult dialogue with us and will also be of mutual benefit.

"I would, therefore, like to ask your permission for Staff to proceed implementing a Torrance Legislative Internship Program to be available to Junior and Senior High School students of the community and to college freshmen and sophomores residing in Torrance. These internships would be on a one-to-one basis. Each of us would select the individual he desires to serve for a school year internship.

"Typically, each young adult would serve one semester with a second semester renewal available. As I envision it, these appointments would not involve any City expenses such as salary. We would, however, provide the necessary office equipment and materials.

"The concept I have just discussed has already been 'trial-ballooned' with School District Staff. They are willing to follow through, extending school credit, perhaps through the work exploratory program.

"As individual Councilmen, we would not be limited in the number of students we select. If our job and available time did not permit, we could decline appointing any individual for a particular semester. On the other hand, if we felt that we had the time, we could select several students.

"There is, of course, the logistics program of interviewing for selection. I would suggest that a workable program might be to utilize a format similar to that which we presently use in determining appointments to our various Boards and Commissions. In that way an official application form would be utilized, available from the City Clerk. A scheduled interview time would be set with these interviews publicly held before the entire Council. Appointments, however, would be made by individual Councilmen. This would permit all of us in one sitting to interview all of the candidates.

"We could then invite participation as our Legislative Intern from those youth who we desired to work with for the coming semester. In this way there would be no quota system among the various public and private sectors in the area. However, I would presume that over a period of time, the number of appointments would balance out. If this program meets with your approval, I would then like to ask that implementation be worked out in conjunction with the 1973 Junior Citizens' Day activities which are being coordinated by the Youth Council."

Council discussion ensued regarding the implementation of such a program, it being the consensus of the Council that such an undertaking would prove very valuable to all concerned.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the Mayor's request that Staff implement the Student Internship Program. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The hour being 7:40 P.M. the Council now returned to:

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

18. CUP 72-52, SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Appeal by Councilman Surber of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a seven-story office building in the M-2 and P-1 zones on property located at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Maricopa Street.  
PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED SUBJECT TO CERTAIN 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 presentations by Planning Director Shartle and Associate Traffic Engineer Glass, those present on this matter were invited to speak.

On behalf of the proponent, Attorney Larry Bowman reviewed the history of the subject site and its development as an industrial park, along with the resultant need for expanded office facilities -- the proposed building would complement the present development and would create an excellent buffer for the residential areas. Mr. Bowman then reviewed the proposed concept and the merits thereof, noting the controls afforded the City via the conditions which have been imposed.

Speaking in opposition to the proposed development were:

Mr. Jim Faulk, 611 Pine Drive, whose main concern is the inevitable traffic problems which will result; he would concur with the recommendations for denial of the professional staff in the Planning and Traffic Departments. Mr. Julio Cueto, 605 Pine Drive, concurred with the foregoing comments, and urged denial of the development. Mr. Lee Dante, 2551 Lesserman, described the present traffic problems in this area, particularly involving small children, and the additional problems which would be presented by the proposed development.

Other speakers protesting CUP 72-52 included: Mr. Bob McGowan, an Elm Street resident, who likewise described the perilous traffic conditions in the subject area -- Mr. Bill Combs, 2538 Maricopa, joined in the objections based on his personal experience with Maricopa Street traffic -- and Mr. Phil Griffith, who resides at Maricopa and Elm, with like dismal experiences involving traffic in this area.

A concluding comment was offered by Mr. Bowman conveying the developer's concerns regarding traffic as well, and their long awaited relief by way of greater access to this area -- the proposed building well could be a better development than the permitted industrial development in this M-2 zone, from a traffic standpoint.

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

Council discussion was directed to the evident traffic problems, possible avenues of relief, the matter of ingress and egress at the subject site for the present and the future, the abundance of commercial land in other areas of the City, etc.

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that Planning Director Shartle review the land use status in the City of Torrance -- industrial vs. commercial vs. residential. It was the opinion of Mr. Uerkwitz that the proposed development would be better placed in downtown Torrance. A specific request by Councilman Armstrong was that there be review of the present priority on the Alaska Avenue signal.

Introduced by Councilman Surber were the photographs and written comments of Mrs. Combs submitted as evidence of the extreme traffic problems now existing in the area. It was the request of Mr. Surber that Staff study the feasibility of a vest-pocket park at this location -- further, that his previously requested report on the extension of Del Amo Boulevard to the rear of the subject area be expedited.

It was the further report of Councilman Surber that of the people polled by him, 9 were opposed, and 2 favored the proposed development (1 for the reason of likely increased land values). Added by Mr. Surber was his recommendation that notification procedures be reviewed, in view of the fact that many people can be vitally affected by a development such as this, but are more than the requisite 300 feet away.

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Councilman Brewster that the issue is primarily one of traffic -- an issue which will continue regardless of development on the corner of Maricopa and Crenshaw; the proposed development is a most attractive one, in Mr. Brewster's opinion, and is deserving of consideration were an EIR provided, under conditions suggested by the Planning Department -- continuance of this matter to permit receipt of this information was favored by him. Concurrence with these comments was indicated by Councilman Sciarrotta.

"Mixed emotions" were acknowledged by Mayor Miller who noted the likely financial value to property in the area were the proposed development approved vs. the family way-of-life aspect -- the Mayor also reviewed the present and future traffic potentials, noting that a traffic-generating development of some sort at this site is inevitable, and that there are problems which must be faced and met, and which should be studied by Staff.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the PLANNING DEPARTMENT for DENIAL of CUP 72-52; further, to instruct Staff to study the ingress/egress aspect of the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows, "yes" being for DENIAL:

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

The following comments were offered at the time of the roll call vote:

Councilman Armstrong commented that the City is significantly short of recreation space; however, he would have to take a long hard look at any park proposed on busy Crenshaw Boulevard.

It was reaffirmed by Councilman Brewster that, procedurally, he is not ready to cast an affirmative vote at this meeting, but neither is he ready to vote against the project -- hence his "no" vote against the motion.

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Councilman Sciarrotta that the recommended studies of the area be pursued, in cooperation with the residents, in order that all may be informed when this property is again considered.

It was the statement of Councilman Surber that the strong feeling of the residents has been made apparent -- in his opinion, most of the people will "take their chances" rather than concurring with the proposed six-story office building. It would be well for the Planning Commission to provide regulations for the subject property -- a vest-pocket park should not be overlooked -- other parks have been planned for areas less desirable than this, according to Mr. Surber.

Councilman Uerkwitz voted for denial, based on previously stated reasons.

A "no" vote was cast by Councilman Wilson for the reason that it was his feeling that this matter should be kept open to permit needed study -- an industrial development could generate equal or even more traffic than what is proposed by CCP 72-52.

The 6-month period legally permitted the proponent to return with a re-presentation of the request, in cases of denial -- and the fact that likely a similar period would be required for Staff studies -- was pointed out by Mayor Miller.

It was the specific request of Mayor Miller that the Planning Director undertake a study of the subject property, with particular emphasis on traffic controls which might be evolved.

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The hour being 9:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the 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 9:04 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.):

25. The February 26th "rap session" with Youth Council representatives was noted by Councilman Armstrong -- ideas and suggestions from Youth Council members were encouraged, and a formalized report will follow.

26. Councilman Armstrong noted the recent opinion rendered by City Attorney Remelmeyer re: the Civil Service/Personnel function, and deemed it an appropriate time for the Council Civil Service Committee to meet Civil Service Commission representatives in order that some temporary procedures and guidelines might be drafted.

27. Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 143083 establishing the Los Angeles Consumer Affairs Agency was noted by Councilman Brewster with the request that Staff investigate this operation to determine if such an Agency might be workable in the City of Torrance.

28. Parked cars on Beech Avenue which interfere with trash and sweeper activities was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the request that appropriate "No Parking" signs be installed.

29. A Mayors' Conference in Washington, D.C., scheduled for March 4th, and sorely needed communication and support of President Nixon's recommended funding expenditures (law enforcement and transportation), with particular note of the desired opening of 223rd Street, was pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta.

It was the request of Mr. Sciarrotta, as chairman of the Legislative Liaison Committee, that he and Committee member Armstrong; Legislative Advocate Rupert; and City Manager Ferraro be authorized to attend the subject conference. Councilman Sciarrotta so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Mayor Miller; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

30. Problems noted by Councilman Surber were: at the Torrance Facility, NorAir, 640 Alaska, there is no landscaping along Maricopa; there is a further need at this facility for shrubbery to deaden the noise of trucks -- complaints regarding horn-blowing trucks at all hours of the day and night to gain entry through the gate have also been voiced (this occurs at ABCO, 2535 Maricopa). Further problems involving tree roots in the City parkway at 2542 Maricopa, along with a need for tree trimming.

31. A Chapel Theater newspaper advertisement featuring an actor with a Torrance Police Officer uniform was deemed improper by Councilman Surber -- Staff will investigate same.

32. A report on the status of the Recycling Center's financial picture was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz -- a report will be furnished by City Manager Ferraro, and will incorporate certain findings by him relative to "tax breaks" in the area of recycling.

33. Councilman Wilson offered the following commendations, with the request that there be appropriate recognition by the Council of these achievements: the recent Western City article by City Librarian West re: Torrance Libraries; recognition of the work done by the Firefighters Association, with credit to Chief Lucas and Staff; the Mayors' Newsletter reference to Mayor Miller and the Safe School

Route; the recent Daily Breeze article regarding the Airport and Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield's contribution thereto; and the fact that the new chairman for the Los Angeles Community Human Relations Council is Police Officer Don Hartel.

Next noted by Councilman Wilson was a recent League of California Cities publication regarding what cities should be doing on social issues, with the request for review and recommendation by Staff.

The election of Mayor Miller to SCAG's Executive Committee was noted by Councilman Wilson, and proper congratulations were extended.

The final noteworthy achievement cited by Councilman Wilson was the election of Councilman Sciarrotta as treasurer of a substantial financial institution.

34. Mr. Jerry Chun, 5522½ Norton Street, expressed his concern at the "½" attached to his residence -- a brand new home on an R-1 lot -- and requested a solution to this problem.

Mayor Miller referred this matter to the City Manager for investigation.

The hour being 9:30 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the earlier requested Executive/Personnel Session. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed, at City Manager Ferraro's question, that the subject considerations are proper matters for such sessions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 10:25 P.M. whereupon Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Friday, March 2, 1973, at 5:00 P.M. for the continued police officer hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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