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Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 1973, at 5:00 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. Jack Salling led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of March 6, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:
Met this date; meeting continued.

Civil Service Committee:

Met on March 19th with Civil Service Commission representatives -- report to Council will be forthcoming.

Sister City Committee:

Councilman Sciarrotta advised that 4 dignitaries from Guatemala will tour City Hall on March 26th, followed by a luncheon in their honor, which, hopefully, will be attended by all the Council.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Report on Item #12 of this agenda.

Another meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 27th, at 7:30 A.M. re: school facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS.9. ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION re: Environmental Impact Reports.

Planning Director Shartle reported on Planning Commission findings during the intervening week, Staff recommendations re: fees, etc., following which Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Larry Bowman, speaking as an interested party and representing no one, expressed concern for what appears to be a potential for a great time delay, an added work load to an already burdened Staff, and noted the need for a modified process in these matters. It was Mr. Bowman's recommendation that Planning Commission hearings be set concurrent with EIR hearings. Deputy Attorney Allen advised that the EIR should be completed prior to Planning Commission consideration in order that the information will be available to the planners.

Next to speak was Mr. Orin P. Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst Avenue, who recommended that the Environmental Review Board membership be lay people of considerable knowledge in the field of environment, rather than a group of Staff members.

Council discussion ensued, encompassing the membership, duties, and responsibilities of the Environmental Review Board; the appeal procedures; time element concerns; budgetary effects, proposed fees, etc. Reviewed as well were the effective dates of the proposed legislation, its effect on applications now in process before the Planning Commission, and the avoidance of a flood of new applications -- it was the consensus of the Council that the State's April 5th deadline would serve as the City's cut-off date as well, which would permit consideration of pending projects through the April 4th Commission meeting; further, that any new applications received after 8:00 A.M. March 21st would be subject to the new procedures.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND EVALUATION OF PROJECTS AND THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-45. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2386

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING SECTIONS 95.3.28, 95.3.29 AND 95.3.30 DESIGNATING USES REQUIRING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2386 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that (1) any project which has not received City approval to proceed by April 5, 1973 will fall under the new procedures, and (2) that no further applications will be received by the City which will not come under the new procedures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was specifically clarified that any projects "in the mill" which can be processed by April 5th need not have ERB review; if not "in the mill", the 8:00 A.M. March 21st date would apply.

Mayor Miller directed that Staff prepare a memo defining Council action this date -- such memo to be placed on the counter, for the clear information of all interested parties. It was added by the Mayor that this procedure should be followed in this case and like future cases of similar magnitude.

(Note: Further action taken re: Appeal Fees for Councilmen; See Page 13, Item #31.)

PRESENTATIONS:

10. RESOLUTION regarding Torrance High School Troubadours.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL TROUBADOURS ON THEIR SELECTION TO PERFORM AT THE 1973 HAWAIIAN FESTIVAL OF MUSIC.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-42. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Torrance High School Troubadours were present to provide a first hand demonstration of their award winning talents.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

- 30. RESOLUTION commending Tatsuo Hori.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING TATSUO HORI FOR HIS DEDICATED INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN AND HIS INITIATION OF KASHIWA/TORRANCE SISTER CITY AFFILIATION; AND MAKING HIM AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-44. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Hori was present to accept this resolution of recognition, and to convey his appreciation for this honor as an honorary citizen of Torrance.

PROCLAMATION:

- 11. TORRANCE DAY AT DISNEYLAND, March 25, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

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The hour being 6:25 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess.

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Considered at this time, out of order:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 21. RESOLUTION commending El Camino College's "Festival Del Camino".

RESOLUTION NO. 73-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND STUDENTS OF EL CAMINO COLLEGE FOR THE UPCOMING "FESTIVAL DEL CAMINO" AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION BY THE RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-43. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Dennis Critchmeyer was present to outline the schedule for "Festival Del Camino", as was Youth Commissioner Tasker who advised that the Youth Council will participate in the Festival by way of a hamburger booth, to further augment funds for their Joslyn Center project.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

12. SECONDARY OIL RECOVERY AND SETHA PROTEST AGAINST THE WATER FLOOD OF SOUTHEAST TORRANCE - CITY OF LOS ANGELES JOUGHIN UNIT.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

That Council take the following actions:

1. The City Attorney should urge vigorously that the Los Angeles City Council cause the Superior Oil Company to cease their flooding operation or reverse from injection to pumping.
2. The injection should be caused to stop, either by civil or criminal action, because no permission was granted by the City of Torrance.
3. The possibility of enjoining the injection because of its dangerous aspects should be explored.
4. The matter should be pursued on environmental grounds, possibly seeking to require an EIR.

A progress report was furnished by City Attorney Remelmeyer, outlining his efforts to date, including a promised investigation of the entire matter by the DOG and the furnishing of a report on their findings; a visit to the Los Angeles City Council where he obtained a 60-day continuance ^{to March 27,} pending receipt of the DOG report -- it was the request of Mr. Remelmeyer that any action be deferred until the DOG report is at hand.

There were no objections to the City Attorney's request, and it was so ordered. Mayor Miller directed that this item be returned to the Council agenda in 30 days, with or without the DOG report -- that date being April 24th, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. Mr. Remelmeyer further indicated that he will obtain another continuance from the Los Angeles City Council; also, he will ask Superior Oil Company to hold up on any reworking of wells until this matter is resolved. It was the consensus of the Council that such a stipulation be obtained from the attorney for Superior Oil Company at the earliest possible moment, and that the Council be informed of the receipt of such stipulation.

Noted by Councilman Brewster was the March 19th communication from Sr. Zoning Enforcement Officer Godfrey re: Secondary Oil Recovery Concerns, with the request that this information be forwarded to the Division of Oil and Gas for investigation.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Uerkwitz that the matter of a barrel tax be reviewed by the Finance Committee; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

SETHA president, Mr. Orin P. Johnson, invited the Council's attention to the map on display in the Council Chambers depicting locations of the many wells in the Southeast Torrance area, and stated that this matter now before the Council is a most urgent one. Mr. Johnson then reported his knowledge that Superior Oil Company does intend to rework certain wells.

The following MOTION resulted:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council defer action on agenda item #12 for a 30-day period, with an instruction to the City Clerk that this item be placed on the April 24th agenda, a 7:00 P.M. meeting -- further, that the City Attorney be instructed to vigorously pursue the earlier referred to stipulation from both Superior Oil Company and the Los Angeles City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Mayor Miller that Mr. Remelmeyer advise the Council regarding the above stipulations, by way of written memo.

Mr. Johnson returned to request that City Attorney Remelmeyer attempt to have Superior Oil Company shut down the subject wells now, instead of waiting 30 days, on a voluntary basis, since rework of the wells necessitates shutdown in any event. Mr. Remelmeyer will follow through in this regard as well.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

13. RESOLUTION regarding deletion of routes in Torrance from the State Highway System.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AGREEING IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS' "1971 SECTION 256 REPORT AND CALIFORNIA FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION STUDY" AS IT PERTAINS TO TORRANCE AND CONCURRING WITH THE DELEGATION OF STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN TORRANCE TO CITY AUTHORITY AFTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS ARE MADE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-46. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:14. REVENUE SHARING FORMULA.RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Federal revenue sharing formula not be changed during the 5-year period of the current program.

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

15. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR FUNDS.RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the Torrance Rose Float Association request be approved as follows:

1. The City Treasurer be directed to turn the existing balance of the Rose Float Trust Account (\$5,471.30) over to the Torrance Rose Float Association.
2. The \$6,000 to be received by the City from the Forestry Service be transferred to the Association.
3. An additional \$6,000 be included in the City's 1973-74 budget for the 1974 Rose Float.
4. The City Attorney be directed to draw an agreement with the Association setting forth the accounting and reporting responsibilities involved with the expenditure of the funds.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Council Finance Committee. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. SENIOR CITIZENS' TAX RELIEF.RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the City Attorney be directed to prepare a resolution for Council consideration recommending that the State Legislature provide additional property tax relief for those senior citizens on a minimum, fixed income.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Council Finance Committee, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Brewster indicated his concerns surrounding the fact that senior citizens on a minimum, fixed income have been picked out, primarily on the basis of this limited income, without consideration for others on a minimum, fixed income -- why discriminate, why give such an advantage just to senior citizens -- why not the disabled, the blind, the deaf; age is not the only physical infirmity. Mr. Brewster stated that he would cast a "no" vote in this matter in that he does not feel it has been sufficiently thought through. Councilman Sciarrotta deemed this aspect worthy of separate consideration by the Finance Committee.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

POLICE OPERATIONS:

17. ORDINANCE repealing Section 62.3.4 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 2387

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 62.3.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADVERTISE-
MENT; VESTING IN FINDER" RELATING TO LOST
AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2387 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

18. ATTENDANCE AT MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CLINIC, Raleigh, North Carolina.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

That Commissioner McElroy be permitted to attend a Motorcycle Safety Clinic in Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 24, 1973, and that funds, not to exceed \$100.00, be allocated for this purpose.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

Special Council consideration and approval of this request is required due to the fact that the Council Travel Policy precludes out-of-State travel for Commissioners for conference purposes.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Traffic Commission; the motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The deviation from policy was acknowledged by the Council.

19. HILLSIDE VILLAGE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. (AL LEVITT).

There was review by the Council of the extenuating circumstances in this matter -- noted was the fact that the installation of the signal was virtually underway when halted, as well as the imminent opening of the shopping center.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to permit Mr. Levitt to build the subject signal, with the following conditions imposed:

1. That a contract with the City for construction and completion of the signal be executed by Mr. Levitt;
2. That the contractor post a performance bond and a lien bond in a form acceptable to the City Attorney to guarantee completion of the signal;

3. That the contractor have insurance coverage with the City named an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000, with a single limit;
4. That Mr. Levitt deposit with the City in advance the estimated cost of inspection as determined by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY GRADE - Assistant City Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER:

That Council approve the subject class specification for Assistant City Attorney and set the salary range at 345.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH SALARIES AND WAGE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-47. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

21. Resolution re: "Festival Del Camino".

Heard earlier in the meeting (Page 4).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2385.

ORDINANCE NO. 2385

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.101.1 OF ARTICLE 1, PART X, OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO TEMPORARILY ADJUST THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2385 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING MATTERS:

23. RESOLUTION re: Landscape Architectural Design of Meadow Park Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT FOR THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF MEADOW PARK BETWEEN THE CITY AND ROBERT JOSEPH CLARK, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that an insurance provision will be incorporated in the above.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-48, as amended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. CONTINUED CASE - PCR 73-1, LAUREL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (RB Furniture). Appeal of certain Planning Commission conditions of approval to allow construction of a furniture store in the C-5 zone on property located at the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 100 feet south of Emerald Street.
PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The March 16, 1973 communication from RB Industries withdrawing the subject request was noted, and the matter was ordered filed, there being no objections.

A need for clarification on matters appealed to the Council was noted by Councilman Brewster -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that in such instances all the imposed conditions would be subject to Council action, and such action would not be limited to only those conditions appealed. Mr. Remelmeyer further stated that the ordinance should be so amended.

for PCR 73-1:

The Planning Commission condition/ "That this property does not have parking sufficient for general commercial use, but only for furniture store occupancy." was deemed a "cop out" by Councilman Brewster for the reason that it may be very difficult to hold the present or future owner of the property to using it for a furniture store. It was Mr. Brewster's suggestion to the Planning Commission that if they are really concerned about the parking, and the fact that there is only enough parking there for a certain use in a general zone, the wiser course of action would be to deny the request and make the applicant hold to the commercial parking requirement, rather than a specialized parking requirement.

25. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-30, Torrance Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 2388

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE

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TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT
CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE
EAST AND WEST SIDES OF AMIE AVENUE BETWEEN
180TH STREET AND 182ND STREET, AND DESCRIBED
IN ZONE CHANGE 72-30.
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2388 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Wilson (not present at hearing on
subject matter).

26. ORDINANCE re: ZC 72-25, Philip A. Finie and Antonio Verducco.

ORDINANCE NO. 2389

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY
THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON
THE WEST SIDE OF AMIE AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY
MIDWAY BETWEEN 179TH STREET AND 182ND STREET,
AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-25.
(Philip A. Finie and Antonio Verducco)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2389 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Wilson (not present at hearing on
subject matter).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

27. ZC 73-2, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Change of zone from R-3 to R-1 on property located at the east side of Palos Verdes Boulevard, adjacent to the Palos Verdes Estates boundary line.
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO R-1.

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. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 73-2, change of zone from R-3 to R-1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

28. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following items:

1. \$682.50 to Berry's Bullet Company for 50,000 rounds of .45 caliber lead bullets only for reloading as requested by the Police Department for use on the target range.
2. \$658.67 to Standard Swiss Embroidery for 1,020 only Torrance Police Shoulder Patches as requested by the Police Department for replacements.
3. \$2782.50 to Olin Corporation for award of an annual contract to supply "as needed" 100 gross of red flares on the State of California contract.
4. \$1019.45 to S & J Chevrolet for the repair of one only Allison transmission as requested by the City Garage for City Unit #9006.
5. \$330.75 to Engine Parts Company for the repair of a City fork lift as requested by the City Garage.
6. \$5128.83 to Columbia Ribbon Company for the renewal of an annual contract for miscellaneous typewriter ribbons, carbon paper, etc. as requested by Central Services for use by all City departments.
7. \$534.45 to Southern California Fence Company for 2400-feet of chain-link fencing plus miscellaneous installation hardware as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for repair maintenance of the Sea-Aire Golf Course fencing.
8. \$624.75 to CompuCorp for one only scientific symbolized calculator as requested by the Engineering Department.
9. \$1297.80 to Inglewood Stationers for 4,000 special legal pressboard folders as requested by the City Clerk for record keeping.
10. \$1226.49 to Garrett Book Company for 451 juvenile books as requested by the City Librarian.

- 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 4 Transit Coaches 45 Passenger - Ref. Bid #B73-5 (Expenditure - \$154,647.86)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by General Motors Corporation and approve of awarding of the contract to them in the total amount of \$154,647.86 including sales tax.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #28 and #29. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with the exception of Item #29 where Councilman Uerkwitz recorded a "No" vote.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

- 30. RESOLUTION commending Tatsuo Hori.

Heard earlier in the meeting -- (Page 4).

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The hour being 7:30 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 7:32 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Ferraro referred to agenda item #9.-- Environmental Impact Reports -- and noted Page 6 of Resolution No. 73-45 wherein there is reference to an Appeal Fee of \$50.00. Mr. Ferraro requested specific clarification that such fee requirement would not be applicable to Councilmen. Councilman Surber so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. A clarification of policy regarding the advertising of available space at the Airport was requested by Councilman Brewster. Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield indicated that this matter would be considered by the Airport Commission at its March 22nd meeting, as it relates to aeronautical uses policy.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that a broader policy, encompassing commercial and industrial uses as well, be reviewed by the Transportation Committee. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. Noted by Councilman Sciarrotta was the recent communication received by him pertaining to the fact that General Telephone is constructing a \$3.2 million dollar facility in Torrance, along with a \$900,000 building which will serve as headquarters for Seco Instruments.

34. Councilman Sciarrotta commented on a recent article pertaining to jets at the Torrance Airport which appeared in the Los Angeles Times, and the resultant citizen concern.

Mr. Sciarrotta then advised that a communication from the firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall, which indicated like concern, in view of their work on the Airport Master Plan, noting that "the word 'jet' has been added presumably on the erroneous assumption of the reporter." Further, "the sequence of our conversation has been altered to present a different emphasis."

Possible misunderstanding was acknowledged by Mr. Sciarrotta -- however, many people have been needlessly alarmed, and there is now extra work and undue worry because of such misinformation. The Council's consistent opposition to jets, or even commuter service, on the Torrance Airport was also pointed out by Mr. Sciarrotta.

35. Pending recommendations regarding businesses on the Airport, per "Blue Ribbon Committee" meeting which heard complaints and recommendations, were questioned by Councilman Surber. Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer advised that such a report is in progress, and will be forthcoming in the near future.

36. Needed correction in the Torrance Topics, per communication from Smog Abatement Systems, following Staff investigation, was noted by Councilman Surber.

37. Commendations to the Police Department, Staff, and Explorer Scouts for a most successful St. Patrick's Day Parade, were offered by Councilman Surber.

The extensive use of Explorer Scouts in community activities was urged by Councilman Surber.

38. The now beautiful City Hall fountain, with a thank you to Building and Safety Director McKinnon, was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz.

39. Action by the South Bay Councilmen's Association defining perimeters for the Corridor Study will take place at its next meeting, per Councilman Uerkwitz.

40. The desire to have POW's participate in the Armed Forces Day Parade was recalled by Councilman Uerkwitz -- City Manager Ferraro advised that this arrangement is being implemented, there being areas yet to be worked out.

41. Appropriate recognition for Council news reporters, overlooked and overdue, in Councilman Wilson's opinion, was requested by him -- their contribution to the City is tremendous and they provide valuable communication between the Council and the citizen -- specifically, Mary Ann Lee, Los Angeles Times; Bob Andrews, Long Beach Press Telegram; and Thom Mead, Daily Breeze. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

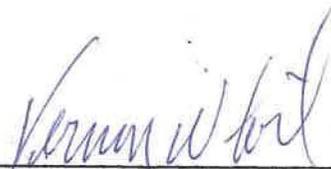
42. Mayor Miller reported on a recent SCAG meeting attended by him and Councilman Wilson wherein discussion was directed to the Long Beach committee meeting on airports which was an attempt to obtain public opinion in this regard -- with findings to be reviewed by SCAG's Executive Board.

Particularly noted by Mayor Miller was the fact that this 18-man Executive Board will make the final decision, and that there is Torrance representation on same.

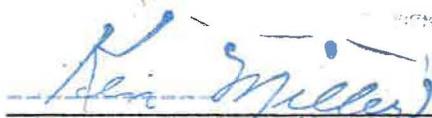
43. Mr. Ben Cooper, 22908 Anza Avenue, protested the placement of real estate signs on City property. City Manager Ferraro pointed out that the sign ordinance permits the placement of 2 real estate signs and flags on City parkways. Reconsideration of this ordinance section was recommended by Councilman Armstrong, and there were no objections.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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