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Adjourned at 9:35 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, March 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:

Girl Scout Troop No. 1584 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

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Introduction by Mayor Miller of Mrs. Ruth Ann Bingham, Public Information Officer, SCAG, followed, it being noted that she has furnished the Council a report and response to a recent news article pertaining to Torrance Airport.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of March 13, 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 Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Met this date -- report will be made under Oral Communications. (Item 40, Page 13).

South Bay Councilmen's Association:

Councilman Uerkwitz reported on the March 22nd meeting of this group where perimeters for the Corridor Study were established -- i.e. Imperial to Palos Verdes Peninsular, and from the Harbor Freeway to the ocean.

Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:

Met this date -- report will appear on April 3rd agenda.

Public Works Committee:

Met this date re: Maricopa Assessment District -- another meeting is necessary, and this will be discussed under agenda item #27 on this agenda regarding this matter.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:9. RESOLUTION re: Acceptance of Future Streets for 237th Place.RESOLUTION NO. 73-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC  
STREET PURPOSES, LOTS 7 AND 8 OF TRACT NO.  
28975 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED LOTS 237TH PLACE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-50. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:10. MORATORIUM ON AIRPORT LEASING OPERATIONS pending completion of Master Plan.LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council place a moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of applications for leasing operations, except month-to-month rentals, at the Torrance Municipal Airport, until such time as the Master Plan is completed, with the exception of unique cases of merit to the City as determined by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Land Management Team. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Representing the Del Amo Rotary Club, Mr. George Franer confirmed that the above recommendation would hold the proposed minibike park in abeyance.

Mr. Eli Alexander, Peninsula Aviation, 2955 Airport Drive, described past and proposed future improvements for his business -- it was his request that he be exempted from the moratorium. Mayor Miller directed Mr. Alexander to outline the foregoing in writing for review by the Land Management Team, in the appropriate manner for appeal to Council.

Roll call vote on Councilman Surber's motion proved unanimously favorable.

11. LAND PURCHASE REGARDING PUC DECISION.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-51

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 THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES, RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND ACCESS ROAD, AND WATER CONSUMPTION FACILITIES, AND FOR ANY OTHER PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 73-14 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

(YUKON--OSAGE PROPERTIES)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-51. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the Council approve the selection of Mr. Ernest I. Johnston as appraiser for this job, and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary resolution and contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. RESOLUTION re: Vacation of Easements reserved in a portion of previously vacated Lot S-5, Torrance Tract.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF CERTAIN

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NON-USED EASEMENTS IN LOT S-5, TORRANCE TRACT  
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-52. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS regarding Chamber of Commerce 1972-73.

CONCLUSIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- a. On most of the Chamber's points under consideration, the Committee and Staff agree that additional Staff action would improve operations.
- b. On the Chamber's recommendation for phasing out the City bus system, the Committee concludes that the matter should be given more Staff study before a recommendation should be considered by the City Council. The coming budget workshop sessions will provide the City Council with an opportunity to again review the bus system operations.
- c. On the Chamber's recommendation that all contracts be competitively bid, the Committee concludes that the City should continue to place contracts on a negotiating basis where the law does not require competitive bids and where it appears in the best interest of the City to negotiate. This would include the placement of insurance and the hiring of professional services.
- d. The Committee further concludes that the City Staff should be directed to meet with the Chamber Committee to resolve areas where Chamber members could apply their expertise to continue to assist the City in its systems and procedures development.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the City Council concur in the above conclusions and directions.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the above conclusions and directions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: Child Day Care Centers.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF  
THE SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE,  
TO WITHDRAW THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS THAT  
WOULD GREATLY REDUCE CHILD CARE SERVICES TO  
LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-53. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

- 15. UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL FEED ACROSS EARHART APRON.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize contracting with Southern California Edison Company for the underground installation of electrical feed across Earhart Apron, and that \$4,800.00 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings therefor.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Department, and to approve the appropriation of \$4,800.00 from Airport Retained Earnings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

- 16. RESOLUTION re: contract between City and Laurence J. Thompson, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-54

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 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC. (Landscaping Assessment District)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-54. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17. STUDY AND REPORT re: Vest Pocket Park at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Maricopa Street.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur in the concept set forth in the Park and Recreation Director's report of March 14th, and that Staff be authorized to contact the adjacent industrialist to determine their response. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

- 18. EXPANSION OF EXISTING PAVED YARD AND LANDSCAPED AREA OF FIRE STATION NO. 4 (Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway).

REQUEST OF FIRE CHIEF:

That Council approve an appropriation of \$6200.00 from the Unappropriated Reserve Fund for the purpose of expanding the existing paved yard and landscaped area of Fire Station No. 4.

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

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. ORDINANCE re: amendment to Code on section relating to exemption from Bond requirements of Public Agencies and Public Utilities for Street Excavation Permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 2390

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 74.6.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SUBSECTION (f) (3) TO SAID SECTION RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM BOND REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC AGENCIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR STREET EXCAVATION PERMITS.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2390 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE EXAMINATIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the Council lower the age requirement for Police Examinations to 20½ years of age. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz, at the time of his "yes" vote, that such affirmative vote was predicated on the fact that the Council still retains the authority to establish age levels for entry and test qualifications.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that his "yes" vote is only on taking the examination, reducing the age six months.

21. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS - Environmental Quality Officer and Supervising Environmental Quality Officer.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the Revised Class Specifications for Environmental Quality Officer and Supervising Environmental Quality Officer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2386.

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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, 95.3.30 DESIGNATING USES REQUIRING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2386 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2387.

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

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2387 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2388.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF AMIE AVENUE BETWEEN 180TH STREET AND 182ND STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-30.  
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2388 at its second and final 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)

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2389.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE 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 Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2389 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, carried, as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Wilson (not present at hearing)

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

26. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE granting to Shell Oil Company, a Delaware Corporation, a Franchise to Construct, Operate and Maintain Pipelines for the Transportation of Hydrocarbon Substances in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing for the award of the proposed pipeline franchise to Shell Oil Company. The pipes are to be installed in the ground in public right-of-way as shown on a map attached to the pipeline franchise ordinance which map is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.

It was the further comment of Mayor Miller that on March 13, 1973, the Council passed Resolution No. 73-37 declaring our intention to award this franchise. The resolution provided for a hearing on this date and at this time -- March 27, 1973 at 7:00 P.M., and for notice to be published in the South Bay Daily Breeze.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that it be filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard for or against the subject franchise. There was no response.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer referred to Page 6 of the ordinance, Section B. Expense of City, and requested that it be reworded to state that if there is any rearrangement of Water Department facilities, that it be at the expense of Shell Oil Company, rather than the City. Such rewording would appear in the ordinance when presented for its second reading. Shell Oil Company representatives were present and indicated concurrence with the foregoing.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to waive the reading of the franchise ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2391

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO SHELL OIL COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2391 at its first reading, as above amended by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

27. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - Assessment District No. A-11-70-2  
Maricopa Street.

Councilman Brewster reported on the need for further review by the Public Works Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Item #27 be continued until April 3, 1973, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Ken Jones, 355 Van Ness, the contractor in this case, protested the above action which would further delay payment to him. This factor was acknowledged by Mayor Miller; however, the complicated considerations and precedent-setting aspects were pointed out, hence the need for further Committee meetings.

Roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

The date of Monday, April 2nd, at 5:00 P.M. was established for the next meeting of the Public Works Committee in this matter.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

28. SOUTHWESTERN ENTERPRISES, INC. - PP 71-7.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY ENGINEER:

That Council deny the applicant's request that you direct the City Clerk to accept the easement. We further recommend that you refuse to accept any easement from the applicant except as set forth in the easement deed attached in the subject matter.

It was the request of City Traffic Engineer Horkay that the third paragraph of the subject Easement Deed be amended to state "traffic control devices" (instead of "traffic signals").

Mr. E. Arnold Oppenheim, 9777 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, representing Southwestern Enterprises, Inc., recalled previous history, of record, in this case, and took exception to the March 27, 1973 communication resulting in the above recommendation. Mr. Oppenheim then voiced his objections to Staff findings relative to sidewalk width.

It was stated by City Attorney Remelmeyer, in the interest of clarification, that the reason that Staff has accepted the easement deed with the underground/<sup>utility</sup> provision is that the City Council some years ago authorized that, and committed the City to that particular provision on this property. This is a unique case -- it, therefore, would not be possible for another applicant in another case to maintain that the City accepts such easement deeds.

It was the further comment of Mr. Oppenheim that the 7½-ft. sidewalk width provision has ever been in the deeds submitted to both the Council and the Planning Commission. Review of Planning Commission action followed, and, in Mr. Oppenheim's opinion, there is now an attempt by the City Manager and City Attorney to change the wording of a deed that has been accepted by the Planning Commission. It was the comment of Mr. Remelmeyer that the Planning Commission has no authority to accept deeds, other than those in the form approved by the City Council, this being within Council jurisdiction.

Discussion ensued, with City Engineer Weaver pointing out needed flexibility in the matter of sidewalk widths, and specifically noting the uniqueness of the subject situation and the statement of record that "there is no solution which would make everybody happy".

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the findings of Staff on Agenda Item #28. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that it would be necessary to include "traffic control devices" in the easement deed, per Mr. Oppenheim's verbal agreement at the Planning Commission meeting of January 17, 1973.

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

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The hour being 8:30 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A 5-minute recess followed at 8:32 P.M.

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29. APPEAL OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND FEES AT 1328 CABRILLO AVENUE (Freeman).

City Engineer Weaver clarified Code requirements relative to Drainage Improvement Fund fees, and the circumstances of the subject request.

Mr. Lambert Freeman was present to state that such a fee penalizes one for trying to improve his property, as in this case -- a better way would be the formation of an Assessment District where there would be equal charges for all.

It was pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council does not have the right to waive such fees -- an alternative would be to pass an ordinance which would exclude payment in certain circumstances, should the Council desire to provide such relief.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon stated that the theory of the subject fees is that every property in the City of Torrance will pay such fee one time and one time only -- such funds to be used for the benefit of the entire City, and, therefore, a most equitable levy.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the City Engineer that the drainage fees should be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ROUTINE MATTERS:30. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$373.28 to Ascot Business Forms for 500 copies of Armed Forces Day posters as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
2. \$369.60 to Keuffel & Esser Company for 200 preprinted special engineering drawing linen title sheet copies as requested by the Engineering Department.
3. \$1879.08 to Monroe International for four Monroe Printing Calculators as requested by the Finance Department as replacements.
4. \$548.53 to Western Water Works Supply Company for repair parts for the Water Department's test bench assembly which tests repaired water meters.
5. \$613.54 to Aaron Envelope Company for 17,000 special envelopes as requested by the Police Department.
6. \$1690.50 to Schafer Chemical Company for renewal of an annual contract, prices unchanged, for air conditioner (cooler towers) water treatment services and chemicals.
7. \$875.37 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for the recapping of tire services "as required", as requested by the City Garage.
8. \$500.00 to Smith & Hartford for the balance of the cost of a repair to 1 bus which was partially paid for by our insurance.
9. \$676.38 to Lube-Lift Company for various vehicle lubrication equipment including oil pump, portable greaser, complete lube reel assembly, etc. as requested by the City Garage.
10. \$300.30 to Engine Parts Corporation for the overhauling of a City Ford industrial engine as requested by the City Garage.
11. \$1088.24 to Campbell & Hall for 208 adult books.
12. \$462.18 to Needham Book Finders for 186 adult books.
13. \$1308.81 to Colonial Book Services for 186 adult books.
14. \$430.46 to Kurt L. Schwarz for 23 adult books.
15. \$316.95 to Collier-MacMillan Service for 71 adult books.

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16. \$560.68 to Random House for 59 adult and 60 juvenile books.
17. \$526.88 to Grolier Educational Corporation for two sets of Encyclopedia Americana.
18. \$639.92 to Shields Harper Company for one only replacement Wayne Gasoline Pump for City Yard.
19. \$531.72 to Oxford Chemical Company for annual supply of instant deodorizer pellets as requested by the Custodial Department for use in all City Hall, Library, Park and Recreation, and other City-owned restrooms.

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Incandescent and Fluorescent Lamps regarding State of California "Cooperative Purchasing Program" (Estimated Annual Expenditure - \$4,000.00)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the awarding of the annual contract to the "low bidder" on the State of California annual bid which is the General Electric Company, who in the L.A. area is marketed through Graybar Electric of Los Angeles or Long Beach. This award is part of "Cooperative Purchasing Program" which for this purchase includes incandescent, fluorescent and miscellaneous lamps. Delivery of this material is to be "as requested". Estimated annual expenditure is expected to be \$4000.00 for the year.

32. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

1. That the work performed by Riley Electrical Services Corporation under City contract, per Bid No. B72-26 and Federal TOPICS Project T3041(122) be accepted.
2. That the final 10 percent of the contract fee in the amount of \$6,288.20 be paid to the contractor.

33. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 31240.

Subdivider: Jack Rogers

Engineer: R.A. Meurer

Location: Between 237th Place and 238th Street east of Cabrillo.

No. of Lots: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

34. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 31185.

Subdivider: Don Wilson Builders.

Engineer: Engineering Service.

Location: Between 170th and 171st Street east of Yukon.

No. of Lots: 1 (Condominium).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

35. CLAIM of Harold C. Dick for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and #35. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

36. RESOLUTION re: Amendment to Bob Curtis Oldsmobile, Inc. Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO LEASE DATED MARCH \_\_\_\_\_, 1973, BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOB CURTIS OLDSMOBILE, INC.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-55. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. Councilman Armstrong requested consideration of representation on the Bicycle Committee by a Youth Commissioner, Youth Council member, or youth in the community.

38. The March 26th visit to Torrance by national officials from Guatemala, which incorporated an extensive tour of City Hall, and a luncheon in their honor, was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta.

39. Councilman Surber expressed his concern regarding proposed school closings and the resultant effect on the City -- this matter was reviewed in Councilman Wilson's oral communication below noted:

40. A report on the Council Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee (Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, and Wilson) meeting with School Board Representatives Stan Dunn and Naomi Leavitt, the Superintendent of Schools and his Staff, was presented by Councilman Wilson:

"We discussed five items: Concerns by the District in replacing worn out gymnasium equipment, the coordination problem involved in scheduling the use of school playing fields, the impact of implementing the Middle School concept and a brief discussion on how the City's EIR process affects the School District's trying to sell the Crenshaw School site.

"The meeting went well. Briefly, we agreed on the following:

"1. To the extent that the City's recreation program uses school gymnasium equipment, the City should consider helping to pay for replacement of this equipment. City and District Staff are going to work out a policy statement and budget estimate which this Council Committee will evaluate and then report on to the full Council.

"2. We and the District are going to try and improve the basis by which outside groups obtain the use of school fields. The District has asked us to explore the legality of having the City serve as the Master Scheduler for outside group use of school playing fields, such that the City could levy a service fee to maintain the playing fields. In this way, the users of the playing fields would bear their pro rata share expense of maintaining these areas. I would, therefore, ask the City Attorney to explore this process and advise the Committee on what options might be available to us.

"3. Night Lighting on school facilities was also discussed. As you all know, lighting is expensive. City Staff is going to explore the feasibility of beefing up street lighting on streets adjacent to school playing fields. This will materially add to security lighting, but will not solve the need for extra lighting on playing fields. Insofar as tennis courts, the Committee is of the feeling that both the schools and the city should hold off on any further night lighting of tennis courts until after the Walteria Reservoir tennis courts are built and fully in use.

"4. The School Board advised us that last night they approved the closing of Meadow Park School, effective with the next school year. City Staff will work with the schools to implement appropriate changes in the Safe School Routes, traffic signals, etc.

"5. Lastly, the District asked us to have City Staff assist in processing whatever EIR actions are necessary so that the District can get a zone change prior to their actually selling the Crenshaw site. Mr. Shartle is working with the District to see what we can do."

41. Councilman Wilson announced that North High was winner of the top award in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago; appropriate recognition should be made of this fact.

42. It was the suggestion of Councilman Wilson that the Cultural Arts Commission be advised re: the Long Beach Regional Arts Council request for liaison delegation. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem will make the necessary arrangements.

43. Councilman Surber added his congratulations to North High for their achievement in Chicago -- the City is very proud of them.

44. Planning Commission attention to deteriorating landscaping at service stations in the City was requested by Councilman Surber, to the end that consideration might be given maintenance-free plants. Planning Director Shartle confirmed the knowledge of this problem which, hopefully, can be resolved with the recently approved additional Zoning Enforcement Officers.

45. Councilman Surber noted the considerable recent interest in the Airport, it being his desire to reaffirm his position, and that of the Council, at this time -- "We do not want jets down there; we do not store jet fuel there, and I, personally, am against any commuter-type operation."

46. Additional information and clarification pertaining to the closing of Meadow Park School was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz.

47. Membership of the Environmental Review Board was announced by City Manager Ferraro: J. Scharfman, Chairman; members J. McKinnon, C. Shartle, H. Van Bellehem, and G. Weaver; alternate member, A. Horkay (Executive Secretary yet to be announced).

48. The National Basketball Championship just won by UCLA, its seventh such title -- an achievement ignored by this permaplaque-ing Council -- was duly recorded by City Manager Ferraro.

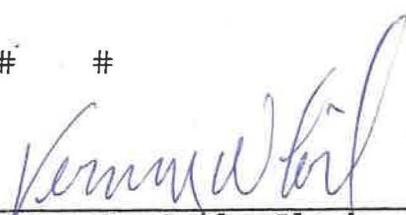
49. Mr. Ben Cooper, 22908 Anza Avenue, reiterated his concerns expressed at the Council meeting of March 20th regarding real estate signs and other signs placed on City property, and noted the need for appropriate ordinance revisions in this regard.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter be returned to the Planning Commission for hearing and recommendation.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance