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Adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil.
Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Jim Conn led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father J. O'Gorman, St. James Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of March 20, 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 properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, 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 Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:
Will next meet on April 17th at 4:30 P.M.

Public Works:
Met on April 2nd, per agenda item #23.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:
Met on April 2nd, per Oral Communication (Item #33, Page 10).

Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:
Committee Report, per Item #17.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. British Caledonian Airways Week, April 1-8, 1973.

10. Earth Week, April 9-15, 1973.

11. Ecology Days, April 7 and 8, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

12. National Library Week, April 8-14, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with grateful acknowledgment and acceptance by Library Commission Chairman Mosley and Mr. Bill Best, President, Friends of the Library.

It was the request of Chairman Mosley that the period of April 8-14th likewise be declared "Fine Free Week" -- it was so designated by Mayor Miller.

In attendance was a large, attractive, poster-laden group of supporters who warmly applauded the foregoing recognition.

13. Public Schools Week, April 8-14, 1973.

14. Torrance Action Week for Foster Children, April 8-14, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Finance Director's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1972 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:16. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STAFF.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize 5.5 additional positions to the Planning Department -- assigned as the Environmental Division -- appropriating \$14,350 for the remainder of the year. With that approval, it is then requested that Council adopt the subject ordinance and modification to Memorandum of Understanding with the employees of the affected classifications.

ORDINANCE NO. 2392

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART III OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2392 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

17. INTERIM REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APPOINTED GROUPS:RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APPOINTED GROUPS:

1. That Council leave "as is" the duties, responsibilities, etc. of the Park and Recreation, Civil Service, and Water Commissions.
2. To broaden the scope of the Planning Commission to include their being the final action body (unless appealed to Council) for Variances and Final Tract Maps.
3. To relieve formally of responsibility and honorably discharge the Auditorium Advisory Committee.
4. Subject to legal constraints, to relieve formally of responsibility, and honorably discharge the Housing Advisory Board, the Parking Place Commission and the Citizens Advisory Committee.
5. To assign responsibilities for local history activities, programs, and promotions to the Library Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Council Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz indicated his concern regarding item #2 -- Variances and Final Tract Maps can be quite controversial, and, further, this might appear that the Council is delegating some of the authority assigned it by the voters. Discussion

regarding this aspect of the procedure followed, it being noted that a "Summary" procedure will be implemented to keep the Council advised of matters considered and action taken by the Planning Commission.

Roll call vote on Councilman Armstrong's motion to concur with Committee findings was as follows:

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

18. RESOLUTION expressing congratulations and thanks to various employees for 10 years of service with the Torrance Unified School District.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS CONGRATULATIONS
AND THANKS TO _____
FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-57. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. YOUTH SPORTS IN TORRANCE:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE STUDY BY PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. That a study be made of participation in high school intramural sports and interscholastic sports programs.
2. That a study be made of youth sports programs conducted by the Torrance Park and Recreation Department.

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

It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that Staff now assemble the appropriate people from sports groups in the area in order that an analysis may be made, and policies established. Councilman Wilson noted like recommendations in the Council Committee/School Board report of March 27th.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2390.

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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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2390 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2391.

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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.

(Noted was the revision on Page 1, Section A, line 5 -- the reference should be eight inches (8"), instead of 12".)

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2391, as above amended, at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

22. RESOLUTION re: V 72-14, Bank of America NT & SA.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY BANK OF AMERICA NT & SA IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 72-14.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-56. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

23. PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED) - ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A-11-70-2, MARICOPA STREET.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the continued public hearing on the Maricopa Street Assessment District, and requested that Public Works Committee Chairman Brewster report the Committee findings. Councilman Brewster so obliged, and conveyed the:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Because of the complexity of balancing the value of what properties were actually purchased against the value of that property which we would have acquired had an illegal lot split not occurred, it is difficult to determine the exact contribution the City should make. The question of severance damage is most difficult to evaluate. However, taking into

account value of land, severance, paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, engineering, and district size, it is the recommendation of the Committee that the City contribute half of the cost, which would be \$26,615.35. (Appropriate resolutions were also submitted.)

Specifically noted as well by Mr. Brewster was the fact that Councilman Sciarrotta sat with the Committee and heard the evidence presented; however, he has been advised by the City Attorney not to be a part of the Committee recommendation inasmuch as he owns property with the District and the matter involves a reduction in assessment. (It was the aside comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that, in the eleven years he has served as Councilman, this is his first abstention.)

Mayor Miller ascertained that no further written protests had been received, and then inquired if there were any oral protests. There was no response.

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

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned numbers and read titles to the appropriate resolutions in this matter:

RESOLUTION NO. 73-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A-11-70-2; ORDERING THE ASSESSMENT MODIFIED; ISSUING A WARRANT TO THE ASSIGNEE OF THE CONTRACTOR FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT WITH THE CITY TREASURER; DENYING THE PROTESTS AND CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND DIAGRAM. .
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A-11-70-2 (MARICOPA STREET)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-58. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

The refunding of certain deposits, per resolution to follow, was noted by Mayor Miller, and previous clarification by Assessment Engineer Laurence J. Thompson was acknowledged.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY TREASURER TO REFUND TO PROPERTY OWNERS DEPOSITS HELD IN TRUST BY THE CITY GUARANTEEING THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE IN THE COST OF

THE ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENT OF MARICOPA
STREET (ASSESSMENT DISTRICT A-11-70-2) AND
ABOLISHING RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION DISTRICT
NO. 3. (MARICOPA STREET).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-59. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that Councilman Sciarrotta could properly vote in this matter.)

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$26,615.35, the City's contribution to the subject District. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

24. ZC 73-3, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Change of zone from R-3, C-2, C-3 and C-3 (PP) to C-5 on property located at the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard between 230th Street and Lomita Boulevard and the north side of Lomita Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Madison Street.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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.

The communication from Planning Director Shartle advising that this matter will be required to be processed through the environmental procedures, and requesting that the hearing be continued for 60 days, was noted by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the hearing on ZC 73-3 to June 5, 1973, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$708.75 to Henry's Camera Shop for one only 16MM movie projector as requested by the Park and Recreation Dept. for use in their audio-visual program.
2. \$659.19 to Southwest Printing & Lithograph Company of Torrance for 20,000 printed City letterheads and 10,000 printed City envelopes as requested by the Police and Library Departments.

3. \$514.50 to Bancroft-Whitney Company for one set of Deering Legal Volumes with supplements as requested by the City Attorney's office.
4. \$308.41 to West State Books for 43 adult and juvenile books.
5. \$654.48 to Colonial Book Services, Inc. for 114 books.
6. \$586.71 to Needham Book Finders for 141 books.
7. \$308.19 to Columbia University Press for 47 books.
8. \$1588.40 to Campbell & Hall for 89 adult and 141 juvenile books.
9. \$409.60 to Daley & Sons for 10,000 Business License forms as requested by the License Division.
10. \$600.23 to Green Thumb Nursery of Torrance for 149 individual plants and trees as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for refurbishment of the Sepulveda Parkway and Hickory Park.
11. \$2433.02 to Noland Paper Company for miscellaneous fine paper purchases made during the interim between expiration and renewal of our annual contract.
12. \$1617.95 to University Office Equipment, Inc. for miscellaneous furniture for the Employees Lounge in the City Hall complex.
13. \$1260.00 to Miller Desk Business Interior for ten Commission Meeting Room chairs as requested by the City Manager's office. It is requested that Council APPROPRIATE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CIVIC CENTER DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND.

26. REPAIR OF TENNIS COURTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council award the low bid for repairing the tennis courts at Walteria Park and Hickory Park to Schwall Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,688, and further recommend that Council approve a special appropriation from the General Fund in the same amount to complete the project.

27. FINAL TRACT NO. 31182.

Subdivider: Frank Sciarrotta and Frances Pikush
 Engineer: Vincent Moretti Company
 Location: North side of 227th Place west of Madison Avenue
 Number of Lots: 11

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

28. FINAL TRACT NO. 31368.
 Subdivider: Jim York.
 Engineer: Thomas Outland
 Location: Between 234th and 235th Streets west of Cabrillo Ave.
 Number of Lots: 6.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

29. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND INTERSECTION LIGHTING.
Maple and Maricopa - Del Amo and Henrietta.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

1. That the work performed by Grissom & Johnson, Inc., under City contract per Bid No. B 72-27 and Federal TOPICS Project T3041 (133) be accepted.
2. That the final 10% of the contract fee in the amount of \$4489.70 be paid to the contractor.

30. CLAIM of Joan Archuleta for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and #30. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

31. CONCORD YOUTH CONFERENCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE YOUTH COMMISSION:

That the City Council authorize the attendance of two Youth Commissioners as delegates to the Concord Youth Conference, to be held May 11, 12, and 13, and that an amount not to exceed \$170 be appropriated from the Unappropriated Reserve of the City to cover the cost.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Torrance Youth Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. SOMEFUN, INC. - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council grant Mr. Frank H. Malovich, dba SOMEFUN, INC., a 60-day extension of his construction requirement.

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

The hour being 6:30 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 proved unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:31 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. Councilman Wilson offered the following report on two meetings of the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee Monday, March 26th, and Tuesday, April 2, 1973:

"RECOMMENDATION:

"The City Council Committee on Park, Recreation and Community Development recommends that the City proceed with plans to develop Columbia Park in conjunction with CBS and Edison properties at 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard. The Committee recommends that the City expend approximately \$750,000 from Revenue Sharing Funds and recommit the City's State grant of \$236,414 for the acquisition of 7½ acres of the privately owned land which lies between the CBS property and the Edison property in order to accomplish this goal.

"DETAILED REPORT:

"Staff called to the Committee's attention the fact that HUD had rejected the County's application for matching funds in the amount of \$2,983,139 for the acquisition and development of Columbia Regional Park and that, as a result of the rejection by HUD, the entire project was in jeopardy. Concurrently, Staff revealed that the City's \$624,000 HUD grant agreement had expired, and that \$236,414 State grant was due to expire June 30, 1973, as was the agreement between the City and CBS on the deed for the CBS property.

"As a result of this information, the Council Committee has instructed Staff to request extensions of the CBS agreement and the State grant, and to attempt to get the HUD grant reactivated.

"At the same time, the Committee is recommending that the City begin new negotiations with the County in an effort to renew their interest in the Columbia Regional Park project. What we are proposing is that the City advise the County that we are willing to commit the \$750,000 of the Revenue Sharing Funds presently planned for other park acquisition programs to the Columbia Park project. It is believed that the County might be persuaded to continue the Columbia Regional Park project if we demonstrate our interest through this commitment of the \$750,000.

"We are also recommending that Staff attempt to reactivate the HUD grant and thus make the entire project even more attractive to the County. In view of the serious need for recreational facilities for Torrance residents, it is believed that this last ditch effort is worthwhile.

"There is some degree of urgency in this recommendation. The City must move immediately if the extensions from CBS and the State are to be granted in time. We also need to request Supervisor Hayes to bring the matter before the Board of Supervisors at an early date in an effort to get the Board's endorsement of the project and a 1973-74 budget commitment to it.

"The proposed trade-off on other park projects under the Revenue Sharing priorities would be the Higgins Brick park site at Van Ness and Artesia Boulevard and a portion of the park site at Maple and Sepulveda. We sincerely believe this is warranted as it may revive the County's interest and support for the Columbia Park project. In any event, a local 34-acre park site would be possible even if the County displayed no interest in the 52-acre regional park.

"By way of information, the figures developed by the County for the Columbia Regional Park project were as follows: \$2,415,600 acquisition; \$3,520,000 for development; \$160,000 relocation; \$30,678 project inspection. The County's HUD application for acquisition and development was in the amount of \$2,983,139."

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and it carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson,
and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (for reasons previously stated);
Uerkwitz (there has been sufficient debate
of this matter; further, he does not
feel this is the right location for
a park.)

34. Councilman Wilson reported the request of the Optimist Club that the week of May 1 to May 7th be proclaimed "Respect for Law Week". City Attorney Remelmeyer will prepare an appropriate Proclamation.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. The need for clarification regarding the Council's position on the development of the Torrance Airport, and a review of its history, was furnished by Mayor Miller in the following prepared statement:

"The City of Torrance acquired the Airport in 1948 from the Federal Government. The City acquired the Airport instead of letting it go to the County or some other local agency to retain control of the development and use of the Airport. At no time since 1948 has the control of the development or use of the Torrance Airport been vested in any agency other than the City of Torrance.

"The original Master Plan in 1948 called for two 6,000-ft. runways and extensive commercial operations. In 1956 a second Master Plan study was undertaken and as a result there was a reduction of the commercial emphasis and more direction towards General Aviation/Executive. But that plan still called for large, long runways.

"The citizens of this community in 1957 made their feelings known in no uncertain terms by rejecting a General Obligation Bond Issue which would have, in part, been used to acquire the additional land necessary to extend the runways at the Torrance Airport.

"In 1962 the Master Plan for the Torrance Airport was reviewed and the existing runway was shortened by displacing the thresholds and the proposed second runway was cut in half -- from 6,000 feet to 3,000 feet -- and reduced in width and weight capacity. This was done because Los Angeles International and Long Beach Municipal were so close to Torrance there was no necessity for commercial operations at the Torrance Municipal Airport. The Council decided that Torrance Airport should be a General Aviation Airport.

"In 1962 a Revenue Bond Issue was passed to provide funds for the development of the Airport for General Aviation use. Over the years, the City Council has continued to protect the community from the type of thing that has happened in Playa del Rey and Inglewood by discouraging the use of jet aircraft at the Torrance Airport. We've done this by prohibiting the sale of jet fuel at the Airport and by restricting the services that are available for jet aircraft. The new runway and taxiway system that was designed and built in 1963 will only accept an aircraft of 30,000 pounds gross weight.

"All of the jet air carrier aircraft right down to the small 737 and DC9 are too heavy and require far too much runway to be able to operate in and out of the Torrance Municipal Airport. Even many of the larger corporate jets are not able to use the Torrance Airport. These limitations as to weight and runway length are published in the Airman's information manual by the Federal Aviation Administration and known to all owners of large aircraft throughout the United States.

"The Torrance Airport is today, as it has been for many years in the past, a General Aviation Airport used mainly by business and pleasure flyers; for training by the Flight Schools located on the Airport; and by an occasional business jet which is associated with a local industry such as Union Oil or United States Steel Corporation. The Airport has 780 based aircraft, of which not one single aircraft exceeds 12,500 pounds gross weight.

"The Airport was the location of one of the first environmental programs of the City. Over the years the Airport Department, in cooperation with the FAA, has changed, adjusted and evolved an air traffic pattern over the City to keep any one area of Torrance and its neighboring cities from receiving more than its share of aircraft noise resulting from the operation of the Airport. The Airport and the FAA Tower have a continuing program of pilot education to impress upon the aircraft owners, pilots and aircraft users, that they are living with many neighbors in this community and that they should have regard for their neighbors quality of life.

"We have worked towards and achieved a noise level at the Torrance Airport, which is not in violation of the State Aircraft Noise Standards, a law which evolved out of a Senate Bill 645 of the 1969 State legislative session.

"All of these things to improve the environment of the Airport and direct the development of the Airport into the General Aviation concept has been done in cooperation with agencies of the County, State and Federal Government, but always under the local control of the City of Torrance. Recent court trends have strengthened this concept of allowing local determination of the degree an Airport can impact on a community.

"The Federal Aviation Administration's role is one of promoting air transportation as a system. The FAA issues standards and criteria; they regulate the various activity involved in the air transportation system; they administer grants in aid for the development of the airports which make up a part of the system; they provide the safety requirements and navigation aids to make the operation of the air transportation system efficient and safe.

"The reason we have a localizer today at Torrance Airport is that there are more than 8,000 instrument approaches made to the Torrance Airport each year. The minimum number of annual approaches to any airport to establish a need for an instrument landing system is 700 approaches per year. The localizer is an important safety feature for the Torrance Airport.

"It's true that an instrument landing system is a desirable thing for a scheduled air carrier airport, but it is also true that an instrument landing system is the desirable thing for a General Aviation Airport as busy as Torrance. The important thing to remember about the Federal Aviation Administration's role in their promotion of an air transportation system at a national level is that all of their activities, funding, and advice is subject to the policies and acceptance of the community at the local level. The FAA can't make us do anything that we don't want to do.

"The role of the Southern California Association of Governments is one of a regional planning agency and all of the efforts of SCAG are founded on the cooperation of the member jurisdictions. The General Assembly of SCAG is composed of City Councilmen and Supervisors who represent the many cities and counties within our region. SCAG undertakes the regional planning of transit systems, highways, and many other services and facilities which cross the boundaries of cities and counties, but must be coordinated for the mutual benefit of all citizens.

"SCAG undertook the Southern California Regional Airport Systems Study in an effort to plan for the development of air transportation in Southern California. This study, funded partly by housing and urban development and, in part, by the Federal Aviation Administration was done by Pereira Associates and Systems Development Corporation. The resulting study proposed many things for many airports in Southern California. Many of the things that were proposed for certain airports did not appear to be acceptable to the communities where those airports were located.

"To obtain the community comments on this systems study, SCAG constituted a Citizens Hearing Board of seven prominent citizens from Southern California to go into the communities and listen to the officials and citizens of these communities and report back to the Southern California Association of Governments the changes and modifications in the Airport Systems Study which would be necessary to make the final plan acceptable to the communities who would be in a position to make it work.

"On March 7, 1973 this Council sent a representative of Torrance to ask the Citizens Hearing Board to recommend SCAG hold any action on designating the Torrance Airport as a local service commuterport until the City had an opportunity to complete its Master Plan Study and tell SCAG what sort of an Airport at Torrance would be acceptable to the community. Officials of Southern California Association of Governments assure me that the decision of this Council and this community on what kind of an airport they want at Torrance will be honored and acknowledged by the Airport System Plan.

"The City of Torrance is now developing a Master Plan for the Torrance Airport. We have retained a consultant -- Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Menderhall -- to help us and we have given the consultant the statement of goals which were developed by the Planning Commission and the Airport Commission and were finally polished and adopted by the City Council December 19, 1972.

"I, personally, was opposed to any consideration of local service commuters in the Master Plan Study. The majority of the Council, however, wanted an opportunity to see what the consultant's projections for the Torrance Airport would be if local non-jet service commuters were considered.

"Nowhere in the Goals Statement and nowhere in the instructions to the consultant were jet aircraft mentioned. Even if the Torrance Airport could physically accommodate the large jets that PSA uses, they won't come to Torrance. The market isn't here. Torrance is too close to, and well served by LAX and Long Beach for PSA to be interested in attempting to generate a new traffic market. You can get to either airport in 15 minutes from Torrance. PSA just isn't interested in Torrance. They make their income from traffic volume generated at Long Beach, Hollywood/Burbank, and Los Angeles International Airports. Bill Critchfield, our Assistant Airport Manager, personally contacted Mr. Wescott, Vice President of Operations for PSA, to obtain this information.

"The consultant has developed a Demand Forecast and Analysis for the Torrance Airport, and out of this has selected three options that meet the instructions set out in the Goals Statement adopted by the City Council last December. These options will be presented at a hearing at the Airport Commission on April 26, 1973. None of the options to be

presented by the consultant for consideration include provisions for jet aircraft operation. Let me repeat that - NONE OF THE OPTIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE CONSULTANT FOR SELECTION CONTAIN PROVISIONS FOR JET OPERATIONS. We just simply are not interested in bring jet aircraft in large numbers into the City of Torrance.

"In summary, I would like to make a statement of position regarding the development of the Torrance Municipal Airport which, I hope, reflects the majority of the opinion of the Torrance City Council:

- "1. The Torrance City Council has and will continue to exercise control and set policy regarding the use, development and operation of the Torrance Municipal Airport.
- "2. The Torrance City Council will cooperate with the Southern California Association of Governments by recommending to them the role that the Torrance Municipal Airport will play in the Southern California Regional Airport System.
- "3. The Torrance City Council will continue to cooperate with the Federal Aviation Administration in meeting the standards and criteria, enforcing the regulations, considering the advice, availing itself of the funding and safety facilities to make the Torrance Municipal Airport a part of the national air transportation system, all subject to community acceptance and policies.
- "4. The Torrance City Council reaffirms its policy of discouraging the use of the Torrance Municipal Airport by jet aircraft, of prohibiting the sale of jet fuel and the services for jet aircraft.
- "5. The Torrance City Council supports the master planning process for the Torrance Airport and the hearings necessary to produce a final Master Plan to guide and control the development, use and operation of the Torrance Airport in a manner acceptable to the community.

"I ask my fellow Councilmen to join me in reaffirming this as a position on the operation, development and future use of the Torrance Municipal Airport so that we can clear up, once and for all, these misconceptions about Torrance's role in the Regional, State, and National Air Transportation System.

"With the Council's permission, I would like copies of this statement to be sent to property-owner associations and other interested persons who have expressed concern about our Municipal Airport."

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15. City Council
April 3, 1973

Commendation and support of the foregoing remarks by the Mayor were voiced by the other members of the Council. It was the specific suggestion of Councilman Brewster that the words "and standards" be added to the sentence at the top of prepared statement pg. 11: "...all subject to community acceptance, policies, and standards." There were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that the Council unanimously concur in Mayor Miller's above statement, with the recommended amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilmen Surber and Uerkwitz specifically reaffirmed their objections to commuter-type operations at Torrance Airport.

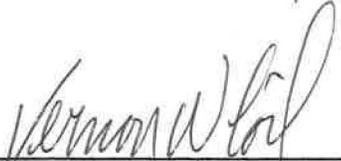
There was discussion regarding the distribution of this information to interested, concerned parties -- to include citizens, homeowner associations, legislators, and the South Bay Councilmen's Association. It was the consensus of the Council that the subject statement would adequately serve to clarify misunderstanding and inaccuracies of record surrounding the City Council's position on the Torrance Municipal Airport.

It was the further direction of the Council that there be extensive advertising and notification of the April 26th hearing by the Airport Commission on the Airport Master Plan.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance