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Adjourned at 10:41 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, May 1, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Officer Al Jackson led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The following invocation was provided by Reverend James P. Riggs, First United Methodist Church:

"OUR GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER, AS WE GATHER HERE THIS EVENING TO DELIBERATE THE MATTERS OF THE CITY, OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE AFFAIRS THAT GO ON AMONG PEOPLE, WE WOULD ASK THAT IN ALL THAT IS DECIDED AND ALL THAT IS SAID AND ALL THAT IS DONE, RIGHT MIGHT BE MANIFEST AMONG US. GUIDE US, LEAD US, AND LET THY WILL BE KNOWN TO THY PEOPLE, WE PRAY."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of April 17, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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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, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

Councilman Sciarrotta advised that meetings have been held for three consecutive weeks to review revenue sources; priorities will be listed for budget sessions.

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City Manager Ferraro noted the need for an Executive Session at the close of the meeting to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions re: Fire and Police employees.

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On behalf of the Council and Staff, Mayor Miller extended a warm welcome to the Torrance students present for the annual "YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY", and noted that they would assume leadership of the City at a later point in the meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS:9. FINANCIAL GIFT TO THE CITY BY HICKORY SCHOOL for further development of Pueblo Park.

Hickory School Principal, Mr. William Forrester, along with Mr. Gary Bergner, presented a check to the City in the amount of \$644.03, to be used for further development of Pueblo Park, such monies being attained by way of a 20-mile bicycle ride by eighth grade students at Hickory School. Mayor Miller conveyed the City's gratitude, accompanied by a tile plaque in recognition of this achievement.

10. AWARD OF TILE PLAQUE TO MR. HARRY N. MOORE.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Miller provided tile plaque recognition to Mr. Harry Moore for being selected as Los Angeles County Outstanding Older American for Torrance -- Mr. Moore was so honored at the Eighth Annual Older Americans Recognition Day, April 28, 1973, by the Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County. Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation for this Council tribute, following a resume of his interesting life by Director of Recreation Van Bellehem.

11. PRESENTATION OF PROFITS FROM YOUTH COUNCIL ENDEAVORS.

Youth Council Chairman Mary Stadler presented Mayor Miller with a check in the amount of \$280.00, profits from Youth Council dance and "Festival Del Camino" -- the Mayor expressed the appreciation of the Council for the efforts represented by this contribution.

Taken at this time, out of order, as a matter of courtesy:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. Mrs. Marion Lyman, chairman of SETHA's Park Committee, noted the delay on Sur La Brea Park development for the reason that the Rhodabarger well and two tanks have not been removed for the reason that only one informal bid has been received from a Mr. Smith.

It was added by Mrs. Lyman that apparently a leak in the casing has developed which could present a safety problem, and, in light of this, she urged that the Council consider acceptance of the only bid that has been received, an acceptable procedure under Article 10 of the Charter.

It was the further request of Mrs. Lyman that some pressure be put on Standard Oil Company to lower their pipelines without delay, in the added interest of safety.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that he be permitted to review the above, and return with a recommendation on May 8th. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMENDATIONS:

12. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to former Planning Commissioner, now Councilman, Armstrong.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
TO JAMES R. ARMSTRONG FOR HIS FAITHFUL
AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-61. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that his years on the Planning Commission "were among the most exciting and challenging years of my life. I think that this Commission in its work shows a depth and breadth and height of utmost value to the City. I consider it a privilege to have served with them."

- 12A. RESOLUTION commending Roger C. Plaisted for service given to the public in his various assignments with the American Red Cross since 1925.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING ROGER C. PLAISTED FOR THE DEDICATED SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN HIS VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SINCE 1925.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-80. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

13. Respect for Law Week - May 1-7, 1973.
14. Youth Week - May 1-7, 1973.
15. Be Kind to Animals Week - May 6-12, 1973.
16. National Hospital Week - May 6-12, 1973.
17. Correct Posture Month - May, 1973.
18. Senior Citizens Month - May, 1973.

The above were so proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

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The hour being 6:05 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:07 P.M.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY.19. Youth participants convene their meeting.

Mayor Miller invited the youth counterparts for City officials to assume the appropriate seats in order that the YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY business might be conducted; introductions followed, and with the departure of the City Council from the podium, attention was directed to the special agenda prepared for this occasion:

OPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The annual Youth in Government Day meeting convened at 6:10 P.M. on Tuesday, May 1, 1973, in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Junior Councilmen and Councilwomen Asato, June, Stadler, Tuttle, Wright, and Junior Mayor Curtis. Absent: Junior Councilman Sutley.

Also present: Junior Officials - City Manager Salazar, Assistant City Manager Rader, City Attorney Rainer, City Clerk Bergay, and City Treasurer Morrow.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:1. Surface Transportation.A. No Parking on Hawthorne Boulevard.RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

That "No Stopping Anytime - Tow Away" signs be installed on Hawthorne Boulevard between 182nd Street and Torrance Boulevard.

MOTION: Junior Councilwoman Asato moved to concur with the above recommendation; her motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Tuttle, and the motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Asato, June, Stadler, Tuttle,
Wright.

NOES: JR. MAYOR: Curtis.

ABSENT: JR. COUNCILMEN: Sutley.

B. Bluff/Madison Extension.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Bluff/Madison Extension be placed on the Master Plan.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman June moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Jr. Councilwoman Asato, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Jr. Councilman Sutley absent).

2. Commuter Transportation at Torrance Airport.

Committee recommendations were reviewed, and a series of motions evolved, as follows:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman June moved that noise levels applicable to present prop aircraft now stationed at Torrance Airport be determined and established as noise standards; further, that there be a time limit from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for aircraft landings. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Tuttle moved that the Torrance City Council investigate the merits of a rapid transit system, with a report back to the Youth Council, as well as to the Council counterparts. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman June, but it failed to carry, with a tie vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Stadler, Tuttle, Wright.
 NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Asato, June, Curtis.
 ABSENT: JR. COUNCILMEN: Sutley.

MOTION: Jr. Councilwoman Asato moved that the Torrance Youth Council be instructed to investigate the monorail/rapid transit system, and report back to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Tuttle, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Asato, Tuttle.
 NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: June, Stadler, Wright, Curtis.
 ABSENT: JR. COUNCILMEN: Sutley.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Wright moved to concur with the Committee recommendation in favor of jet aircrafts if the noise level is kept the same as it is now, with no commercial planes carrying passengers to be permitted. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman June, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Asato, June, Stadler, Wright, and
 Curtis.
 NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Tuttle.
 ABSENT: JR. COUNCILMEN: Sutley.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS.

1. Density vs. Open Space.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Tuttle moved for the adoption of the Committee's resolution in this matter. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman June, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Asato, June, Tuttle, Curtis.
 NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Stadler, Wright.
 ABSENT: JR. COUNCILMEN: Sutley.

2. Disposition of Sumps.

MOTION: Jr. Councilwoman Stadler moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation of record in this matter. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman June, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Asato, June, Stadler, Wright,
and Curtis.

NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Tuttle.

ABSENT: JR. COUNCILMEN: Sutley.

FINANCE MATTERS:

1. Utility Users' Tax Exemption.

MOTION: Jr. Councilwoman Asato moved to concur with the findings, a matter of record, of the subject committee. Her motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Tuttle, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Jr. Councilman Sutley absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

1. Solid Waste Disposal.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Tuttle moved to adopt the recommendation of the Solid Waste Disposal Debate Group (of record), and the motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Wright.

An AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION was offered by Jr. Councilman June: That the proposed study incorporate investigation of the merits of an acid-type operation. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilwoman Stadler, and roll call vote on the amendment proved unanimously favorable (Jr. Councilman Sutley absent).

Roll call vote on the main motion was unanimously favorable (Absent: Jr. Councilman Sutley).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Jr. Mayor Curtis requested that the City Council look into the problem faced by the Torrance School District in obtaining the services of police officers for various high school activities.

2. Jr. Councilman June: MOVED that the Torrance City Council report back to the Youth Council and to the Youth In Government Day counterparts within 90 days regarding any decisions made as a result of this meeting, in order that they may be informed on the progress. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilwoman Asato, and approval was unanimous (Absent: Jr. Councilman Sutley).

3. Jr. Councilwoman Stadler noted current considerations of the Youth Commission and Youth Council regarding the possibilities of establishing a health clinic in Torrance -- input and participation in these discussions by interested parties was urged by her.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Jr. Council meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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The City Council returned, their appreciation was conveyed by Mayor Miller, and presentation of plaques to the Junior Officials followed.

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REAL PROPERTY:

20. LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM POLICY REGARDING MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASES.

The Land Management Team communication of April 27th which clarified the subject situation was noted. Assistant City Manager Scharfman reaffirmed these findings.

Mr. Frank Leichleiter, 2240 West 236th Street, was present to reiterate his objections in this matter and to criticize present policies and procedures at the Airport, in that the Land Management Team decision left no right of appeal, and that there are apparent inconsistencies regarding Airport leases.

Next to speak was Ms. Jan Baylor, Rolling Hills Aviation, who voiced her opinions regarding needed Airport policy and an establishment of equitable procedures -- in the subject matter, she urged that the Council ascertain the true intentions of the parties involved, and that they be afforded fair treatment.

On behalf of the Torrance Airport Business Association, Mr. George Haddad joined in pointing out the serious need for established policies and procedures at the Airport, specifically noting the fact that the 1972 "Blue Ribbon Committee" established to hear complaints and recommendations regarding the Airport has not yet presented its findings.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Miller that the above discussion relative to policies and procedures be referred to the Council Transportation Committee for review and recommendation, with Council attention at this time directed to the matter at hand -- the Leichleiter lease. It was the further direction of Mayor Miller that the Transportation Committee's recommendation be back to the Council in 30 days, to appear on the June 5th agenda.

Council attention was now directed to the Leichleiter lease.

Mr. Pete Somers, 22620 Ocean Avenue, related his role in this matter--the application process, his qualifications, financial investment, etc.

Council discussion incorporated acknowledgment that deviation and confusion surrounds the current "policy", past precedents have now created a "tempest in a teapot", and exception in this one particular case only appeared appropriate.

In view of the fact that Mr. Somers has worked for Mr. Leichleiter for a considerable length of time, and the same type of operation will continue, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the Council grant Mr. Leichleiter permission to transfer his lease to Mr. Somers, per his request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that the matter be held in abeyance until such time as it can be studied in greater depth and on a broader scope, simply by asking Mr. Leichleiter to submit a letter to the City withdrawing his request to vacate the hangar -- Mr. Somers and Mr. Leichleiter can then continue to operate via informal agreement, until such study can be completed.

Councilman Uerkwitz confirmed that, regardless of action taken, the lease is a 30-day lease -- Mr. Somers would have the same month-to-month lease as that of Mr. Leichleiter, and it would be necessary to abide by Land Management Team Policy in future considerations.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Armstrong: That the Council concur with the above recommendation of Councilman Brewster that this matter be held in abeyance for proper study, and that there be an informal agreement between Messrs. Leichleiter and Somers until resolution is achieved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

The substitute motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the specific statement of Mayor Miller -- for incorporation in the minutes of this matter -- that it was the finding of the Council that because of the confusion surrounding this matter, the above decision was reached -- however, such action is not to be considered precedent-setting in future Airport lease considerations.

Noted by Councilman Brewster was the fact that at a recent Airport Commission meeting Commissioner Garcelon recommended a Master Lease "right of review" -- this should be incorporated in the study to be made by the Transportation Committee.

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21. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Airport Hangar lease for 22 sites for James A. White and Maxine M. White, spin-off of Building Contractors Faulkner-Mitchell.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JAMES A. WHITE AND MAXINE M. WHITE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-81. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. RESOLUTION re: Columbia Park - Second Appraisal.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR ACQUISITION APPRAISAL BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHARLES P. MORGAN AND DONALD L. GUITHUES.
(COLUMBIA PARK - Second Appraisal)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-82. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson,
and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Uerkwitz, for previously stated
reasons.

- 22A. SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY - DEL AMO BOULEVARD BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND VAN NESS.

Mr. Dick Miller, 2305 Torrance Boulevard, was present to state his opinion that \$1.25 per sq. ft. is not enough for the subject piece of land, and indicated his desire to bid \$1.30 for same.

In view of this, Mayor Miller recommended that this item be held over to permit notification and necessary advertising for a published bid.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to refer Item #22A to Staff for necessary action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. RESOLUTION re: Submission Document to SCAG requesting funding for Transportation Study for highway development in 1973-74 Work Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION PLANNING FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN PLANNING FOR ITS EXISTING AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-79. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber. (Too much confusion).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. SENIOR SECRETARY - PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL STAFF:

Reallocation to Secretary class.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

Denial of reallocation.

Clarification of his April 27th communication was provided by Personnel Manager Gregory, with the request that Council authorize the filling of the subject Senior Secretary position with the class of Secretary.

Representing TCEA, Mr. Joe Woodford, CLOCEA representative, urged Council denial of such reallocation (per Civil Service Commission findings) -- his communication of March 21, 1973, encompassing his arguments for retention of the Senior Secretary position was provided the Council, and were reaffirmed by him. Support of his arguments, and the decision of the Civil Service Commission, was requested by Mr. Woodford.

Mrs. Kay Kling, TCEA Civil Service Chairman, reviewed recent Senior Secretary appointments, minus the study which has surrounded the subject position, a position which clearly qualifies as "Senior Secretary" -- fair treatment has not been afforded, in her opinion, and it was her expressed hope that the Council would join with the Civil Service Commission in unanimous denial of the reallocation.

Mr. Ed Boecher, 3138 Newton Street, chairman of the Budget Review Committee for the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, indicated concurrence with the recommendation of the Personnel Manager, based on the Committee's feeling that the City Manager has the right and responsibility to review positions as they become available in that there are changes continuously in any operation. Also noted by Mr. Boecher was the fact that the subject position was one pointed out by them in last year's budget sessions for reappraisal.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that he would not discourage Staff from continued study and analysis of positions as they become vacant; the Chamber of Commerce likewise should continue its study -- however, in this instance, the wrong position has been selected for such cutback, in Dr. Wilson's opinion, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission for DENIAL of the subject reallocation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Comments at time of roll call vote were as follows:

Councilman Armstrong recommended that the issue is much deeper than a single position -- there appears to be a need to rebuild the entire classification system from the ground up -- in this case, Mr. Armstrong would support the Civil Service Commission.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that his "no" vote was for the reason that he feels the City Manager's Staff is correct, and that management has such control -- the decisions are difficult and may appear "hard nosed", but the responsibility to the public must be acknowledged through containment wherever possible.

The matter of reclassification could best be done by an outside firm, in the opinion of Councilman Sciarrotta; there appears to be a need for such study, in that the J.L. Jacobs Study is now seriously outdated.

Staff did not prove its case to him, per Councilman Uerkwitz -- overall Senior Secretary reevaluation would be more meaningful, rather than the selection of a single position.

Mayor Miller did not favor the "piece-mealing" of a single position -- it should encompass all Senior Secretaries, and should be resolved in another manner.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

25. REPORT OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. (Chapter 27, Short Form 1911 Act, 71-4, 72-1, 72-2)

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing on Report of Cost of Construction on Projects 71-4, 72-1, 72-2, Chapter 27, Short Form 1911 Act.

City Clerk Coil confirmed that notices were mailed and posted. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that such record be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

There were no written protests of record.

Those desiring to speak were invited to do so at this time.

Mr. Don Gaede, 2620 West 164th Street, noted the high bid received in this matter, ^{and} questioned the responsibility for possible drainage problems -- a need for review was indicated by City Engineer Weaver, and it was the direction of the Council that this item (72-2) be held for two weeks.

Similar problems were presented re: 71-4 by the Pastor of the First Born Chapel, and Mr. H.J. Reid, 2378 West 233rd Street -- this item was also held for two weeks.

No protests were forthcoming re: 72-1, and Councilman Armstrong moved to close that hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to the appropriate resolution for 72-1:

RESOLUTION NO. 73-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ASSESSING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, AND DRIVEWAYS IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SAID CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 27, DIVISION 7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE (SHORT FORM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911, 72-1)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-83. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue the hearings on 71-4 and 72-2 to the Council meeting of May 15, 1973, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:26. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$346.23 to Sweinhart Electric Company for necessary repairs to heavy-duty welding equipment requested by the City Garage.
2. \$645.00 to Standard and Poors Corporation for one set each of American and New York Stock Exchange stock reports.
3. \$1749.00 to MacMillan Publishing Company, Inc. for six sets Colliers Encyclopedia.
4. \$300.83 to G.K. Hall and Company for 30 adult books.
5. \$1473.47 to Library Associates for 252 adult books.
6. \$839.15 to N.M.C. Corporation for 261 phonograph records.
7. \$632.68 to Needham Book Finders for 161 adult books.
8. \$313.72 to Literary Associates for 136 adult books.
9. \$373.80 to Albro Fire Equipment Company for three sets of aluminized fire fighting "proximity" suits as requested by the Fire Department. These suits are used by the Crash Crews at the Airport.
10. \$379.30 to 3M Business Sales, Inc. for various type 3M copier supplies requested by the Park and Recreation Department for use on their machine.
11. \$536.13 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for various library book binding supplies as requested by the City Librarian for book processing.
12. \$961.07 to L.F.E., Division of Lab for Electronics, for 12 each General Electric mast arm light fixtures for street lighting replacements, as requested by Traffic and Lighting.
13. \$378.74 to Park-Son, Inc. for two 8-inch water control valves requested by the Water Department.
14. \$351.70 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for 1000 legal pressboard binders requested by the City Clerk for filing City records.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

15. \$1090.95 to Hersey Products for one only 4-inch Hersey Water Meter requested by the Water Department for installation at the Don Wilson Company. Payment has already been received.

16. \$991.67 to Martin Hannum, Inc. for 12 ounces of gold, 119 ounces of sterling, requested by the Park and Recreation Department for use in their jewelry craft classes. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from class participants.

C. SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

17. \$400.05 to Photo and Sound Corp. for two Wollensak tape recorders requested by the City Clerk as replacement units. (The City Clerk had included these recorders in his 1973-74 budget.)

27. REVISION IN MEDICAL STANDARDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the current medical standards be revised in that the present standards disqualify a candidate who has a history of mental illness, neurosis, or psychosis -- the Commission recommended that this be changed by adding the word "recent" before the word "history" to this reason for disqualification.

28. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Two Street Sweepers - Four Cubic Yard Size.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR.

That Council approve of the purchase of two Street Sweepers (4 cubic yard size) from the DEARTH MACHINERY COMPANY (Per City of Carson Bid No. B72-5, in the total amount of \$35,733.60 including tax, except Torrance would trade in two units - a 1960 and 1961 three-wheel Street Sweeper.)

Further, that Council appropriate \$17,866.80 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to cover the purchase of the second unit.

29. CLAIM of Robert J. Hein 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.

30. CLAIM of Laraine L. Robbiano 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.

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT REGARDING ONE-MAN RUBBISH BODIES - REF. BID #B73-14.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by Dearth Machinery Company (low by virtue of invoice discount) and approve of awarding them the contract in the total amount of \$32,272.80, less \$100.00 invoice discount. (Council appropriated necessary funds to cover this purchase on January 9, 1973.)

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and #31. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unani- mously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

32. CARSON STREET IMPROVEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN & CRENSHAW
(JOB NO. 70035)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Change Order No. 5 be approved and that \$20,000 in 2106 Gas Tax Funds be appropriated.

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

33. RESOLUTION re: Notification to Airmen re: Landing and Take- Off of Turbo-Jet and Fan-Jet Aircraft.

The request of Councilman Uerkwitz at the April 17th Council meeting that a study be made regarding the possible abatement of noise on the Torrance Municipal Airport was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer who furnished the Council with a proposed Ordinance A which would prohibit the landing of jets -- Ordinance B prohibits touch-and-go landings at night -- and Ordinance C prohibits the operation of aircraft in the City with a noise level exceeding 90 dba.

Clarification regarding the above proposed ordinances was provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer, it being his recommendation that they be thoroughly studied prior to taking formal action.

A resolution requesting that the FAA notify airmen regarding landing and take-off of turbo-jet and fan-jet aircraft restrictions, as also requested by Councilman Uerkwitz, was offered at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO NOTIFY AIRMEN THAT THE LANDING AND TAKE-OFF OF TURBO-JET AND FAN-JET AIRCRAFT ARE RESTRICTED ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-84. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the City Manager and City Attorney be directed to obtain proposals from firms of acoustical experts for a noise study of the Torrance Municipal Airport and make a recommendation to the Council; further, that the City Manager and City Attorney be directed to study aircraft noise monitoring systems and

equipment and make a recommendation to the Council concerning the purchase of such equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer Ordinances A,B, and C to the City Manager and City Attorney for further research, to be brought back within 30 days or when the Supreme Court rules on the Burbank case. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that there be added research regarding any possible loss of control of the Airport by the City in the contemplated legislation. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. Mrs. Marion Lyman re: Sur La Brea Park (Page 3).

35. City Manager Ferraro requested Council approval of the off-site Airport Commission meeting of May 17, 1973, to be held at Torrance High School, re: the Airport Master Plan. Mayor Miller so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was added by Mr. Ferraro that the Airport Master Plan will not be considered at the regular meeting of the Airport Commission on May 10th, but will be considered at the above noted May 17th meeting. Approval of a repetition of the vigorous publicity afforded this matter was requested by City Manager Ferraro; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

It was confirmed by City Attorney Remelmeyer, at Councilman Sciarrotta's question, that the departing Airport Commissioner at the April 26th Master Plan meeting could vote and make recommendation even though not at the hearing, for the reason that this is a legislative matter as opposed to a quasi-judicial matter.

36. Appropriate recognition for the Torrance High School Troubadours and the medal awarded them in their recent competition was requested by Councilman Armstrong. Specific concurrence was expressed by Councilman Surber.

37. Councilman Sciarrotta requested that the City Attorney prepare a report on whether or not the Airport can be phased out and completely removed from the City of Torrance.

38. Councilman Surber referred to the pending appointment of a Directorship of our Corridor - Corridor B of the Southern California Rapid Transit District, and urged support of Councilman Uerkwitz, in view of his highly qualified experience in this area.

It was the request of Mayor Miller that discussion of this matter be held until his oral presentation, which will recommend the appointment of Councilman Brewster to such Directorship. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. (See Page 19, Item 44.)

39. Councilman Surber noted a recent communication pertaining to the "leash law". The City's arrangements with the Southern California Humane Society for more effective curbing of dogs and citing of leash law violations was reported by City Manager Ferraro, who noted that a formal report will be forthcoming in approximately 45 days.

40. Resolution recognition for Messrs. Gerald Russell on his appointment as Assistant State Highway Engineer, and Jesus Garcia on his appointment as Environmental Planner, Pollution Control Studies, was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz. It was noted that this request would deviate from established Council policy regarding recognition procedures, but such deviation was unanimously approved by the Council in this instance.

41. Councilman Uerkwitz requested an expression of appreciation to Sheriff Pitchess and his Staff for their valuable support and assistance to the City of Torrance in areas of law enforcement.

42. The use of the Torrance Airport by Lockheed Jet Star aircraft, owned by Union Oil Company, at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 28th -- with a return trip at 1:00 P.M. on April 29th -- was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the comment that "it scorched the roofs".

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that City Manager Ferraro direct a letter to Union Oil Company outlining the Council's displeasure with these activities. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

43. Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Paul Carl, Mobil Oil Company, and reported as follows:

"I am pleased to announce that the Mobil Oil Corporation is going to initiate an extensive landscaping of the Torrance Refinery. This landscaping will be along their refinery property bordering Crenshaw Boulevard, and will include 180,000 square feet of landscaping.

"This professionally designed landscaping will include 40,000 square feet of lawn, 600 shrubs, and nearly 500 mature trees. In addition, the refinery fencing will be replaced with a new redwood fence. The landscaped area will be equipped with automatic sprinklers and night illumination.

"In addition, the City will gain its first bicycle pathway approximately 8 feet in width extending the entire length of Mobil's property along Crenshaw Boulevard.

"From personally looking at the landscaping plans, I can say that I am pleased and delighted at the quality to be installed at this project. The cost will be in the 100's of 1,000's of dollars.

"A formal groundbreaking will be held at 9 o'clock on Friday morning at the refinery. I am in hopes that several of you Councilmen may be able to join me, and I would also like to invite members of the Torrance Beautiful Commission and Chamber of Commerce.

"Mobil Oil is one of the larger industries in town, and it is, therefore, very personally gratifying to see them make this commitment to improving our community. Hopefully, these efforts will not go unnoticed by the other major industries in town."

Mr. Carl affirmed Mobil Oil Company's pleasure in taking this step, and advised that an extensive slide presentation will be made at the May 3rd meeting of the Torrance Beautiful Commission.

44. The nomination of Councilman Brewster to serve on SCRTD Board was urged by Mayor Miller, by way of the following prepared oral communication:

"Most recently a vacancy occurred on the South Coast Regional Commission, a Commission which we in Torrance are greatly interested in. Council unanimously agreed to support Dr. Wilson in an effort to secure South Bay representation by way of the SCAG appointment now available.

"As a result of certain political changes in the South Bay, there is now a vacancy for a Directorship of our Corridor - Corridor B of the Southern California Rapid Transit District. This Corridor extends from Beverly Hills and Santa Monica down through the South Bay at the Long Beach City Limits. Torrance is therefore the largest city within that Corridor and, of course, we are one of the few municipalities operating our own bus line. Therefore, it seems most appropriate that our level of expertise and particular interest in transit systems be recognized by way of serving as the Corridor Director on the RTD Board. You may recall that this position has most recently been represented by former Councilman Hayward of Redondo Beach.

"If we are going to seek the directorship for Corridor B, we should unite behind our strongest candidate for consideration by our sister cities in the Corridor. I am, therefore, in hopes that Council would unanimously support the City's backing of Councilman George Brewster as a candidate for RTD Director of Corridor B.

"As a Councilman, George has represented Torrance in a number of transportation-related items including the South Bay Intercity Highway Committee (of which he is currently vice president); various SCAG Committees, including their Committee on Comprehensive Transportation Planning; and, of course, has served here as Chairman of our own Public Works Committee. Councilman Brewster's expertise in this area is not limited to background gained from serving as a Planning Commissioner or Councilman. For instance, while working for North American Rockwell, he was involved in a number of transportation-related projects including the California Transportation Study, HUD's Frontiers of Urban Transportation Technology Study and several sophisticated projects related to mass transportation systems.

"While we may not all have agreed with George on each of his positions regarding transportation items, I think that we all share a respect for his analysis and sincerity.

"I would, therefore, ask Council concurrence in our collectively backing George Brewster to serve as Corridor B Director of the Rapid Transit District."

The talents of Councilman Uerkwitz were acknowledged by Mayor Miller, as was the fact that he had no knowledge of any interest on his part, per Councilman Surber's earlier oral communication. It was the expressed hope of the Mayor that a letter might go forward under his signature with unanimous concurrence for the appointment of Councilman Brewster, per his foregoing remarks.

It was clarified by Councilman Surber that considerable support for Mr. Uerkwitz was voiced by the South Bay Councilmen's Association, hence his recommendation. Councilman Uerkwitz concurred that the endorsement should be unanimous, and noted that he and Councilman Brewster share the same objectives regarding transportation; the important consideration is Torrance representation on the Board.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that the Council endorse Councilman George Brewster for appointment as Director of Corridor B, Southern California Rapid Transit District. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta with the comment that Mr. Brewster has represented the City of Torrance in other phases of transportation, and that he is actually the Council's "expert" in these matters.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Surber: That the name of Councilman Uerkwitz be submitted for the subject appointment. The motion died for lack of a second.

Roll call vote on Mayor Miller's motion endorsing Councilman Brewster was unanimously favorable. Councilman Surber indicated his concurrence with Mr. Brewster's qualifications, and deemed it regrettable that both men cannot serve.

Mayor Miller directed that an appropriate letter, over his signature, go forward reflecting the above action.

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At 10:25 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session regarding hours, wages, and working conditions for Police and Fire employees. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed the propriety of this subject matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 10:41 P.M. for formal adjournment.

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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City of Torrance, California

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