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at 5:30 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 22, 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, and Deputy City Clerk Moss. Absent: City Clerk Coil; City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Torrance Cadet Senior Girl Scout Troop #849 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation, as follows, was provided by Dr. Ray W. Ragsdale, First Methodist Church:

"ETERNAL GOD, UNIVERSAL FATHER, WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GRATITUDE THAT YOU HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN. YOU ARE NOT SOME REMOTE AND ALOOF BEING WHO DOESN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS -- YOU ARE PRESENT WITH US IN EVERY NOBLE THOUGHT, IN EVERY GENEROUS ACT. YOU SPEAK TO US IN MANY PLACES AS WELL AS IN CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES. YOU WORK THROUGH SELF-GIVING PERSONS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. WE PAUSE TONIGHT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE IN ALL OUR EFFORTS TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of May 1, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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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:Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:

Met this date -- report to Council forthcoming.

Transportation:

Will meet on May 30th at 5:00 P.M.

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Introduced, and warmly welcomed to the City of Torrance, were visiting business leaders from Russia.

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PRESENTATIONS:9. COMMENDATION TO TORRANCE HIGH TROUBADOURS, Silver Medal Winner, 1973 Hawaiian Festival of Music.

Individual tile plaques, in recognition of this achievement, were presented by Councilman Armstrong and Mayor Miller to each award-winning Troubadour.

10. COMMENDATION TO THE DEL AMO OPTIMIST CLUB, ZONE III AWARD WINNERS FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE IN SIGNIFICANTLY (\$20,000) IMPROVING PUEBLO PARK.

A permaplaque presentation was made by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, in sincere appreciation of this outstanding community contribution by the Del Amo Optimist Club.

11. PRESENTATION OF VISUALTEK READER FOR THE SIGHT-HANDICAPPED BY NORTH TORRANCE LIONS, SOUTH TORRANCE LIONS, AND TORRANCE LIONS CLUBS.

Lions Club representatives were present -- the Visualtek Reader was on display -- and Mayor Miller gratefully accepted their check to cover the purchase of such a Reader, on behalf of the Council and all who will benefit from this equipment.

PROCLAMATIONS:

12. First Class Girl Scout Day - May 31, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

REAL PROPERTY:

13. RESOLUTION re: MADRONA AVENUE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-104

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 AGREEMENTS EMPLOYING EXPERTS TO ASSIST THE CITY IN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS, IN THE APPRAISAL AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND THEREUNDER, AND IN LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT THEREFOR.

(Madrona Avenue and 235th Street
Assessment District No. A 11-73-3)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-104. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that Assessment Engineer Thompson will receive \$40.00 per hour for his services, not to exceed the stated figure, and the contract will be amended accordingly.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 73-104 was unanimously favorable.

14. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of a portion of Newton Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF NEWTON STREET IN LOT 9, MEADOW PARK TRACT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-105. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. PROPOSED VACATION OF STREET EASEMENT IN Lot 35, Tract No. 639. Proponent and Beneficiary: Kenneth Harryman.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Council initiate the subject vacation and waive the fee.
2. That the City Council approve and adopt the subject resolution summarily vacating the street easement in Lot 35, Tract No. 639.

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RESOLUTION NO. 73-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES BEING A PORTION OF LOT 35, TRACT NO. 639 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Surber moved to concur with recommendations of City Engineer Weaver to initiate the subject vacation and waive the fee, and for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-106. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of an agreement for relocation services between the City and Port & Flor, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PORT & FLOR, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-107, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that his affirmative vote was cast on the basis of clarification by City Manager Ferraro that this is a recurring service.

17. RECONSIDERATION REGARDING JOHN M. ENGELMAN'S OFFER TO PURCHASE CITY-OWNED LOT 33, ARLINGTON AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the Council leave in effect its motion to sell Lot 33 as now constituted to Mr. Engelman for the sum of \$3,000 subject to the conditions originally imposed by the Land Management Team.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reviewed the previous developments in this matter, and verbally clarified his May 22, 1973 communication of record, noting that Mr. Engelman had rejected the alternate proposal suggested by Mr. Dick Miller at the May 15th Council meeting.

Mr. John Engelman was present to further clarify the findings in his letter of May 18th, and urged that the Council honor its unanimous ruling at the May 15th meeting to sell him Lot 33 for \$3000.

Also present was Mr. Dick Miller, 2325 Torrance Boulevard, who reiterated his opinion that his proposal had merit, and would work to the best advantage of all concerned.

There was Council review and discussion of the previous considerations in this matter -- particularly the planning aspect -- and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the original position of the Council which was to consummate the deal with Mr. Engelman on Lot 33, and advertise Lot 32 for public bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster with the request that the May 16, 1973 communication from Mr. Dick Miller and the May 18, 1973 from Mr. John Engelman be incorporated in the official record of this matter. It was so ordered.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

18. CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY LIST.

Withdrawn -- additional information needed. In view of the interested parties present, it was announced that this item would appear on the June 5th agenda.

19. RELOCATION OF CROSSING GUARD ON LOMITA BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION/TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPT.
That there be relocation of the Crossing Guard from Ocean Avenue to Kent Avenue on Lomita Boulevard when Meadow Park School is closed.

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

20. ORDINANCE amending Code relating to Administrative Expenses; Limitations.

ORDINANCE NO. 2394

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 21.3.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; LIMITATIONS.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2394 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. YOUTH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION RE: S.B. 71.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer this item to the Legislative Liaison Committee for study and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Brewster, as a Committee member, requested input from the School Board and the Police Department regarding this legislation.

22. ANNUAL PARK AND RECREATION AWARDS DINNER.

Concurrence with the date of June 27th for the Annual Park and Recreation Awards Dinner was indicated by the Council.

TRANSPORTATION:

23. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Amendment to Urban Mass Transportation Capital Grant Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL GRANT CONTRACT FOR PROJECT NO. CA-03-0029, CONTRACT NO. DOT-UT-443 TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT BY INCLUDING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ITEMS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-108. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. ASSIGNMENT OF POLICEWOMEN TO FIELD DUTIES.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that agenda item #24 be referred to Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

25. ADMINISTRATION REORGANIZATION NO. 16

The desire of the Airport Commission to review this matter, and provide input regarding same, was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz. Concerns expressed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups were pointed out by Councilman Armstrong who recommended the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee, composed of Council Committee Chairmen Sciarrotta (Finance), Surber (Transportation) and Armstrong (Civil Service), to review this matter.

Representing the Airport Commission, its Chairman, John Blaisdell, stated that the basic concern is the overall operation of the system; operation of the airport from City Hall is not deemed feasible.

Airport Commissioner John Smith, 22725 Elm Avenue, labelled this agenda item a "sleeper" -- approval of same would wipe out the Airport Department as such, along with the Civil Defense, Traffic, and Airport Commissions, and result in one Commission responsible for Transportation

matters. It was further stated by Mr. Smith that during the trial period for the reorganization, since Jack Egan left the City, the following situation exists: there is no Airport Manager, there is 2/3rds of an Asst. Airport Manager; a Senior Secretary has been lost; and 2/3rds of the administration is likewise lost.

It was then stated by Airport Commissioner Smith that an airport cannot be run from City Hall -- tenants and pilots are bewildered, and coordination is virtually impossible. Mr. Smith urged that the Council look into the details of the proposed reorganization, and seriously consider the proposed action, taking the foregoing remarks into account.

Next to speak was Airport Commissioner Ken Garcelon, 22920 Maple Avenue, who concurred in the above comments, and added that what is proposed merits further study, aided by Airport Commission expertise and feeling on airport matters. There is a need for specialized training and knowledge in running an airport -- hence it was Mr. Garcelon's request that there be further study by a Council committee and the Airport Commission.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter be referred to the Councilman Armstrong-recommended Ad Hoc Committee, the Airport Commission, and the Traffic Commission. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Dick Cahill, Local #1117, noted the long standing unresolved problems surrounding the Bus Department, with further delay now evident because of the subject matter -- Mr. Cahill urged that the subject matter be expedited.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that Staff provide further definition, particularly re: land management activities.

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The hour being 8:25 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 10-minute recess followed at 8:29 P.M.

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The president of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club, Mr. Don Marousek, was present to extend an invitation to the Council, Mayor Miller, and City Staff, at its annual "Sportsmen's Night" on May 23rd.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

17. SETHA REQUEST for reconsideration to discuss the matter of the conversion of City of Torrance Well No. 6, on the west end of Sur La Brea Park, to a monitor of the Superior waterflood of SETHA's membership area.

SETHA president, Mr. Orin P. Johnson, reaffirmed the clarification in this matter as outlined in his May 17, 1973 communication of record. It was the added statement of Mr. Johnson that the Council is not receiving all the needed input from Staff, and that some Staff members are either programming for or holding options open for future secondary recovery operations in the Southeast Torrance area -- it was his request that Council query appropriate Staff members in this regard. City Manager Ferraro voiced his considerable objections to the foregoing statement, and requested that specific names be furnished him in order that an investigation may be made. Mayor Miller so directed.

Continuing, Mr. Johnson urged that the Council make its position in this regard abundantly clear to Torrance residents -- as was done with airport policy when the Council was faced with similar concerns.

Mrs. Marion Lyman, chairman, SETHA Park Committee, again pointed out the long delayed development of Sur La Brea Park, and the need for removal of the Rhodabarger equipment in order that this may be achieved. Mrs. Lyman urged that action be taken which would insure full speed ahead development of the west end of the park. Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that bidding for such removal is underway, and will be accomplished expeditiously on completion of the bidding process.

Council discussion encompassed review of SETHA's past concerns regarding possible danger to their lives and homes, Council response thereto, the need to expedite the park development, the unlikely intent of the City to "get into the oil business", the value of the proposed monitoring program, and SETHA's June 4th meeting where pertinent facts will be made available and needed information will be provided.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to file the subject communication. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. LIBRARY COMMISSION REPORT ON FORMATION OF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE, AND REQUEST TO ATTEND HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The appointment of Commissioners Covey, Crain, and Werre to the Historical Committee was noted by the Council, as was the Library Commission request that Council authorize two members of the Historical Committee to attend the Conference of California Historical Societies; further, that Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$150 for this purpose.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

28. ORDINANCE amending Code relating to real estate signs.

Mayor Miller announced that he would abstain in this matter -- Mayor Pro Tem Sciarrotta assumed leadership of the meeting, and, at his request, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2395

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 88.6.6, ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8, DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REAL ESTATE SIGNS.

Councilman Surber moved for approval of Ordinance No. 2395 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Sciarrotta invited comments from the audience.

Present were Mr. Orin P. Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst, who reviewed past Council action regarding this particular type of signing, described the importance of such signing to the real estate business (which also polices the signing), and who urged that the ordinance remain as it is -- and Mr. Edwin Furnee, president, Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, who noted the considerable appreciation of Torrance property values over the years, and requested that realtors be permitted to do their job, and police their signing.

A show of hands, at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Sciarrotta, indicated a large number of people present on this item -- in view of the apparent concern and interest, it was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that these people should confer with Staff in an effort to work out a satisfactory arrangement for all. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated his concurrence with this suggestion, deeming adoption of ordinance premature until such meetings can be held -- Mr. Uerkwitz thereupon WITHDREW HIS SECOND to the above motion.

Councilman Surber stated his opinion that it is not proper to use City property for private gain -- further, the community has achieved the property values it enjoys in spite of, not because of, the signs.

The above motion having died for lack of a second, Mayor Pro Tem Sciarrotta entertained another course of action.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that this item be referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee for a meeting with all interested parties, with findings to be returned to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Sciarrotta: That the subject amendment be filed, and that the ordinance remain as it now exists. The motion died for lack of a second.

The main motion carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta (feels those signs do a very good
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller. job.)

29. EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION ON SEISMIC MONITORING BY TORRANCE OIL BOARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE OIL BOARD:

That the report - "Review of Proposed Microseismic Monitoring in the City of Torrance" -- its conclusions and recommendations, be accepted by the Council, and that the City of Torrance not participate in microseismic monitoring at this time, but that should significant seismic events occur in the future, a program to determine the extent of any potential hazard be undertaken at that time.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Torrance Oil Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. REVISION OF OIL CODE SECTION RE: TANK TESTING.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE OIL BOARD:

That Council direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance revising Section 97.10.2(b) of the Torrance Oil Code to reflect that tanks be tested once every five years, for Council approval.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation; seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and unanimously approved.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2393.

ORDINANCE NO. 2393

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

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2393 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Wilson.
 (Not present at first reading).

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

32. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1973.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing on Resolution No. 73-103 - Weed Abatement Program.

At Mayor Miller's question, Deputy City Clerk Moss advised that notices have been mailed.

As to protests, City Engineer Weaver advised that one protest had been received from Mr. Rosenthal, 5500 Torrance Boulevard -- Staff will follow through.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 73-103.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-109. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

Considered together:

33. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 73-28 - Appeal of Environmental Review Board's determination that an Environmental Impact Report is required for TT 28651, DON WILSON BUILDERS.
34. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 28651, DON WILSON BUILDERS.
Appeal of approval by the Planning Commission for a 16-lot subdivision on property located between 233rd Street and 235th Street, approximately 500' east of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mayor Miller directed that consideration first be given item #33, and announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing.

Environmental Review Board Chairman Scharfman elaborated on the Board's findings as to the impact represented by increased automobiles and children on the street.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that the present condition of the subject property, filled with oil refuse, garbage, scrap metal, etc., can only be a tremendous improvement by way of this opportunity to develop this difficult property in a manner compatible with the area. It is, in Mr. Armstrong's opinion, one more assault on a blight created by oil tankage.

What else is to be done with the property was Councilman Surber's question, if it is not developed as proposed in this case -- it will clean up the area, and is a good "way to go".

The proponent, Mr. Don Wilson, Jr., 390 Union Bank Tower, advised, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, that all the oil equipment will be removed -- Mr. Wilson further clarified that his appeal on Item #34 had resulted in the ERB review; such was not required at the time of his original application.

An Environmental Impact Report would be pointless, in the opinion of Councilman Brewster -- there is the right of development of the property, and what is proposed in this case is the least intensive use.

Mayor Miller commented that the Environmental Review Board is a significant, and needed, step forward -- however, in a case where residential development is proposed in a residential area, the requirement of an EIR is without merit; apartment development, and the density impact, is quite another matter. The Mayor added that the entire Southeast Torrance area has been developed on the 55 ft. lot concept; it is an arrangement compatible with the neighborhood, and he will support this request. In conclusion, Mayor Miller stated that he desired to go on record, for the benefit of the Environmental Review Board, "let's get to some of the things that are really significant".

Mr. Crin P. Johnson, SETHA president, reported the findings of the Executive Board: that the Environmental Impact Report be waived in this case, and that the 55x105 lot size is certainly acceptable.

Item #33:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the subject appeal, and find that an Environmental Impact Report not be required for TT 28651. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Discussion was now directed to Item #34 - appeal of the Planning Commission approval of a 16-lot subdivision rather than the proposed 18-lot subdivision on subject property - it being pointed out by Mr. Wilson that the typical lot size in this area is 55'x105'; to require him alone to have 7000 sq.ft. lots, is an unequitable requirement.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the subject appeal that TT No. 28651 be developed as an 18-lot subdivision, and to approve TT No. 28651, subject to all Staff conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:35. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$300.83 to California Electronic Police Equipment Company for six Dietz revolving overhead lamp assemblies as requested by the City Garage for new vehicles.
2. \$483.58 to Federal Laboratories c/o F. Morton Pitt Company for 42 various riot-type tear gas canisters as requested by the Police Department.
3. \$1444.80 to California Electronics Police Equipment for 12,000 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition and 4,000 rounds of 12-gauge shot gun shells as requested by the Police Department for use on the target range.
4. \$2136.00 to Executive Suite Services, Inc. for carpet shampoo service for the Civic Center Library.
5. \$393.75 to Escape Van Conversions Company to convert a Police van to a carrier for "detained persons" as requested by the Police Department.
6. \$499.13 to Crown Body and Fender Company to repair City vehicle #8081 involved in an accident.

36. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES -
Reference Bid #B73-16.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve the following award of contracts for the bid items and amounts listed below:

1. \$439.55 including tax to A-1 Chemical Company for items #52,53,54, and 62.
2. \$3974.40 including tax to Apex Distributing Company for items #11,15,16,17,21,22,27,31,32,42,43,44,45,49,51 and 58.
3. \$699.51 including tax to Fricke & Peters for items #14,29,37,47,48, and 59.
4. \$779.96 including tax to Proctor and Gamble for Items #8,19,39, and 60.
5. \$460.03 including tax to Southland Janitorial Company for items #9,18,25,64 and 66.
6. \$8219.59 including tax to Economy Supply and Linen Company for items #1,2,3,4,5,6,7,20,23,26,28,30,33,34,35,36,46,61 and 63.
7. \$564.59 including tax to National Sanitary Supply Company for items #12,38,40,41,50,56,57 and 65.
8. \$2362.50 including tax to Sandler Bros. for item #13.

37. SANITARY SEWER IN TORRANCE BOULEVARD BETWEEN HENRIETTA STREET AND WEST CITY BOUNDARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$12,500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sanitary sewer in Torrance Boulevard between Henrietta Street and the West City Boundary (per subject sketch). Job No. 73127.

38. CLASSIFICATION STUDY - Intermediate Typist Clerk, Park and Recreation Department. (Reclassification to Jr. Steno Clerk)

CONCURRENCE OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
NO OBJECTIONS FROM AFFECTED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

39. CLASSIFICATION STUDY - Secretary, City Manager's Office. (Reclassification to Intermediate Stenographer Clerk)

CONCURRENCE OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
NO OBJECTIONS FROM AFFECTED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

40. CLASSIFICATION STUDY - Recreation Supervisor, Park and Recreation Department (Reclassification to Administrative Specialist)

CONCURRENCE OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
NO OBJECTIONS FROM AFFECTED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

41. CLAIM of Donovan Jackson for property and 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 #35,36,37,38,39,40 and #41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEMS:

42. FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CITY HALL ADDITION AND REMODELING AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 9. (SPECIAL CONSIDERATION RE: AIR CONDITIONING SCREENING).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council set aside an amount previously approved on February 13, 1973, not to exceed \$24,500, from the Contingency Fund to cover this separate job of screening the air conditioning.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above request of the Building and Safety Director. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

43. LAND PURCHASE - PUC.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council appropriate \$73,000 from the Water Revenue Fund and authorize Land Management to open an escrow and execute the necessary documents for said purchase.

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

44. SALE OF CITY SURPLUS BUS.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the bid of Northgate Transit Company for Unit #332 and approve of the sale of this unit to them in the total amount of \$1,105.00.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

45. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that he will be on vacation through June 14th -- Deputy Attorney Petersen will be in charge of the Legal Department during his absence.

46. Commended by Councilman Armstrong: the children's art exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry; recognition of Torrance citizens in various areas; the successful Armed Forces Day Parade and all those who contributed thereto.

47. The Japanese Cultural Show, a Sister City Committee event, scheduled for June 30th was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta.

48. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that a resolution be prepared supporting legislation pertaining to the providing of recreational facilities in connection with conversion of apartment developments into condominium projects. (Bill 241) Such resolution to be presented to the Council for their consideration.

49. Councilman Surber indicated his concern with the proposed elimination of the 67th Assembly District, and MOVED that this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and recommendation. The critical time element was discussed, it being agreed that a Special Meeting could be called, if deemed necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

50. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that the following letter be incorporated in these minutes, with the further request that the Police Chief respond thereto:

Per letters which have appeared in the South Bay Daily Breeze, "there is no explanation regarding the \$50,000 reward money in the recent murders, and I find it necessary to appeal to your committee, then on to the Council. With today's hue and cry for public right to know, I find it deplorable that the sum of \$50,000 is obviously so insignificant. I have three different newspaper accounts regarding the solving of these bizarre murders, and I am not questioning which is the most accurate; they all leave many questions unanswered. Many people in Torrance are as disturbed as I over the fact, or lack of fact, which has been given so far. Being told the case is closed, while the reward money is still yet unaccounted for, is puzzling.

It was the concluding request of the communication: "Where is the reward money? Who controls it? Why has there been no public accounting for it to date? I will appreciate your taking this to the Council, and I shall look forward to an early explanation."

(Name withheld by request.)

51. Councilman Wilson expressed his appreciation for all the efforts that went into his successful appointment to the Coastal Commission. It was the recommendation of Dr. Wilson that because of this appointment, there is need of a replacement for him as alternate to the SCAG Committee, and he thereupon nominated Councilman Armstrong to so serve. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

52. The desire of the Regional Coastal Commission to hold their June 25th meeting in Torrance was reported by Councilman Wilson. City Manager Ferraro will follow through in this regard.

53. Mayor Miller announced that Councilman Sciarrotta will serve as Mayor Pro Tem from May 15, 1973 to November 15, 1973.

54. Mayor Miller reported on continued efforts in behalf of Councilman Brewster's appointment to the Southern California Rapid Transit District Board.

At 10:45 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, June 5, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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City Council
May 22, 1973