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Adjourned at 9:50 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, June 5, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Wilson (illness in family).

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Brian Gauthier led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation, below, was provided by Reverend Edward L. Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God:

"OUR FATHER, OUR GOD, WE ARE GRATEFUL TONIGHT THAT IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE AND OUR HONOR TO GATHER TOGETHER IN A MEETING SUCH AS THIS. WE THANK YOU, LORD, THAT WE CAN CALL UPON YOU FOR WISDOM AND FOR GUIDANCE IN THESE DELIBERATIONS WHICH WILL HELP US TO HAVE A CITY FULL OF PEACE, AND THAT WE MIGHT LIVE OUR LIVES ACCORDING TO THY PURPOSE AND THY PLAN THAT MAKES US HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS. WE INVOKE THY BLESSING AND THY WISDOM UPON US THAT WE MIGHT DO THAT WHICH IS BEST FOR ALL MEN."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of May 8, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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 (Councilman Wilson absent).

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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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

A 30-day extension on Policewoman considerations has been requested in order that there may be needed Staff input. There were no objections. The next meeting will occur on June 28th at 4:30 P.M. in conjunction with Civil Service Committee.

Legislative Committee:

A meeting will be scheduled to discuss S.B. 1320

9. PUBLIC INTERVIEWS - TORRANCE LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS.

Legislative Intern candidates were: Dale B. Eichman, Marc W. June, Alan L. Kempner, Lisa H. Klett, Grace Salazar, Stephen Salazar, Sandra Surber, Shery C. Thompson, Barbara Wright, Kathy Blum, Andrea Bowen, Donald Pyles, and George Stratos.

At 6:05 P.M. Councilman Verkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session to select Legislative Interns. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous.

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The Council returned at 6:25 P.M. to announce the following appointments:

Councilman Armstrong:	Shery C. Thompson
Councilman Surber:	Grace Salazar; Sandra Surber
Councilman Verkwitz:	Dale B. Eichman
Councilman Sciarrotta:	Kathy Blum; Barbara Wright
Mayor Miller:	George Stratos.

(Councilman Brewster advised that his summer program would not afford him sufficient time to efficiently avail himself of the services of a Legislative Intern. Councilman Wilson, absent at this meeting, will make his selection at a later date.)

Mayor Miller commended all who are interested in serving in this capacity, and launched the Legislative Intern program on an optimistic note for the accomplishments thereof.

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PRESENTATIONS:

10. PRESENTATION FROM TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION of the official photograph of the City of Torrance entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, January 1, 1973.

Mr. Ed Enrietta made presentation of the official Tournament of Roses photograph, with grateful acceptance by Mayor Miller. The Mayor also acknowledged and commended the efforts of those who contribute so much to this event.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. PARK AND RECREATION MONTH - June, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. RESOLUTION re: Acceptance of Future Street - 232nd Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES LOT 5, TRACT NO. 30596 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED LOT 232ND STREET.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-110. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

13. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 25875.  
 Subdivider: Chacksfield Merit Homes (Jim Collis).  
 Engineer: E.L. Pearson and Associates  
 Location: Between 231st and 233rd east of Pennsylvania Avenue.  
 No. of Lots: 17

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

14. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement between the City and Chacksfield Merit Homes Corporation for acquisition of portion of 232nd Street lying westerly of Lot 10 of Tract 25875.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT, DATED

MAY 24, 1973, BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AND CHACKSFIELD MERIT HOMES  
CORPORATION.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-111. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Councilman Wilson absent).

15. RESOLUTION re: PROPOSED VACATION OF PORTIONS OF MADRID AVENUE, ARLINGTON AVENUE, AND "WALKS" IN THE VICINITY OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Proponent: City of Torrance  
Beneficiaries: Record Owners  
No Fee: City initiated.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Council initiate the vacation and waive the fee; and
2. That the City Council approve and adopt the subject Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE PORTIONS OF MADRID AVENUE, ARLINGTON AVENUE AND "WALKS" IN THE VICINITY OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Engineer, and for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-112. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

16. CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY LIST.

Detailed clarification was provided by Associate Traffic Engineer Glass, who emphasized that the list should more appropriately be titled "Guide List", a list subject to review and revision.

First to speak was Mr. Richard Moore who expressed appreciation to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for the "Lomita Boulevard Task Force" efforts in fund-raising activities for independent installation of two traffic signals on Lomita Boulevard, and indicated their desire to go out for private bid as soon as possible. Also noted by Mr. Moore was the fact that there is a cooperating traffic signal manufacturer on Lomita Boulevard who, for obvious reasons, would best serve this need -- the necessary insurance would be provided during construction. The proposed procedure was encouraged by City Manager

Ferraro, with the signalization to meet City specifications, and the provision of appropriate insurance. It was also confirmed by Deputy City Attorney Petersen that there would be no problem with a hold harmless agreement for the City and the provision of the necessary insurance. Concurrence likewise was indicated by the Council.

The president of the Walteria Homeowners Association, Mr. Charles Clark, 3023 Winlock Road, outlined the considerable problems surrounding the intersection of Crest Road and Crenshaw Boulevard -- there is a serious need to protect the school children, perhaps by way of the now unused overpass near 190th and Crenshaw.

Mrs. Anne Eliopicus (?), representing Platt Music Corporation, 625 Alaska, outlined the serious hazards at Alaska and Maricopa Streets -- the recurring accidents, traffic jams; etc. -- a petition bearing 798 names from 18 different companies in this area was presented, with the plea that this intersection be given a top priority for signalization. It was the suggestion of Mayor Miller that perhaps industries in this area would favor getting together to provide funding for such signals -- this was met with little enthusiasm by Mrs. Eliopicus who was of the opinion that this should have been a consideration long before the present state of traffic affairs.

Next to speak was Mrs. Lucille O'Brien who pointed out the traffic problems at Crest and Crenshaw and the complicated routes which must be followed to get in and out of this area.

Mrs. Rachel Meyer, 21332 Kent, urged that the present 4-way stop at Anza and Lenore be replaced by a traffic signal, in view of the hazards to small children after the Crossing Guard has departed.

Mr. Cleveland Norton, representing Harpers of California, joined in urging signalization at Maricopa and Alaska, what with the situation becoming increasingly dangerous with increased growth and additional cars and personnel.

Council discussion was invited at this point, and Councilman Uerkwitz offered the following:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council concur with the Traffic and Lighting Department recommendations for proposed traffic signals -- such Guidelines to be accepted and approved by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion was directed to intersections of particular concern, as above noted by Torrance residents, and it was the consensus of the Council that Staff should critically appraise these problem intersections with an eye to some manner of relief by whatever device. Traffic Commission review as well was requested. It was the specific suggestion of Councilman Surber that Staff study the merits of putting Del Amo Boulevard

through at least to the end of the industrial tract for the time being, until such time as this street is put completely through, and there were no objections.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Further action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that Staff be directed to review and recap the specific situations at Alaska and Maricopa and Crest and Crenshaw. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

17. NO STOPPING ANYTIME - TOW-AWAY ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 182ND STREET AND 190TH STREET AND BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION, TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT:

That the City Council order the installation of NO STOPPING ANYTIME - TOW-AWAY regulations on both sides of Hawthorne Boulevard between 182nd Street and 190th Street and between Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience prior to taking action on the above motion.

Mr. Scott Robinson, Scott Robinson Pontiac, stated that severe problems, financial and otherwise, would result to Hawthorne Boulevard automobile dealers were the above action taken. Mr. Robinson also noted that they would be the only automobile dealers in all of Los Angeles County with "no parking" signs in front of their establishment. A traffic count indicates that Hawthorne Boulevard traffic is down; there would seem a less drastic manner of resolving this situation, and Council consideration of their problem was requested by Mr. Robinson.

Representing Russ Thor VW Agency, Mr. Dick Thor reported his observance of substantial "open space" on Hawthorne Boulevard -- there are peak a.m. and p.m. hours, but this does not seem to warrant a "no parking" sign the whole time.

Mr. Marvin Lazar, Del Amo Dodge, reaffirmed the above stated problems and the detrimental effect which such signing will have on their business -- curb parking is mandatory for prospective automobile buyers. Mr. Lazar urged that there be some sort of compromise -- rather than the recommended "No Stopping Anytime" -- in order to allow these automobile dealers to do business in the City of Torrance.

It was the suggestion of Mr. Lazar that consideration be given an indentation arrangement, as has been done in other cities. The need for dedication of right-of-way, relocation of Edison poles, etc. was noted by Associate Traffic Engineer Glass; further study would be

be necessary were such an arrangement contemplated. Also reviewed were restricted hours of parking, enforcement, striping, Saturday/Sunday parking, and the ever increasing flow of traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Roll call vote on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission, Traffic and Lighting Department, and the Police Department was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Further discussion was entertained by way of a spokesman from Bill Hopkins Lincoln Mercury who described his past experiences in the automobile business, parking experiences on Harbor Boulevard, and the serious financial impact which can result with "no parking" restrictions. Mr. Lazar returned to inquire if it would be feasible to have the automobile dealers hire an independent firm <sup>to</sup> prepare a study for Staff approval. Mayor Miller advised that Council re-review would be possible were a solution of merit evolved -- the Mayor pointed out that this matter has been going on for some time, and the ground rules were made clear six months ago.

Mayor Miller then inquired if any Councilman wished to move for reconsideration at this time -- there was no response.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that if it is the intent of the automobile dealers to hire a consultant, it should be handled as are Environmental Review Board matters -- the dealers would provide the money for a City-selected firm.

#### FISCAL MATTERS:

#### 18. PRESENTATION OF CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1973/74, AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER AS TO AVAILABLE DATES OF WORKSHOPS.

The following dates were selected by the Council for the Budget Workshop Sessions:

Monday, June 11	4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, June 12	4:30 P.M.
Thursday, June 21	4:00 P.M.
Monday, June 25th	4:00 P.M.

#### PARK AND RECREATION:

#### 19. MADRONA WILDLIFE PARK REPORT AND LETTER FROM THE MAYOR TO SENATOR ROBERT S. STEVENS.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council direct the City Manager and the Park and Recreation Department to administratively pursue this matter with the State and Federal authorities in an attempt to gain support for financial aid in developing the area as recommended in the report.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Director, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Prior to roll call vote, Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Flora expressed appreciation for the Council support in evidence, and extended an invitation to all present to attend a proposed tour to view like areas.

Miss Edith Bergay, representing the Associated Student Body at North High School offered a prepared resolution of record in support of the Madrona Wildlife Park project.

The motion to concur with the recommendation carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Surber, at the time of his "no" vote that he feels that the City has all kinds of property which can be developed -- this represents too much money, and there are too many things which take priority over it.

PERSONNEL:

20. RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING S5-71 BETWEEN AFSCME AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MANAGEMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2395

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION (a) TO SECTION 5, RULE VIII OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.54.6 REGARDING TRAINING AND 17.54.7 REGARDING LATERAL APPOINTMENT.

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

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller invited comments.

Executive Officer Donovan verbally reaffirmed the contents of the May 31, 1973 communication from the Civil Service Commission in which they recommended "that this proposed ordinance be defeated as ill-conceived and poorly planned and not geared to accomplish the purpose for which it was apparently intended."

Next to speak was Mr. Dick Cahill, AFSCME, Local No. 1117, who outlined the extensive efforts in achieving the subject legislation, the merits of same, and who urged that the Council concur in same.

Roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 2395 was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

- 21. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of an agreement between the City and Environmental Impact Reports, Inc., consultants for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report on TT 28795, filed by the Fujita Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 4, 1973, BETWEEN THE CITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS, INC., CONSULTANTS FOR THE EVALUATION AND PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-113. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

- 22. ORDINANCE revising the composition of the Oil Board.

ORDINANCE NO. 2396

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 14 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REORGANIZING THE OIL BOARD.

Councilman Armstrong reviewed the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Group relative to a 5-member board, as is recommended in the subject ordinance.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2396 (with a 5-member Board) at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that 5 members are not adequate, and offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That Ordinance No. 2396 with a 7-member Board be approved at its first reading. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Orin P. Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst, first thanked the Council, City Manager Ferraro, and Staff for their efforts relative to the June 4th meeting of SETHA wherein resident communication was established with DOG. As to Ordinance No. 2396, it was Mr. Johnson's opinion that a 7-member Board would be more effective; further, it was his hope that the expert petroleum engineer would remain as Chairman.

Roll call vote on the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2396 proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that while he cast an affirmative vote, his preference is still a 7-member Board.

23. APPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD'S determination that an EIR is required on EA 73-50 (V73-5), Pat's Ski and Sport Shop #1.

Present, representing the proponent, Mr. Roy Young of Young and Remington, Architects, reiterated the contents of his May 15th communication that "the proposed project is definitely an improvement to the environment." He also clarified what is contemplated at this location, and, in his opinion, the overall advantages which will result.

Mr. Jeff Tasker, 2127 - 235th Place, requested that the Council grant the appeal of Pat's Ski Shop -- as a patron of this store, the getting in and out is a very difficult task; what is proposed will alleviate the present situation.

A Pat's Ski Shop employee, Mr. John Clark, recalled past approval of parking arrangements of the existing buildings -- such buildings now proposed to be demolished, with the intent of improving the parking situation, and additional office space -- all of which will be a plus for the neighborhood from all aspects, including environmental.

There was Council review of the subject project: the unique circumstances were acknowledged, along with the long standing parking problems of record in this area -- the time and cost of an Environmental Impact Report prior to Planning Commission consideration of the variance, <sup>was noted,</sup> it appearing questionable whether or not approval could be achieved.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Environmental Review Board Secretary that an Environmental Impact Report NCT be required. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

It was the comment of Councilman Surber that the major area of concern is parking, and it appears that there likely will be some improvement of the environment -- it would not be fair to subject the proponent to the high cost of an EIR in a case where there may be denial at the Planning Commission level.

The motion carried, as follows:

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

Mayor Miller was of the opinion that reduced parking requirements definitely have an effect on the environment -- a "better building" is not justification for bypassing environmental impact aspects. It was the consensus of the Council that they are in concurrence with the foregoing; the subject case is a notable exception from the environmental standpoint.

24. RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with California Environmental Impact Reports, consultants, for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report on PP 73-1, filed by the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 4, 1973, BETWEEN THE CITY AND CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS, CONSULTANTS, FOR THE EVALUATION AND PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-114. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that future like agenda items contain information regarding the nature of the project.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2394.

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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2394 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

26. CONTINUED HEARING - 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.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

27. CONTINUATION OF APPEAL OF H.B. HALICKI PRODUCTIONS, LTD. OF ADMINISTRATIVE DENIAL REGARDING FILMING IN TORRANCE.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject continued appeal.

It was first announced by Police Chief Nash that he has been advised by a State official that no permit for use of Hawthorne Boulevard has been attained by the proponent, and such approval is mandatory for the use of this thoroughfare.

Mr. Henry B. Halicki, 17831 Hobart Boulevard, Gardena, stated that there appears to be a continuing "lack of communication" in this matter -- it is not proposed to have a high speed chase scene; police personnel would not be involved in the actual filming, nor would actual police equipment; etc. Mr. Halicki also described permit procedures and experiences in other jurisdictions, and reiterated his desire to cooperate and comply with Torrance requirements. Outlined by him as well was the proposed shooting schedule for his film -- the route, the hour (approximately 5:00 A.M.), and the time duration.

Council discussion was directed to the problems surrounding the use of Hawthorne Boulevard; the propriety of City seals on vehicles in the film; the commercial venture aspect, etc.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that it is a bad practice to use official City seals where the City does not have total, complete control -- on that grounds, Councilman Armstrong MOVED TO DENY THE REQUEST. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Mayor Miller indicated that he was not in agreement with the above action on the basis that it is obvious that Mr. Halicki has filmed in other cities minus any adverse reports -- the concerns here are Hawthorne Boulevard and the City decals. Councilman Brewster indicated concurrence with the Mayor's findings.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Mayor Miller: That the Council approve the subject appeal, with the route to be subject to the approval of the Police Chief and the City Manager; that City decals or policemen not be used. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Surber specifically noted earlier Council action this date eliminating parking on Hawthorne Boulevard because of traffic conditions, with drastic effect on automobile dealers -- to now approve the use of Hawthorne Boulevard for this purpose is ridiculous.

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his previously expressed objections to the use of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Roll call vote on the main motion for denial of the request carried, at this time, as follows:

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

It was questioned by Mr. Halicki if a motion could be made which would exclude Hawthorne Boulevard as a filming area -- his company to stay completely east of the boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above request by Mr. Halicki, and, on that basis, grant the appeal, subject to Police Chief/City Manager approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was confirmed by Councilman Surber, prior to his affirmative vote, that approval incorporated the understanding that City seals, badges, etc. will not be used.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:28. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$369.94 to Graybar Electric for the purchase of 12 replacement mercury vapor lamps and 144 only replacement 150-watt flood lamps requested by Traffic and Lighting for City play field and street requirements.
  2. \$462.00 to Brooks Products for 100 only water meter concrete boxes requested by the Water Department.
  3. \$407.40 to Jamison, Inc. for two only basketball back-stops with poles, which are replacement units for Victor and Lago Seco parks.
  4. \$947.14 to Park-Son, Inc. for two only 8" water valves; 3 only 6" valves, and 2 only 8" fittings as requested by the Water Department.
  5. \$337.27 to Hydraulic Jack Maintenance Company to repair two City floor type jacks.
  6. \$481.83 to N.M.C. Corporation for the purchase of 189 selected record albums and cassettes as part of the City Library's audio programs.
  7. \$314.37 to Mine Safety Appliance for six breathing air cylinders with valves and gauges as requested by the Fire Department as replacements.
  8. \$780.00 to Dewey Pest Control for an annual contract to provide monthly pest control service (Rate: \$65.00 per month) in and around City buildings.
  9. \$308.18 to Electric Supply Distributing Company for the purchase of 3500 ft. of #10 and #12 TW wire, and 80 only Bryant connectors.
  10. \$312.06 to Mohawk Mfg. and Supply Company for various GMC repair parts requested by the City Garage.
  11. \$562.71 to Campbell and Hall for 108 adult books.
  12. \$370.68 to Needham Book Finders for 88 adult books.
  13. \$420.00 to B&H Carpet for new drapes for the Post Avenue Library as requested by the City Librarian.
- B. SPECIAL CATEGORY:
14. \$4146.40 to Hoffman Electronics Corp. for the purchase of a video projector, approved as to plan by Council on 1-23-73 as part of the Audio Visual equipment plan for City Hall.

29. STATUS REPORT - GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUELS.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the offer from Shell Oil Company for gasoline for the same prices bid to Los Angeles County. This award would be subject to the other terms and conditions set forth in Shell's letter offer. Total annual expenditure will be \$120,000.00.

That Council accept the offer from the Standard Oil Company of California to supply #1 diesel at \$.149/gallon. It is understood that Purchasing will continue to investigate alternate sources of supply with the intent of finding a lower priced source. Total annual expenditure for diesel fuel will be \$17,360.00.

30. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - CHANGE IN TITLE - SENIOR PLANNER TO ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR.CONCURRENCE BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND PERSONNEL MANAGER.31. CLAIM of H.J. Reid for property damages.32. CLAIM of Martha Sue Williams for personal and property damages.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claims, Items #31 and #32, be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

33. DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM MADRONA AVENUE TO MADISON STREET.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$5,000 be appropriated from 2107 Gas Tax Funds for construction of street improvements on Del Amo Boulevard from Madrona Avenue to Madison Street (see subject sketch). Job No. 67028.

34. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22999.

Subdivider: G.L.S. Building Corporation.

Engineer: Lanco Engineering

Location: S.W. Corner Del Amo Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.

No. of Lots: 1 (Condominium - 60 lots)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

### That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #28,29,30,31,32,33, and #34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

### Councilman Surber requested that a NO vote be recorded for him on agenda item #34.

The hour being 9:30 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 9:34 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. City Manager Ferraro advised that the California Coastal Conservation Commission will be meeting in the Council Chambers on June 20th -- further, the Regional Coastal Conservation Commission will likewise meet in the City of Torrance Council Chambers on June 21st.

36. Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer advised that the pending report on the Data Processing function will be made during the forthcoming Budget Workshop Sessions.

37. An invasion of rats in banks of ivy in the Riviera area was reported by Councilman Armstrong with an instruction to Staff to cooperate fully and lend all available assistance to these residents, and to any area in the City plagued with such an invasion.

Councilman Armstrong further directed Staff to contact County officials to see if extermination programs might be arranged on a neighborhood, community, or area-wide basis whenever, and wherever in the City this problem occurs.

38. Councilman Armstrong offered the following prepared Oral Communication:

"The minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of May 2, 1973 reveal that Mr. Chauncy Champlin, 3118 Antonio Street, appeared before the Commission to review for them his concerns with regard to the conditions imposed on an earlier-granted lot split on the property adjacent to his home.

"Mr. Champlin pointed out that a 5' block wall is to be constructed presumably to shield or hide a 24' pumping unit adjacent to his property. This 24' unit was installed after the lot split was granted.

"I have had several conversations with Mr. Champlin and have been pursuing the matter with Staff. Mr. Champlin is disturbed, and I think properly so, because of the nuisance and character of the existing operation which is detrimental to the peaceful enjoyment of his home. Site operators have been less than enthusiastic in their cooperation.

"I refer you to the Planning Commission minutes of May 2nd and motions offered by Commissioners Hall, Shelburn, Grippo and Alter which were unanimously carried. Specifically these motions were: to recommend that the City Council initiate abatement of nuisance proceedings on the oil well on property adjacent to 3118 Antonio Street, with all due speed; to recommend that the City Council take emergency action to institute a moratorium on all oil properties in a non-conforming zone so that there will be no additional building

until such time as there have been hearings before the Planning Commission or City Council; to recommend that the City Council initiate proceedings for abating oil uses in non-conforming locations; and to recommend that the City Council repeal Sections 97.8.9 and 97.8.10 which excepts any oil well that has been producing before 1959 and excepts any oil well that has been in secondary recovery agreement.

"I ask that Staff be directed to process these motions for recommendations to City Council with all possible speed giving first priority to Commissioner Hall's motion to initiate abatement of nuisance on the Antonic Street site."

39. Transportation Committee deliberations regarding airport leasing policies were noted by Councilman Surber, as was the need for additional meetings -- a report will be made to Council at a later date.

40. The likely vacancy of the City Treasurer's position, with the successful campaign by Treasurer Rupert for 67th District Assemblyman, was pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz. It was, therefore, the request of Mr. Uerkwitz that Staff study the savings and efficiency of combining the City Treasurer under the direction of the Finance Department, with removal of the Treasurer department head function. Further, there should be a report regarding the necessary Charter amendment and a possible Special Election -- along with a recommendation to the Charter Review Committee for their opinion -- per Councilman Uerkwitz.

41. Mr. Ben Cooper, 22908 Anza Avenue, displayed a number of home-made "garage sale" type of signing rescued by him from trees on City property, and reported his unsuccessful attempts to obtain any response from the City.

Mr. Cooper was referred to the Council Committee currently studying the matter of signing. Staff was directed to notify Mr. Cooper when this item appears on the Council agenda.

42. Mr. Chauncy Champlin was present to reaffirm Councilman Armstrong's earlier oral communication regarding the property adjacent to his home. Mayor Miller noted that this matter would be returned to the Council as an agenda item.

43. Youth Council Chairman Mike Kinane, 4713 West 191st Street, referred to agenda item #27, the request for filming, and commented that the signalization at the intersection proposed would have made it a very simple matter. The Council noted that this information at the time of discussion of the item would have been most worthwhile.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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City Council  
June 5, 1973

APPROVED:

Ben Miller  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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