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at 4:00 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 19, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Surber.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Shery Thompson led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation, as follows, was given by Reverend Edward L. Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God:

"OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD WE BOW WITH HEARTS THAT ARE GRATEFUL THAT WE CAN PLEDGE ALLEGIENCE TO OUR FLAG AND TO OUR NATION, AND, IN LIKE FASHION, THAT WE CAN COME AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE NEED THY GUIDANCE AND THY WISDOM, IF WE ARE GOING TO RULE PROPERLY. WE PRAY THAT THOU WILL HELP US; THAT WE WILL MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL BE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY, OUR FELLOW MAN. WE THANK YOU, LORD, THAT WISDOM COMETH FROM THEE -- WE ARE REMINDED THAT FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND SURELY OUR HEARTS TEACH US IN THESE DAYS THAT WE NEED THY HELP AND THY DIVINE GUIDANCE THAT WE MIGHT INDEED BRING STABILITY AND PEACE AND A SENSE OF HONESTY AND UPRIGHTNESS AND DECENCY TO OUR LAND. SO WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE A CITY WE CAN BE PROUD OF, MEN THAT SERVE WITH GLADNESS, MEN THAT ARE GOOD MEN. WE PRAY THAT NONE OF US WILL CONSIDER THESE DUTIES LIGHTLY, BUT, LORD, WE WILL TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THY HELP FROM A HEART THAT IS SINCERELY SEEKING HELP FROM THEE THAT WE MIGHT SERVE BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ALL MEN."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 1973 as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

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6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, 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 (Councilman Surber absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:
Next meeting on June 20th.

Finance Committee -- Legislative Committee:
Recent meetings held -- reports will appear on June 26th agenda.

Budget Workshop Session:
June 21, 1973 at 4:00 P.M.

COMMISSION MATTERS:9. OIL BOARD VACANCIES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:
That the vacancies be advertised in the Daily Breeze on June 24 and June 27, 1973, and that the interviews be scheduled for July 10, 1973, at 6:30 P.M.

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

REAL PROPERTY:10. COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING SURPLUS LAND.POLICY STATEMENT RECOMMENDED BY COUNCILMAN ARMSTRONG:

1. Before surplus land is offered for sale, the possible use of such land for leisure time activities shall be automatically reviewed by the proper City agency, and a recommendation thereon made to the City Manager.
2. Net proceeds from the sale of surplus land shall be deposited in the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund unless legally obligated otherwise.

Reservations as to the limiting aspects of assigning such monies to the Park and Recreation Fund were indicated by both Councilman Uerkwitz and Councilman Brewster. Modification in the wording of the policy, as follows, was recommended by Councilman Brewster:

"1. Before surplus land is offered for sale, the possible use of such land for future activities, including recreational purposes, shall be automatically reviewed....."

"2. Net proceeds from the surplus land shall be deposited in a General Reserve for Facilities Fund unless legally obligated otherwise." From time to time Council shall direct the disposition of such accumulated funds for capital improvements, including, but not limited to, park and recreation facilities."

Discussion followed; there was general concurrence by the Council.

Mrs. Pat Tyrrell, vice president, League of Women Voters, indicated their approval of the policy as recommended by Councilman Armstrong -- they continue to favor the development and expansion of City parks, and this appears to be a valid route to follow. Mrs. Tyrrell added that she had no objection to the amended policy.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Surplus Land Policy as amended by Councilman Brewster. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that he is in agreement with Mr. Brewster's amendment -- however, there may be situations in which it would be practical to otherwise use the funds, and he offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the Council adopt the Surplus Land Policy as stated in Item 1, with Councilman Brewster's amendment, and eliminate Item 2. The substitute motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Roll call vote on the MAIN MOTION to concur with the Surplus Land Policy as amended by Councilman Brewster proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:11. STOP SIGNS - LINCOLN AVENUE AT APPLE AVENUE.RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

That STOP signs be installed on Lincoln Avenue at Apple Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

The Traffic and Lighting Department finds that a 4-WAY STOP is only 24% warranted by existing conditions, and thus recommends that the request for STOP signs on Lincoln Avenue at Apple Avenue be DENIED.

Following Staff presentation by Traffic Engineering Associate Collins, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Present, to point out the traffic problems and hazards at the subject area, along with a need for sidewalks, and to urge installation of 4-way stop signs were: a resident (name unintelligible) at 2319 Apple; Mrs. Ellen Henderson, 2600 Apple Avenue; Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, 2108 Lincoln; and Mr. Jim Coons, a safety engineer who conducted a traffic survey at this site and reported the findings thereof.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Staff be directed to install 4-WAY STOP SIGNS at the subject location. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, with the comment that while he has certain reservations in taking such action, it appears that the road and sidewalk conditions warrant the signing. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, at the time of his affirmative vote, that while he ordinarily would be opposed to the request, this is a peculiar and unique situation with the school ground located there and the apparent heavy traffic in connection with various school activities.

Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Staff investigate the merits of a temporary black-top sidewalk.

Mayor Miller commented on the unusual circumstances surrounding this area, and acknowledged the value of a 4-way stop in this particular instance. The Mayor further suggested that consideration be given a berm-effect between the street and the walkway which might alleviate some of the immediate problems.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

12. RESOLUTION re: agreement with Breier, Gralnik, White and Associates for Consultation Services relative to Management Control over Operations.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BREIER, GRALNIK, WHITE AND .

ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES RELATIVE TO MANAGEMENT CONTROL OVER OPERATIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-120, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Wilson noted the absence of any reference to the maximum time period -- Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that a maximum of 20 hours could be incorporated in the agreement, concurred in by the City Attorney.

Councilman Wilson so amended his motion, which was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Surber).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

13. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION:

That Council adopt the subject Deferred Compensation Plan Agreement.

Planning Director Shartle, T.M.E.O. member, noted that the agreement has been amended to eliminate the word "organization", for the reason that such plan should be open to all management employees and not limited to T.M.E.C. members. Mr. Shartle also confirmed, at Councilman Brewster's question, that in the event of an unfavorable IRS ruling and possible tax liability on individual members, the City is in no way held liable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan Agreement, as above amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

14. REPORT FROM HISTORICAL COMMITTEE OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDING CREATION OF TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND DESCRIBING DUTIES THEREOF.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to accept the subject report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APPOINTED GROUPS REGARDING A CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AND AN ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION.

Noted by the Council. It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that the Ad Hoc Committee give consideration to a Human Relations Commission, under which there might be a Youth Council and a Senior Citizens Council -- support of the foregoing was indicated by Councilman Wilson.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of the following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:

1. Create a Cultural Arts Commission (seven members, monthly meetings, Staff support from Park & Recreation, Library) charged with responsibilities of promoting and encouraging the Arts while also serving in a coordinative role among community groups to maximize scheduling, etc., of events.

2. Create an Environmental Quality Commission replacing the Torrance Beautiful Commission. The new, expanded group will have responsibility for general beautification, sign review, noise and other pollution ordinances.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

City Manager Ferraro requested, and received, permission to administratively handle the staffing for the Cultural Arts Commission, such staffing to be from one department, rather than two.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

16. S.B. 71 - SMOKING IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.

RECOMMENDATION OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE:

That Council take no action on the recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council re: S.B. 71. It is further recommended that the Torrance Youth Council be commended for its research and interest in subjects pertaining to youth, even though in the present instance the Committee disagrees with its findings.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Legislative Liaison Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

17. ORDINANCE amending provisions relating to the Scope of Review in an Appeal of a Decision from the Planning Commission to the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2397

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 94.2.6, 94.3.9, 94.4.6, 95.2.4, 96.2.6 AND 97.7.10 RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF REVIEW IN AN APPEAL OF A DECISION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2397 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:18. ZC 73-4, TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Change of zone from P-U to any and all manufacturing and commercial zones on property located east of Crenshaw Boulevard approximately 600 feet north of 190th Street.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO M-2 BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 73-4, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission re: ZC 73-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:19. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$628.64 to West-State Books for 257 adult books.
2. \$500.00 to Wall Street Transcript for a two-year subscription to the Wall Street Transcript.
3. \$576.45 to Park-Son, Inc. for three only 8" water valves as requested by the Water Department.
4. \$301.37 to Freeway Truck Parts for repairs to a Clark forklift transmission as requested by the City Garage.
5. \$1070.97 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach for repairs to City Bus #351 involved in an accident.
6. \$538.07 to A.B.C. Body Shop for necessary repairs to a 1969 Dodge Sedan (Unit #7080) involved in an accident.
7. \$312.10 to A.B.C. Body Shop for necessary repairs to a City rubbish truck involved in an accident (Unit #9020).
8. \$559.49 to Diesel Service Center for diesel engine overhaul services as requested by the City Garage.

9. \$635.25 to Western Highway Products for 200 No Parking signs with mounting hardware as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for Hawthorne Blvd.
 10. \$1674.20 to Chandlers Palos Verdes Ready-Mix Company for miscellaneous purchases of ready-mix concrete required between contracts by the Street, Park and Recreation, and Water Departments for various City projects.
 11. \$559.49 to Diesel Service Center for parts to repair a diesel engine for City Bus #343.
 12. \$1999.59 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 158 adult and 108 juvenile books.
 13. \$6209.23 to Western Bookbinding Company to rebind 3,513 Library books.
 14. \$427.68 to Engine Parts Company to rebuild a Waukershaw engine for City forklift (Unit #9550).
20. REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - HEITSCHMIDT/MOUNCE/ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTURE - CITY HALL INTERIORS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

1. That the professional services rendered be accepted and that a payment of 90% of total contract cost be paid.
2. The remaining 10% be held as retainer until all furnishings are received by the City.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson noted the need for approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2325 from Civic Center Reserve Funds. It was so ordered.

21. DEMOLITION AND CONVERSION OF OIL WELL TO OBSERVATION WELL - SUR LA BREA PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the work for the demolition and site clearance be awarded to Allen's Excavating, the low bidder, in the amount of \$1,125; and for the modification of a producing well to an observation well to Oil Well Servicing Company, the only qualifying bidder for the work, in the amount of \$1,725. The total for the project will amount to \$2,850. (No appropriation at this time is necessary since Council had previously approved authorization for the work on May 8, 1973).

22. REQUEST BY DAVID B. HALSTEAD TO BE ABSENT FROM THE JUNE 20, 1973 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.

Mr. Halstead will be on vacation at that time.

23. CLAIM of Sharon A. Moore for Arthur Sanders for PERSONAL DAMAGES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that there be study and research regarding this particular problem of the high speed chase by law enforcement officers, with an eye perhaps to new design, equipment, or procedures in order to reduce the inherent risk in these situations. Chief Nash will follow through in this regard.

24. CLAIM of Jose and Porfiria Ramirez for PERSONAL DAMAGES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations on agenda items #19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and #24, including the requested appropriation in the amount of \$2325 on agenda item #20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

25. HEARING ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973-74.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 1973-74 fiscal year, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the subject hearing be continued to June 26, 1973, the time of the second hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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The hour being 6:30 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 (Councilman Surber absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 6:35 P.M.

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ADDENDA ITEMS (Cont.)

26. RESOLUTION RE: Columbia Park, Acquisition of Fee Simple Title.
 27. RESOLUTION RE: Columbia Park, Right-of-way Acquisition Services.

See Pages 13 and 14.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. City Manager Ferraro advised that the absence of Councilman Surber at this meeting is due to his attendance, as a Council Committee representative, at a San Francisco meeting.

29. Formal introduction of newly appointed Fire Chief Slonecker was made at this time by City Manager Ferraro.

Mr. Ferraro then introduced summer intern, Mark Flannery, assigned to the City by the League of California Cities.

30. Councilman Brewster noted the July 4th holiday on Wednesday, and inquired re: a dark night for Council on July 3rd; he will be on vacation, in any event. The consensus of the Council was reflected in a MOTION by Mayor Miller: That the Council go dark on July 3rd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

31. A preliminary draft of a tentative Environmental Protective Agency (furnished by SCRTD) was noted by Councilman Brewster, as was the substantial impact of same on the City of Torrance -- Mr. Brewster then referred the subject report to Staff for study and analysis, and requested that there be like review by the Traffic Commission.

32. The June 21st birthday of Chief Nash was given appropriate poetic recognition by Councilman Sciarrotta, as follows:

"He loves a joke; he's friendly too;
 He'll smile at me, and smile at you --
 No doubt he is a person warm
 But in his work he's strictly firm.
 His men respect his every move
 He has them in the proverbial groove --
 They work so well from shift to shift
 Which gives us all a lofty lift.
 He does all this with poise and ease;
 It matters not who it may please --
 His aim is to enforce the law,
 And do it well, without a flaw.
 No matter what the task may be
 He'll use up all his energy
 Until its mystery has been solved
 And justice done to those involved.
 Day after day, and at night too,
 He lends a hand to his great crew --
 And this is why he is so esteemed
 A great deal more than he had dreamed --

"We say all this with joy and mirth
 To celebrate his day of birth.
 We're not giving gifts -- or cash
 But we can say
 WE LOVE YOU, NASH."

33. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that City Traffic Engineer Horkay be present at the South Bay Councilmen's Association meeting on Wednesday, June 27th, in that the Corridor Study will be the topic of discussion.

34. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Staff resurrect 1972 findings relative to pollution and the portable monitoring station -- such material to be reviewed by the Environmental Committee when available, to the end that portable monitoring arrangements might be made for this season in order that interested parties may be correctly informed.

35. It was the request of Councilman Wilson that there be a report by Staff as to the status of the Sister City Program and the support that has been evidenced at this point.

36. Yet another traffic fatality at the mobile park entrance on Pacific Coast Highway near Crenshaw was reported by Mayor Miller, with the request that the pending traffic signal agreement with Messrs. Levitt and Mertz be expedited. City Manager Ferraro agreed to return with a status report on June 26th.

37. The following prepared oral communication re: Torrance Municipal Airport was given by Mayor Miller:

"I am happy to announce that the Citizens Hearing Board appointed by the Southern California Association of Governments to review and take testimony on the Southern California Regional Airport Systems Study filed their findings and recommendations with the Executive Committee last Thursday, June 14, 1973.

"The Citizens Hearing Board was appointed by the Executive Committee of SCAG to take testimony from the communities and citizens involved in the nine-County Regional Airport System Study.

"The Board found that, during their hearings, the single most-discussed subject was -- you guessed it -- aircraft noise. From this, they concluded that aircraft noise will probably be the strongest constraint on our air transportation system planning for both the short range and the long range. The Board has recommended, in their report, planning criteria to help deal with noise and other factors in improving airport community compatibility.

"In their review, the Board disagreed with many of the elements of the SCRASS Plan. This led the Board in their recommendations to emphasize the planning process as a means of dealing with the future regional air transportation needs instead of a fixed plan which tends to become rapidly outdated.

"The Board also recommended that local agencies keep their airports so that local decisions on how the airport is to be developed and operated can be enforced.

"All this means that Torrance will continue as in the past to make and execute our own plans for the operation and development of the Torrance Airport. I have been assured by Mr. Burton Jones, Chairman of the Citizens Hearing Board, that the Board has made no recommendations of changes for Torrance Airport.

"The Board has recommended general planning guidelines for general aviation airports, but the individual local governments owning these airports must decide whether the guidelines apply to their airport and their particular situation.

"SCAG has no plans for changing the operations of the Torrance Airport, and I believe I speak for the entire Council, when I say we have no plans for changing the operation of the airport -- therefore, operation of Torrance Airport remains status quo!

"This City Council, on next Tuesday, June 26th, will decide what direction the development and operation of the Torrance Municipal Airport will take in the next 20 years. The findings and conclusions of Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall, our Master Plan consultants, together with the recommendations of the Torrance Airport Commission, will be presented to this Council for decision.

"The decision of the Council will be a culmination of a long series of meetings and hearings involving community participation. We have held Citizens Advisory Board hearings, Planning Commission hearings, and Airport Commission meetings to develop goals and guidelines for the Torrance Airport.

"The Airport Commission has recently completed the public meetings which solicited community participation in the Phase I report of the Master Plan by DMJM.

"The point I'm trying to make is that we have had an orderly process of community participation in determining the direction for the Torrance Municipal Airport.

"There has been a lot of doom and gloom spread in this community about SCAG and the Regional Airport System Study, and how we are going to lose all our local control and so on. But we see SCAG doing the same thing that we do in our own community -- except they are doing it on a regional level. SCAG held ten public hearings on the airport study throughout the region. The recommendations from those public hearings by the Citizens Hearing Board will be presented at one more public hearing in October. The decision this City Council makes on June 26th, next Tuesday, will also be presented at that public hearing. The results of the hearing in October will go before the Executive Committee of SCAG in November for a final determination.

"What we've seen here is a parallel of the same planning process and community participation at the regional and at the local level.

"I will have to say one thing, though, I think Torrance is one up on SCAG. At least, we didn't wait until the report was complete before we solicited community participation. As a result of that, I think we are going to have a much better plan, and I know we are going to have the kind of airport that this community wants."

38. Mr. Scott Pierce, 23905 Los Codonas, recommended that consideration be given the installation of a sidewalk on Lomita Boulevard, in the vicinity of Torrance Memorial Hospital -- it is now necessary to walk in the street and is a very hazardous situation. City Traffic Engineer Horkay will investigate this matter.

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At 7:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council recess for the purpose of an Executive Session regarding litigation for the purpose of acquiring property in connection with Columbia Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

The Council returned at 8:00 P.M. to take the following action:

ADDENDA ITEMS:

26. RESOLUTION re: Columbia Park, Acquisition of Fee Simple Title.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARK, PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION FACILITIES; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-121. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

27. RESOLUTION re: Columbia Park, Right-of-way Acquisition Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE AMENDMENT TO ALFRED BEREST DBA SECURITY LAND AND RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICES AGREEMENT.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

At 8:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Thursday, June 21, 1973, at 4:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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