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Adjourned at 11:50 P.M. to Tuesday, July 10, 1973, at
6:30 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, June 26, 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: Assistant City Manager Scharfman and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Pat Tyrrell led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Edward L. Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God, gave the following invocation:

"OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD, WE BOW BEFORE THEE TONIGHT WITH HEARTS THAT ARE GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO GATHER IN A FREE SOCIETY SUCH AS OURS, AND NOT ONLY PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO OUR NATION AND TO OUR FLAG BUT GIVE REVERENCE, RESPECT, AND HONOR TO OUR GOD.

"WE ARE REMINDED THAT THY WORD DECLARES THAT FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM. WE THANK YOU, LORD, THAT WE CAN INVOKE THY BLESSING UPON THIS GATHERING, AND WE THANK YOU THAT GOOD MEN CAN BE MADE BETTER BECAUSE, TOGETHER, WE SEEK THY GUIDANCE AND THY HELP. BLESS THE LEADERS OF OUR CITY, THE LEADERS OF OUR STATE, AND THE LEADERS OF OUR NATION DURING THESE DAYS WHEN WE NEED HELP AND WISDOM FROM ABOVE THAT WE MIGHT RESTORE INTEGRITY AND A SENSE OF RELIABILITY."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of June 12, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Armstrong 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:

Will next meet on July 12th at 5:00 P.M.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

Will meet on June 28th at 4:30 P.M.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Next meeting scheduled for July 12th at 4:00 P.M.

Charter Review Committee:

Next meeting - July 18th at 5:00 P.M.

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Councilman Sciarrotta announced that the Japanese Cultural Show will take place on Saturday, June 30th -- of special note is the fact that the Toyota Company will have a \$400,000 automobile on display -- and all present were cordially invited to attend.

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COMMENDATIONS:9. RESOLUTION commending Hop Louie and Minnie Woo.RESOLUTION NO. 73-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING HOP LOUIE
WOO AND MINNIE WOO.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No: 73-125. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, AND DRIVEWAYS
(Per Sketch) Chapter 27, 1911 Act 73-2.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED SKETCHES ENTITLED "CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT, 73-2" TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-126. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. FINAL SUBDIVISION MAP NO. 31367.
Subdividers: Harryman Construction
Engineer: Vincent Moretti Company
Location: Pepper Tree Place, north side of 229th Street
between Cypress and Arlington Avenue.
No. of Lots: 8

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

City Engineer Weaver confirmed that the correct street name is Pepper Tree Place (instead of Court).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer and Planning Director, noting the corrected street name. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

12. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of the letter agreement between the City and Unified Baptist Church for additional parking for El Nido Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LETTER-AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNIFIED BAPTIST CHURCH.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-127. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

13. STATUS REPORT - Traffic Signal installation on Pacific Coast Highway at Rolling Hills Shopping Center/Skyline Mobile Home Park.

Held for later in the meeting. (Pages 10 and 12)

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. PROPOSALS FOR TESTING CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973-74.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the testing contract be awarded to the County of Los Angeles as the low bidder.

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

15. RESOLUTION re: Redevelopment Agency Financing.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,010.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-128. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was confirmed by Finance Director Dundore that the interest rate, to be incorporated in Resolution No. 73-128, is 4% per annum.

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Sciarrotta to concur with the following recommendations of the City Treasurer:

1. Authorize the payment of \$5,125.79 from the Community Redevelopment Agency administrative fund to provide the interest payment due.
2. Pass the above resolution which provides for the issuance of a new negotiable note in the amount of \$153,010.
3. Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer such funds as found to be necessary for the technical completion of the transaction.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. CONVERSION OF PORTION OF CITY'S VEHICLE FLEET TO PROPANE FUEL.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize a conversion program to propane fuel for 18 Dual Engine vehicles and 22 single tank trucks, appropriating the necessary funds (estimated to be \$17,500) from the Equipment Revolving Fund.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Robert Stroyke, Director of Marketing, Smog Abatement Systems, Inc., recorded his objections to the recommendation in this matter, and his opinion that there have been many misstatements favoring propane, and that there have been erroneous findings in the testing of the two fuels. Further noted by Mr. Stroyke was the publication of the incorrect statements in the "Torrance Topics"; Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer advised that he will confer with Mr. Stroyke on a future "Torrance Topics", and that Mr. Stroyke has been so notified.

Purchasing Supervisor White reaffirmed the contents of the Staff report and the recommendation therein, and added that there is test data available in support of same.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17. ORDINANCE re: collection of Utility Users Tax from tenant users.

ORDINANCE NO. 2398

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 225.1.23 TO CHAPTER 25 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF UTILITY USERS TAX FROM TENANT USERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2398 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 18. BOILER AND MACHINERY INSURANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City of Torrance insure themselves on a continuous basis, on a \$500 deductible rate, against all classes defined in the amount of \$4679. (This amount to be paid out of the General Fund as it is not a regular budget item.) There will be no conflict with any other service contracts that we have, such as elevators, in that they cover the electrical components and not the major hydraulic components. The Director of Building and Safety concurs with this recommendation.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Approval of this recommendation should include an appropriation of \$4,679 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk, and to approve an appropriation of \$4,679 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 19. BLANKET EXCESS CATASTROPHE LIABILITY INSURANCE.
- 19A. RENEWAL OF BUS COMPREHENSIVE, FIRE AND THEFT INSURANCE.
- 19B. RENEWAL OF AIRPORT LIABILITY/HANGARKEEPERS LIABILITY INSURANCE.
- 19C. AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE.
- 19D. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE.
- 19E. PROPERTY INSURANCE.

Considered later in the meeting -- See Pages 11 and 12.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. TORRANCE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN PHASE I REPORT.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Contained in the following motion: "Commissioner Bell moved that the Airport Commission recommend to the City Council that Phase I of the report of DMJM be accepted, and request that they proceed with Phase II, redirected as to the four major areas of disagreement discussed at this meeting."

The Airport Commission was polled on the four areas for redirection with the following results:

1. Runway Extensions.

As reflected on Page 13 of the Airport Commission minutes of May 17, 1973, two commissioners were in favor of limited extensions for the purposes of safety and noise reduction. Two commissioners were opposed to any extension of runways, and two commissioners expressed no opinion. Commissioner Garcelon was absent.

2. Limiting Size of Airport by Saturation or Artificially.

With respect to this item, the Commission intentions are shown on pages 13 and 14 of the minutes of May 17, 1973. Three commissioners were in favor of artificially limiting the size of the airport by the number of based aircraft, two of these commissioners also felt some limitation of unit movement should also be included.

Two commissioners felt that limitations should be based on normal pattern saturation, one commissioner expressed no opinion. Commissioner Garcelon was absent.

3. Level of Commuter Operations.

Four commissioners recommended no commuter operations, one commissioner noted there should be further investigation, one commissioner expressed no opinion, Commissioner Garcelon was absent.

4. Convention Center.

There was a general consensus of all commissioners that there should be no consideration of a convention center included in the Master Plan.

IN SUMMARY, the Airport Commission recommends that the consultant be directed to proceed with the Master Plan based on the development options contained in the Phase I Report, EXCEPT:

- 1. There shall be no commuter airline operations.
- 2. There shall be no convention center.
- 3. There shall be provisions for artificial limitation of aeronautical growth.

4. That such in limited runway extensions be made for safety and noise reduction and be presented to the City Council for their approval. This was done in a report of the Airport Commission, on June 26, 1973, which recommended limited runway extensions and noise reduction, to be made in the area of the airport, as shown in the report presented for public hearing.

As a result thereof, a report was made by the consultant, to the Airport Commission, on July 11, 1973, which recommended that the City Council be advised of the results of the public hearing, and that the City Council be invited to consider the report and make a decision thereon.

4. That certain limited runway extensions may be acceptable for safety and noise abatement purposes. The final Master Plan Report shall contain, in addition to provisions for no runway extensions and possible benefits, an option showing limited runway extensions and possible benefits, to be dealt with at the time the final draft report is presented for public hearing.

Formal presentations were made by Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield and by Mr. James Taylor, on behalf of Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall, following which Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Vice president of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Pat Tyrrell expressed their pleasure with the City of Torrance for its attempt to develop a realistic, long range plan for the future of Torrance Airport -- the interests of the community are best served where development is planned. Of the options presented, it is the League's opinion that Torrance Airport should be retained as a general aviation facility, and they are pleased that the City Council has consistently reaffirmed its policy decision to exclude where possible jet traffic in the area. Should any use other than general aviation be considered, Mrs. Tyrrell continued, the League urges that strict scientific noise tolerance levels be used as a criteria for determining if planes or other activities should be based at the Airport. Further, the League is opposed to any action that would increase the noise level, the pollution level, or other hazards in the Airport vicinity -- it is the primary concern of the League that the human environment around the Airport be protected.

Mr. John Conway, 23326 Adolph, representing Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, presented petitions bearing some 970 signatures and urging that the City Council deny the establishment of any commuter service or any commercial passenger or freight service, whether jet or propeller-powered aircraft, at the Torrance Airport. It was further noted that the noise and safety hazards created by such traffic is incompatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood. Added by Mr. Conway was the desire of the residents that the City proceed with the development and enforcement of strict noise and safety regulations for the current airport traffic -- further, the liability of the City to lawsuits from Torrance residents and neighboring cities would incur further taxation on local residents.

Mrs. Eileen Anderson, vice president, Torrance Heights Civic Association, stated that Torrance's biggest asset is its "natural air conditioning" -- noise precludes enjoyment of both the indoors and outdoors; noise monitoring equipment should be put into effect at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Fred Button, 3400 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes, stated that he has ^{had} an airplane at Torrance Airport for many years -- such use has been most enjoyable, and he would like it to continue. It was

Mr. Button's suggestion that the money spent on printing and mailing could be put to better use by paving the taxiways thereby eliminating summer dust and winter mud.

Mr. Joe Clukey, 272 Calle de Madrid, recommended that the subject study encompass ways and means of making the Airport more compatible with the surrounding community -- there should be study, as well, regarding plane identification in order that there be easy identification by people on the ground.

Youth Council Chairman, Mike Kinane, noted that the large Los Angeles Airport is only twenty minutes from the Torrance Airport, and that helicopter hops would be preferable to noise and pollution.

There being no further speakers in the audience, Mayor Miller invited Council discussion:

Runway Extensions:

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that there was no requirement for runway extensions at the present time -- for the type of aircraft recommended the existing runways are more than adequate to get the planes on and off the ground. Councilman Brewster indicated his concurrence that there is no particular necessity to extend the runways; extension, in fact, might develop problems with the City of Lomita to the east.

Of concern to Councilman Armstrong would be possible noise and safety problems to residents to the west were runway extensions contemplated -- he would concur with the Airport Commission that this consideration be deferred until farther down the line. Councilman Sciarrotta noted the safety aspect of runway extension, as well as his dedication to safety measures. Mayor Miller indicated concurrence with Airport Commission findings that "certain limited runway extensions may be acceptable for safety and noise abatement purposes." Like concurrence was indicated by Councilman Wilson.

Councilman Surber indicated that he could concur with limited extension only if it is clearly indicated that such extension would be built so that it would not facilitate heavier traffic and that same be clearly understood by the residents.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Airport Commission recommendation: "That certain limited runway extensions may be acceptable for safety and noise abatement purposes. The final Master Plan Report shall contain, in addition to provisions for no runway extensions, an option showing limited runway extensions and possible benefits, to be dealt with at the time the final draft report is presented for public hearing." The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with "aye" votes cast by all but Councilman Uerkwitz who recorded a "no" vote.

2. Limiting Size of Airport by Saturation or Artificially.

Following clarification by Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the findings of the Airport Commission: "There shall be provisions for artificial limitation of aeronautical growth." The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

3. Level of Commuter Operations.

Councilman Brewster noted that he was one who had specifically requested the subject data -- such data has proved extremely interesting, in that it indicates, for one thing, that there is sufficient growth in the general aviation sector of the community to devote the total airport to that operation -- that, according to Mr. Brewster, is the first and primary desire of the Council, its concern, and where its trust should be. Further noted by Councilman Brewster was the report's reference to "30 up to 100 movements per day" -- a finding which is unbelievable and unacceptable to Mr. Brewster, as was the reference to 150-passenger air bus-type airplane. These findings have left Councilman Brewster in complete agreement with Airport Commission findings that there shall be no commuter airline operations.

Concurrence with the foregoing was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the added recommendation that the word "freight" be added -- "There shall be no commuter or freight airline operations." Like concurrence was voiced by Councilman Armstrong.

It was pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta that as early as 1967, when the subject of commuter planes was introduced, he opposed such an idea, and continues to do so -- nearby airports are too close to make such an arrangement worthwhile.

Mayor Miller acknowledged that the obvious problem on the airport is "where are we going with commuters?" -- it was the Mayor's recollection that as far back at 1963, the Council stand was "no jets on the Airport", then as now. Mayor Miller then clarified SCAG's role regarding airports, and the public hearings thereon, it now being SCAG's position that the Torrance Airport decisions should be made by local officials as to the type of airport desired for the future. There is nothing to indicate -- past, present, or future -- that the Council would support jet commuter service, per Mayor Miller.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Airport Commission recommendation: "There shall be no commuter airline operations", adding the word "freight" thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections.

4. Convention Center.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the Airport Commission findings: "There shall be no convention center." The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous.

Final action taken by the Council follows:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation that Phase I of the report of DMJM be accepted, and that they proceed with Phase II, redirected as to the discussed four major areas of disagreement -- amending Item 1 to state: "There shall be

no commuter or freight airline operations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was confirmed that the above action refers to Item 6, Development Options, of the subject report, with the above noted exceptions.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Councilman Uerkwitz stated that his "yes" vote was applicable to everything except the extension of the runway.

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The hour being 8:25 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess.

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The Council returned to:

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

13. STATUS REPORT - Traffic Signal Installation on Pacific Coast Highway at Rolling Hills Shopping Center/Skyline Mobile Home Park.

The history of the subject Traffic Signal Installation Agreement was reviewed at length -- as were other existing, unfilled agreements with Mr. Albert Levitt, State Highway Department action at the subject site, the accident record in this area, pertinent variance requirements, cash bond or time certificate of deposit arrangements, etc. Mr. Levitt was present to outline the plans of the development and the schedule therefor, and to indicate a different interpretation of the requirements in this matter.

It was agreed to hold this item until later in the meeting in order to permit Staff to return with pertinent information.
(See Page 12.)

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The Council now returned to:

19. BLANKET EXCESS CATASTROPHE LIABILITY INSURANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City extend its present liability coverage an additional layer of \$5,000,000, in excess of \$10,000,000, to a total of \$15,000,000 for an annual premium of \$2,205. It is also recommended that consideration be given to the additional layer of \$5,000,000, in excess of \$15,000,000, for a total of \$20,000,000 liability protection, for an additional premium of \$1,313.

(Appropriation of \$3518.00 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve necessary with approval of the above recommendation.)

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk, and to approve the requested appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19A. RENEWAL OF BUS COMPREHENSIVE, FIRE AND THEFT INSURANCE EXPIRING JULY 1, 1973.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the Council approve payment of the subject invoice in the amount of \$9,896.34, which includes the annual premium renewal of \$5,756.40, retroactive coverage for additions and deletions of buses from August 15, 1970 up to July 1, 1973, in the amount of \$3,036.94 and a reinstatement fee of \$1,103.00 for four (4) new buses to be added to the existing fleet on January 1, 1974. (This is a budgeted item.)

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

19B. RENEWAL OF AIRPORT LIABILITY/HANGARKEEPERS LIABILITY EXPIRING JULY 1, 1973.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City continue its present airport liability coverage with Monarch Insurance Company for an annual premium of \$2,320. Annual premium for 1972-73 was \$2,320. (This is a budgeted item.)

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.

19C. AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE - July 1, 1973 to July 1, 1974.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That Council approve the subject policy for fiscal year 1973-74 in the amount of \$2,445. (This is a budgeted item).

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

19D. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE - 30-DAY EXTENSION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That Council approve the 30-day extension on Workmen's Compensation Excess Liability Insurance with no change in rates.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of City Clerk Coil. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

19E. PROPERTY INSURANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That it would be in the best interests of both the Authority and the City of Torrance to exercise the prerogative in the Indenture Agreement, section 8 of the Torrance Civic Center sublease No. 1, dated January 10, 1971, between the Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority and the City of Torrance providing: "At the option of the City, any insurance required by the Authority hereunder may be provided by the City."

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.

20. Heard earlier in the meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION:

21. RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY NOT ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT TO UTILIZE MEADOW PARK SCHOOL FOR OFFICIAL RECREATION PROGRAMS.

It was the request of Councilman Wilson that there be further review of this matter -- accordingly, item #21 was referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. It was agreed that the Committee findings should be forwarded to the School Board.

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The Council returned to:

13. TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION - PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AT ROLLING HILLS SHOPPING CENTER/SKYLINE MOBILE HOME PARK.

The needed information was not available -- it was Mayor Miller's request that this item be returned in two weeks.

Mr. Don Galvin, Skyline Mobile Home Park manager, and Mr. Don King, president, Rolling Hills Shopping Center, were both present to confirm the dire need for the subject traffic signal.

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WATER SYSTEMS:

22. WATER LINE IN VAN NESS AVENUE FROM 164TH STREET TO DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER AND WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:
That all bids be rejected and the project be readvertised.

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

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1973 (Job No. 73131)

RESOLUTION NO. 73-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-129. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION NO. 16.

RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE RE: ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION NO. 16:

That the City Council implement the report of record entitled Administrative Reorganization No. 16, and the individual recommendations contained therein, with the proviso that the proposed Administrative Specialist position be authorized as an Administrative Analyst.

The Ad Hoc Committee findings were reviewed by Councilman Sciarrotta -- noted was Councilman Surber's minority opinion. Councilman Surber advised that his minority opinion is based on his feeling that the Airport is not part of the City's transportation system; to the contrary, it is recreational, this being supported by Master Plan development conversations. Mr. Surber further stated that, in his opinion, the Airport is an entity unto itself, and should be controlled by someone down at the Airport -- an opinion shared by the Airport Commission -- the City will lose, not gain, by bringing the Airport operation into the Transportation Department.

Councilman Uerkwitz deemed the Airport a separate function, a function most vital to the community, and it is of prime importance that it remain compatible to the community -- it is a full time professional position, rather than one phase of the overall transportation picture. Mr. Uerkwitz would concur with Mr. Surber that it is a recreational function, and the management thereof is a full time, professional responsibility.

Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience:

First to speak was Mr. Robert Morgan, 2920 - 229th Street, who stated that it is most important there be a responsible party at the Airport who can provide needed action -- Mr. Morgan does not favor a bureaucratic structure between him and the manager of the Airport. Mr. Morgan also questioned the economy of what is proposed by the reorganization; it only appears to create a great superstructure which will separate interested parties from the management of the Airport.

The president of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. John Conway, indicated disagreement with the Staff finding that the Airport is a part of the Transportation System.

Airport Commissioner Don Marousek indicated his concerns in this matter -- the suddenness of same, and the exclusion of Airport Commission review; it is a demoralizing situation for the Airport Commission, and Mr. Marousek is opposed to the proposed reorganization until considerably more information is available.

Mr. Robert S. White, president, Riviera Homeowners Association, expressed the Board's feeling that there is a basic inconsistency between the notion of traffic and the notion of air transport -- they are in concurrence with Councilman Surber in that philosophy. Riviera residents have a very profound concern about the development of the Airport, according to Mr. White, and the proposed reorganization appears to be another layer between the accountability and the responsibility desired by homeowners.

Next to speak was Mr. Joe Clukey, 272 Calle de Madrid, who expressed his opinion that an Airport of this size warrants full-time management at the Airport -- another "layer" would be most undesirable.

Airport Commissioner John Smith recalled a 1969 proposal to join airport and bus operations which was rejected; it has now returned in a different "suit" with more "trimmings", and deemed by him to be a "super agency controlled from City Hall under the disguise of economy and the best use of resources." It was the opinion of Mr. Smith that such resources must encompass the land potential for revenue that the Airport is capable of producing, and that it is proposed to share such resources among less efficient City operations -- further, it would seem that traffic engineering, traffic lighting, buses, and communication should be reconsidered under a common head in that they have much in common and provide the movement of goods and people, but to include the airport operation in this unification is to admit that the airport's prime function is the movement of goods and people, and this is not true.

In conclusion, it was stated by Mr. Smith that such comparison "arouses the suspicion of the people of Torrance that the scheduled airline traffic is part of this movement" -- public meetings have affirmed that residents desire that the airport continue as a separate agency, and the Airport Commission has unanimously recommended that the Airport not be considered in the subject reorganization.

Exception to the foregoing remarks was taken by Mayor Miller -- making a "whipping board" of Staff is an unworthy tactic -- and, at the Mayor's request, for Staff response, City Manager Ferraro commented that Mr. Smith's philosophy undoubtedly reflects his profession which is Los Angeles International Airport Operations, an independent airport operation which is remotely controlled by the Los Angeles City Council; the Torrance Airport, under the jurisdiction of the City Manager and City Council, is alien to Mr. Smith's thinking. Mr. Ferraro then reviewed past and present airport considerations and the firmly established Council policy relative to its operation.

Mayor Miller commented on the long "lack of communication" history at the Airport, and the role and responsibility of the City Manager to the Council -- a reorganization which will provide better leadership is favored by the Mayor. It was then confirmed by Mayor Miller that Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield will be located at the Airport to handle complaints and problems. The proposed reorganization is a progressive one and will provide orderly development; per Mayor Miller; he will support Reorganization No. 16.

It was stated by Councilman Brewster that he, too, is fast losing respect for those who conjure up a "parade of horrors" about commercial air service and about people's motives -- the Council has loudly and clearly put these concerns to bed. Mr. Brewster then commented that he favors the concept of the Department of Transportation and the inclusion therein of communications, as well as the division of the land management duties. It was added by Councilman Brewster that he respects the ability of City Manager Ferraro in areas of management, and that he further respects Mr. Ferraro's administrative prerogative to organize his staff in the way that he feels, from his experience, is best suited to benefit the City and its residents. Councilman Brewster will, therefore, support Reorganization No. 16 on that basis.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the majority report of the Ad Hoc Committee re: Administrative Reorganization No. 16 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Further action, in order to implement Reorganization No. 16, was taken by the Council, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2399

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2399 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:25. RESOLUTIONS RE: TORRANCE LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1.RESOLUTION NO. 73-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, COST ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 15, PART 2, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LANDSCAPING, PLANTING OF TREES, THE MAINTENANCE THEREOF, INCLUDING IRRIGATION FACILITIES, APPURTENANCES AND APPURTENANT WORK IN A CITY-WIDE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS TORRANCE LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1973 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1974, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER AS PROVIDED BY SAID ACT.

(Torrance Landscaping and Tree Planting Assessment District No. 1)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-130. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that his affirmative vote was cast with the understanding that there will be a public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LANDSCAPING, PLANTING OF TREES, THE MAINTENANCE THEREOF, INCLUDING IRRIGATION FACILITIES, APPURTENANCES AND APPURTENANT WORK IN TORRANCE LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-131. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE FORMATION OF AN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LANDSCAPING, THE PLANTING OF TREES AND THE MAINTENANCE THEREOF, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 15, PART 2, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BEING THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, FOR TORRANCE LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, AND APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION THERETO.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-132. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

It was noted that Section 9 of Resolution No. 73-132 should indicate "hour of 6:00 o'clock P.M." (instead of 7:00).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2397.

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2397 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Surber (not present at first reading).

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:27. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 1973-74 BUDGET.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the second public hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 1973-74 fiscal year.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that same be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1973-74.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-133. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (because of several positions he
does not like; namely, Columbia Park).

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that this is the second consecutive year the Council has produced a balanced budget, with no new taxes. Revisions in existing taxes were noted by the Mayor, as was the reason therefor. Further noted by Mayor Miller was the fact that in the forthcoming year projected Revenue Sharing Funds will primarily be used for park land and open space acquisition, with the exception of using approximately \$200,000 for a one-time cost of badly needed equipment replacement. The value of PEP employees in relieving funds for other valuable programs was acknowledged by Mayor Miller, as was his gratitude to the Council for the time and study afforded the 1973-74 Budget.

28. PRESENTATION RE: "ACTING ON CREATIVE TALENTS".

Representatives of "Acting on Creative Talents", a nonprofit corporation, regarding recreational care for mental patients outside hospital environments, were present to request Council support of the subject program.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter be referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee for review and recommendation.

29. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED VACATION OF PORTIONS OF MADRID AVENUE, ARLINGTON AVENUE AND "WALKS" IN THE VICINITY OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Proponent: City of Torrance.

Beneficiary: Record Owners.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, and invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

It was the request of the City Attorney and City Manager that Parcel 2 be withdrawn from consideration -- this lot on Del Amo Boulevard will be returned for action at a later date. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Tony Gasset spoke on behalf of his father who resides at 2134 Del Amo Boulevard (Parcel C) and is opposed to the closing of Arlington and the walkway in that he will be unable to get into his garage; four families are so affected. City Engineer Weaver indicated concurrence that Parcel C should likewise be withdrawn.

Next to speak was Mr. Joe Torres, 2327 Del Amo Boulevard, (Parcel No. 1) who requested, and received, clarification regarding disposition of the land in the event an owner cannot be located. Mr. Charlie Villago, Parcel No. 1, Lot 21, reported the need for a determination regarding City vacation of the property -- City Engineer Weaver will follow through in this regard.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACTION OF PORTIONS OF MADRID AVENUE, ARLINGTON AVENUE, AND "WALKS" IN THE VICINITY OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-134, deleting Parcel 2 and Parcel C. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:30. ZC 73-6, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Change of zone from C-2 to C-R or C-5 on property located at the northeast corner of Van Ness Avenue and 182nd Street.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO C-R BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 advertised public hearing on ZC 73-6, and following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Attorney for the estate of Albert D. Gianni, Mrs. Roslyn P. Chasan, generally reaffirmed her remarks made at the Planning Commission meetings, particularly noting that the recommended C-R rezoning would prove a tremendous hardship to the estate, and urging that the existing C-2 zoning be retained. The primary concern in this matter, according to Mrs. Chasan, appears to be the liquor license for the restaurant; she then advised that the liquor license for this establishment has been sold, separate and apart, the date being January 29, 1973.

The City's concern for aesthetic control was acknowledged by Mrs. Chasan, it being her opinion that this can be accomplished by C-2 Precise Plan zoning. It was her further recommendation that consideration be given to splitting the restaurant from the rest of the shopping center, thereby not imposing such burdensome zoning on the entire center.

Mr. Bill Gaugh, 18206 Taylor Court, stated that area residents need, and would support, a well-controlled shopping center; the Council decision some two years to approve a liquor license at this restaurant was a wrong decision -- the recommended rezoning will alleviate the long standing problems at the subject shopping center.

Mr. Jim Noll, 18039 Wilton Place, spoke in favor of C-R zoning, based on past problems with the restaurant involving noise, trash, etc.

Next to speak was Mr. Darryl Nelson, 18029 Wilton Place, who indicated his preference for the "split" -- he would not like to see the shopping center held down; however, there is a need for restrictive measures in the case of the restaurant.

Mr. Eary Ogawa, 2070 West 181st Street, described the noise problems at the restaurant; he, therefore, is in favor of the C-R zoning.

Mrs. Donna Brammer, 2061 West 181st Street, stated that there is no valid reason for the proposed zone change; more restrictive zoning will likely hinder the imminent sale of the subject property; Mrs. Brammer then presented a petition bearing 400 signatures, asking that the present zoning be retained.

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that, in his opinion, the course of action is clear -- the objectives of the City, the estate, and adjacent residents are all in concert. It is desired to clean up the shopping center, and retain it as a viable commercial center and control the eastern edge of it, which has created the problems of noise, etc. It was, therefore, Councilman Brewster's recommendation that the eastern portion of the subject property be zoned C-R, and that the remaining property stay C-2, with a Precise Plan requirement which will result in the remodeling of the center, with conditions as to landscaping, etc. Concurrence was voiced by Mayor Miller, who added his opinion that it would be unfair to burden the shopping center when the restaurant is the real concern of the neighborhood.

Planning Director Shartle confirmed that it would be proper to proceed as above outlined, and suggested that consideration be given C-3 Precise Plan zoning for the shopping center area, thereby precluding any future apartment development at this location.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the subject property be rezoned as follows: the existing C-2 property on the easterly portion of the property, east of the Food Fair building, be rezoned C-R; the westerly portion of the subject property to be rezoned C-3 Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:31. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$2467.50 to Cataphote Company for 10 tons of glass beads to be delivered "as requested" by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
2. \$1491.65 to Century Graphics for current issue of "Recreation Reporter" as requested by the Recreation Department.
3. \$301.77 to Noland Paper Company for 25,000 sheets 8½" x 13" offset paper as requested by Central Services for various projects.
4. \$9692.50 to Ay-Jay Grafix for annual contract to print six bi-monthly issues of the "Recreation Reporter" consisting of 11,500 copies per issue.
5. \$344.40 to Steward Company for one only mechanical paper jogger as requested by Central Services Division as a replacement unit.
6. \$627.81 to A.B.C. Body Shop of Torrance for repairs to a Ford Pickup (Unit #8051) and to a B&W Plymouth (Unit #7149) as requested by the City Garage.
7. \$355.50 to Case Tractor Company for various Case tractor repair parts as requested by the City Garage for Unit #9215.
8. \$541.80 to Garwood Truck & Equipment for valve repairs as requested by the City Garage for downed Unit #9028.
9. \$511.88 to Eastman Kodak Company for 50 rolls of Kodak microfilm as requested by the City Librarian for use in the Library recording system.
10. \$340.00 to Ed Cable Plastering for refinishing work at the Post Library as requested by the Building Maintenance Department.
11. \$426.60 to Campbell & Hall for 48 adult books as requested by the City Librarian.
12. \$305.83 to Needham Book Finders for 81 various adult books.
13. \$687.75 to West Publishing Company for various current subscriptions.
14. \$371.70 to Graybar Electric for 24 special Airport-runway globe bulbs and 30 shields as requested by the Airport as replacements.

15. \$351.78 to Johnsons Stationers for one (1) each credenza and chair as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacements.
16. \$2089.50 to Pitney-Bowes Inc. for one each automatic folding machine and stitching unit as requested by Central Services Division as supplemental equipment for producing program booklets.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

17. \$5461.00 to Dependable Trophies Company of Torrance for annual contract to supply trophies, plaques, and medals "as requested" by the Recreation Department for all sports programs. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from the participating teams and individuals.

32. WITHDRAWN.

33. CLAIM of William B. Boggs for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on items #31 and #33. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

34. RESOLUTION re: agreement between the City of Torrance and Ann and Howard Goldenson for the purchase of their property for proposed 223rd Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY AND ANN L. GOLDENSON AND HOWARD GOLDENSON.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-135. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - AFSCME:

Mrs. Shirley Cassell, City of Torrance employee and member of AFSCME, Local #1117, Executive Board, pointed out the unprecedented circumstance in the subject proposal wherein the Golf Starter and Custodian classifications are given \$100 per year less than the other classes.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that the Memorandum of Understanding has now been modified, and Custodians will now be receiving the same as other employees in the proposed salary adjustments.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the AFSCME Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

There were other speakers, prior to roll call vote, as follows:

On behalf of Torrance's Fiscal Employees, Mrs. Pauline Greer requested that the Council take no action which will foreclose their rights to present to the Council, or Management representatives, at a future date their request for equal pay for equal work. It was added by Mrs. Greer that members of the Fiscal Employees Representation Unit "feel that the local Union president, in negotiations with the City, has not obtained for us the salaries to which we are entitled under the Equal Pay Act of 1963. We don't know if his failure to do this is from a lack of knowledge; we do know, however, that the Supreme Court has ruled that a labor union does not have legal authority to bargain away an employee's rights under a Federal law. We know that the City Council would not wish to violate the Federal law, and women are not going to sit quietly by while they are denied what so many people have worked so long to accomplish -- equal pay for equal work."

Mr. Jackson advised that the appropriate procedure would be that this matter be taken up with the employee organization and continue discussions with authorized representatives.

City employee Iva Cahill spoke at this time, stating that she was perfectly satisfied throughout the negotiations; the foregoing, therefore, is not on behalf of all the women. (Mrs. Greer returned to offer the point of information that Mrs. Cahill is not a member of the Fiscal Employees Representation Unit.)

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion to concur with AFSCME's Memorandum of Understanding was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2400

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART V OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1117 AND ADDING A NEW PART V TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2400 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TORRANCE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Firefighters Association. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2401

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART II OF THE CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1138 IAFF, AND ADDING A NEW PART II TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2401 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. In the absence of formal written confirmation, City Manager Ferraro verbally confirmed Council action on June 21, 1973 regarding the Intruder Alarm Project in the adoption of Resolution No. 73-124, titled as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 73-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CERTAIN GRANT TO THE CITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-124. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Surber (not present at June 21st
meeting).

37. The need to strengthen local obscenity laws -- in light of the recent Supreme Court ruling - was noted by Councilman Surber. City Attorney Remelmeyer will research this situation and report back.

38. Councilman Uerkwitz pointed out the possible merit of portable signals in connection with the Rolling Hills Shopping Center/Skyline Mobile Home Park signalization problems (Item #13).

39. Councilman Wilson noted the widening of Flagler Lane in Redondo Beach, and questioned the effect of this on Torrance. City Engineer Weaver will provide data and information in this regard.

40. The following prepared oral communication was presented by Mayor Miller:

"As part of our budget workshop sessions, we have directed the City Manager to analyze and review our bus system. A number of good questions have been raised and there does exist the need for a thorough and complete examination.

"In order that all points be covered, input is needed from a number of sources, not just Staff. It seems to me that the best way to accomplish this would be through the creation of a community-wide task force charged with the responsibility for gathering together opinions and facts from all sides of the question. What I have in mind is -- we should hear from the users of our bus system as well as from the expertise of such people as Jack Schmidt, who has spent considerable time studying this matter, and we should also hear from Dick Cahill and the bus operators.

"Periodically, the question of whether we should or should not have a transit system, and how best to provide this type of transportation in the community, has been discussed by the Council and other groups. Obviously, the nature of our transit system is such that we cannot make a fast overnight decision. With the beginning of a new fiscal year there is a good opportunity to rationally develop the course of action that we desire.

"I would, therefore, with Council's concurrence, ask that the City Manager submit to us names of community leaders for appointment to this task force. Hopefully we could then make appointments in the near future and complete a study within four-to-six months."

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

41. Mayor Miller introduced Mrs. Katy Geissert, recent winner of the Chamber of Commerce's "Distinguished Citizen" Award.

42. On behalf of Mr. Don Wilson, Mr. Glen Cheshire referred to Tentative Tract 28651 and the park and recreation fees therefor, with the request that these fees be \$400, instead of \$450, in view of Council approval of their appeals from Planning Commission findings, and the delay occasioned by the appeal process.

City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that the Council could properly grant the request. Councilman Sciarrotta so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

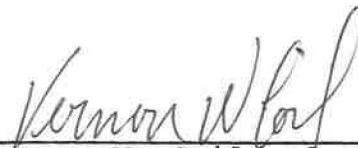
It was pointed out by Councilman Brewster that had the 16-lot tract gone through, it would have been processed prior to July 1st, and \$400 would have been received for each of the 16 lots -- \$6400; the City will receive, under Mr. Wilson's request, some \$7200, a higher sum than had it been normally processed with the 16 lots.

43. Appreciation to Management and to the Council for the consideration in recent negotiations afforded their respective groups was expressed by Messrs. DeArmitt and Cahill.

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At 11:50 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, July 10, 1973, at 6:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance