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Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 1973, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Building and Safety Director McKinnon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Harry Hillier, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation, as follows:

"OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER TOGETHER TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THIS COMMUNITY. WE RECOGNIZE, OUR FATHER, THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU AND THAT WE ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE.

"WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT COME TO US, FOR THE FREEDOM THAT HAS BEEN OURS SINCE WE HAVE BEEN BORN, AND WE PRAY, LORD, THAT WE MIGHT ALWAYS BE CONSCIOUS OF THIS, AND RESOLVE IN OUR HEARTS TO USE THESE FREEDOMS WISELY AND TO THE BENEFIT OF THOSE IN THE TOTAL COMMUNITY."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following minutes: Budget Workshop Meetings of June 11, 12, and 25, 1973; Adjourned Regular Meeting of June 21, 1973; and the Special Meeting of June 29, 1973. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:
Thursday, July 12th, at 5:00 P.M.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

July 18th at 4:30 P.M. re: Policewomen, with Policewomen in attendance, if possible, along with necessary legal representation. (See Oral Communication No. 44, Page 18.)

Legislative Committee:

Wednesday, July 18th, at 8:30 A.M., with the request by Councilman Sciarrotta that Legislative Advocate Rupert provide a resume on pending bills re: the City's share of funds.

OIL BOARD INTERVIEWS:9. INTERVIEW WITH APPLICANTS for the five vacant positions.

In person application was made by: Paul L. Clukey, Don Hyde, Jack Kramer, Frank Lane and Alan Mandell.

On completion of the interviews at 6:50 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session to select members for the Oil Board. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 7:10 P.M. to announce the following appointments to the Oil Board:

Don Hyde
Jack Kramer
Alan Mandell
Henry Nowicki
Paul Werner.

Taken at this time, out of order:

33. DONATION FROM WALTERIA BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB.

Sr. Librarian Susan Clifford presented a check in the amount of \$50 from the Walteria Business Women's Club to Mayor Miller -- another annual contribution from this civic group for use by the library system. There was grateful acceptance by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council and the community.

PRESENTATIONS:

10. PRESENTATION TO CARRIE LATTERI for her tireless efforts and outstanding devotion in promoting the successful first annual Bunka-Sai.

Recognition of Mrs. Latteri's contribution to the community was given by Councilman Sciarrotta, with heartfelt acknowledgment by the Council. Mrs. Latteri expressed her pleasure with this tribute.

COMMENDATIONS:

11. To Torrance Youth Council from the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Women's Division.

Held for later in the meeting. (See Page 8.)

PROCLAMATIONS:

12. CITY OF HOPE WEEK in the City of Torrance.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

REAL PROPERTY:

13. REQUEST OF BLUE'S FLYING SERVICE for extension of lease to 25 years.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That this matter be further deferred until the Airport Master Plan is adopted.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Land Management Team. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. RESOLUTION re: ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET - 234TH STREET.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES LOT 20, TRACT NO. 23526 AND LOT 13, TRACT NO. 25869, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED LOTS 234TH STREET.

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Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-137. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29541.
 Subdivider: Stan Wilson
 Engineer: Lanco Engineering
 Location: Between 235th Street and 235th Place west of
 Haas Avenue.

No. of Lots: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

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

16. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28651.
 Subdivider: Don Wilson Builders
 Engineer: Engineering Service Corporation
 Location: Between 233rd and 235th Streets east of
 Pennsylvania Avenue.

No. of Lots: 18

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

17. DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8A.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$21,200.00 be appropriated from Drainage District 8A for construction of drainage facilities between 233rd Street and 235th Street e/c Pennsylvania Avenue (Drainage District 8A, Phase X).

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer and approve appropriation of \$21,200 from Drainage District 8A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION:**18. SOUTH BAY TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDY.**RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCILMAN BREWSTER:

(As Chairman of Public Works Committee and Vice President, InterCity Transportation Committee)

1. That the Torrance City Council reaffirm its position -- that of supporting the development of the Corridor Study as a means to logically explore methods and alternatives for the improvement of transportation media in the South Bay;
2. That Council reaffirm the concept of a Corridor Study Steering Committee as an independent body. Several cities have already designated their representative. Our Council should also move ahead and designate its official representative to the South Bay Transportation Corridor Study Steering Committee; and
3. Since much legal and technical work remains in order to initiate the Corridor Study, and since this cannot occur until the Steering Committee meets, it is therefore recommended further that upon selecting our representative, the City of Torrance, through this representative, extend an invitation throughout the South Bay to attend an inaugural Steering Committee meeting to be held in late July. The date for such a meeting could perhaps be coordinated through the South Bay Cities Association and the InterCity Transportation Committee. I can see a full agenda of items to be covered at such an event.

The appointment of Councilman Brewster to serve as Torrance's official representative to the South Bay Transportation Corridor Study Steering Committee was recommended by Mayor Miller -- same was declined by Councilman Brewster, with appreciation for the recommendation, but, regrettably, the abundance of present assignments makes it impossible for him to so serve.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to appoint Councilman Berkwitz as South Bay Transportation Corridor Study Steering Committee representative. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of Councilman Brewster. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

19. STATUS REPORT RE: TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION on Pacific Coast Highway at Rolling Hills Shopping Center.CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That a traffic signal can be installed and operating by the beginning of December 1973 if the subject time schedule is adhered to. Also, it is the opinion of the Department of Transportation that the matter of Mr. Levitt's reimbursing

the City for his one-half share of the signal at Crenshaw and Airport Drive should be satisfactorily resolved prior to the issuance of a building permit for the hardware store.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the conclusions and recommendations of the Department of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of a claim for local Transportation Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-138. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he cast an affirmative vote for the reason that "it's the only way we can get the money".

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing execution of supplemental agreement between the City and Laurence J. Thompson, Inc. (Landscaping Assessment District).

RESOLUTION NO. 73-139

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 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC. (Landscaping Assessment District)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-139, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted the following amendment to the Supplemental Agreement in this matter: That the contract for reimbursement for mailing costs be amended to include reimbursement for the exact cost of said street posting following completion of said work -- upon presentation of duly approved invoice.

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The motion to adopt Resolution No. 73-139 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

22. FAA OFFER OF GLIDE SLOPE, MIDDLE MARKER AND 2400-FT. MEDIUM INTENSITY APPROACH LIGHTING SYSTEM WITH RUNWAY ALIGNMENT INDICATOR LIGHTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT AIRPORT MANAGER/AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That the matter of the Glide Slope, Middle Marker, MALSR navigational aids as tendered to the City be referred to the Master Plan Study.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation that the subject matter be referred to the Master Plan Study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz, when casting his negative vote, reiterated his comment at the May 23, 1972 Council meeting -- "nothing to do with safety".

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that an Executive Session be scheduled at the conclusion of the agenda items to discuss wages, hours and working conditions in conformance with the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

24. RESOLUTIONS implementing new Memorandums of Intent for various Seasonal Recurrent Employees.

CROSSING GUARDS:

RESOLUTION NO. 73-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS,
WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SEASONAL
RECURRENT CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-140. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24A. LIBRARY PAGE AND JUNIOR LIBRARY CLERK:RESOLUTION NO. 73-141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SEASONAL RECURRENT EMPLOYEES OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT IN THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF LIBRARY PAGE AND JUNIOR LIBRARY CLERK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-141. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24B. SEASONAL RECURRENT PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES:RESOLUTION NO. 73-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SEASONAL RECURRENT EMPLOYEES OF THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-142. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Council at this time returned to:

COMMENDATIONS:

11. COMMENDATION TO THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL for volunteer service - Presented by the Women's Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Youth Council Chairman Mike Kinane graciously accepted the plaque so honoring the Youth Council from Mrs. Jackie Wylie of the Women's Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. Vice Chairman James Burger, Torrance Youth Commission, likewise conveyed appreciation for this recognition.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS E. SCOTT AS DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Francis E. Scott be appointed as Deputy City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney re: appointment of Francis E. Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:26. ORDINANCE NO. 2398.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 Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2398 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2399.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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2399 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Uerkwitz. (For previously
stated reasons)

It was reiterated by Councilman Uerkwitz that he is not opposed to the reorganization; he cannot concur with removal of the Airport management.

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2400.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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2400 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2401.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART II OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS 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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2401 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

30. V 73-3, (EA 73-16) FRANCES PIKUSH.

Request for variance to the R-1 zone to permit the construction of a three-unit dwelling on property located at the south side of 227th Place, between Samuel and Madison Streets.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL 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 V 73-3, and invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Gil Sellen generally reiterated his Planning Commission comments relative to the difficulties of developing the subject parcel and the unique circumstances surrounding this particular piece of property. He confirmed that the proponent would be satisfied with approval of duplex development.

Mr. John Lorenz, 3428 West 225th Street, reviewed past zoning history of the subject area, and noted the need to maintain some consistency in the area's land use -- specifically noted was the substandard R-1 lot, adjacent to the subject property, which will be blocked by the proposed development. Mr. Lorenz urged that the R-1 zoning be retained, and that a duplex not be permitted.

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

Council discussion ensued, it being specifically pointed out by Councilman Brewster that the duplex approach has merit in that the subject property is some 8100 sq. ft. and, therefore, approximately 33% over the R-1 requirements; also noted were the problems of the oil well equipment and the resultant lot arrangements. It was the further feeling of Mr. Brewster that R-1 development would be sandwiched in between two apartment buildings, an undesirable situation -- also noted by him were the Environmental Review Board findings that there would be no significant impact were three units or less constructed on the property; and the controls afforded by the six conditions recommended by the Planning Department, were the request approved by Council. Concurrence was voiced by Councilman Sciarrotta, who expressed his preference for duplex development, and Councilman Armstrong who noted that an attractive nuisance would be removed, and a duplex need not be a massive, lot-covering thing. Mayor Miller deemed duplex development as an attempt to make the best of a bad situation -- however, it was his specific request that, in the event of approval, R-1 setbacks be honored and be so reflected on the Precise Plan -- if otherwise, it was his direction that he be advised in order to appeal same and cast a negative vote on same.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve V 73-3, subject to Planning Department conditions #1 through #6, that a Precise Plan be submitted for approval prior to issuance of a building permit, and that no more than two units shall be permitted to be built. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, with the understanding that R-1 development ground rules re: setbacks would apply.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Mrs. Lawrence Diebold, 3620 West 227th Place (owner of house to rear of adjacent property with easement access) expressed her concern regarding emergency vehicle access to her property with the subject property's ultimate development with a duplex. It was the consensus of the Council members who approved V 73-3 that the Precise Plan should be drawn to take care of that concern, such Plan to be made available to Mrs. Diebold for her review, if desired.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

31. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS on Casimir Avenue between 170th and 171st Streets; and 227th Street between Pennsylvania and Cypress Streets.

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 subject public hearing, 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.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) City Project 73-2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. The Mayor ascertained that there were no written protests, and then inquired if there were any oral protests. There was no response at this time.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Mailing. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to receive and file said Affidavit. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, 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. 73-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 73-129.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-143, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mrs. Thelma Russell came forward to speak. Mayor Miller thereupon MOVED to reopen the public hearing; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Thelma Russell, 2034 West 236th Street, reported her recent clean-up of lot contained in subject resolution, and requested exception thereof, as did Mr. Ronald Keating, 3849 Newton Street. City Engineer Weaver will check out these two requests, and proceed accordingly.

There being no further speakers, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Roll call vote on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-143 was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

33. Heard earlier in the meeting. (Page 3)
34. DONATIONS FROM DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TORRANCE - KIWANIS CLUB OF TORRANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That the subject donations be accepted, with gratitude, by the Council.

35. CLAIM OF Jaime Banuelos Fuentes for personal and property damages.
36. CLAIM of Jaime and Amparo Fuentes for personal and property damages.
37. CLAIM of Eugene Lustig for damages to business.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That items #35, 36, and 37 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

38. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$12,000 be appropriated from 2107 Gas Tax Funds for Project No. SS-95 (Torrance Boulevard-Sartori Avenue to RR Overpass).
2. That \$4,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for Project No. SS-248 (Acquisition of R/W for Madrona Avenue from Santa Fe Railroad Company).

39. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$1338.75 to Visualtek for a specially designed closed circuit T.V. and monitor system to assist partially blind people to read library material, as requested by the City Librarian.
2. \$594.51 to Automatic Printing of Torrance to supply 298,000 library book transaction "check out" slips, as requested by the City Librarian.
3. \$1326.41 to University Microfilm for microfilm coverage of back issues of Life, Nation, Time, and American Journal of Nursing, as requested by the City Librarian.

4. \$640.71 to Kersting Manufacturing Company for 36 only special "quick see" record album files, as requested by the City Librarian.
5. \$483.00 to Burt C. Gentle Company, Inc. for 8 ranges of "Amestack" library books and magazine shelves as requested by the City Librarian to match existing shelving.
6. \$494.55 to Olivetti Company for one each electric and manual typewriters as requested as replacements by the City Librarian for use at the Southeast Branch. These typewriters are to replace two typewriters recently stolen from the Southeast Branch Library. Prices reflect the State of California contract (Reference Contract #1-73-71-5). A claim has been filed to cover part of the loss with the City's insurance carrier.
7. \$380.62 to Memorex Corporation for 50 only IBM MT/ST word processing tape cartridges, as requested by the Planning Department and City Manager's Office for use with their respective MT/ST systems.
8. \$1459.50 to Graybar Electric Company for 20 each fluorescent light fixtures, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacements.
9. \$453.60 to Century Wholesale Electric for five "Furnas" lighting contactors, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacements.
10. \$538.07 to A.B.C. Body Shop of Torrance for necessary repairs to a 1969 Dodge involved in an auto accident, as requested by the City Garage.
11. \$2543.10 to Torrance Auto Parts for one only combustion analyzer to analyze exhaust emissions from vehicles, as requested by the City Garage.
12. \$386.00 to Saturn Manufacturing Company for installation of 30 linear ft. of 6'8" partition, as requested by the City Engineer to divide a large office.
13. \$478.80 to Constructors Supply for 60 metal barricades, as requested by the Street Department as replacements.
14. \$593.26 to Smith & Hartford for necessary repairs to a City Bus #342, as requested by the City Garage. (\$93.26 is being reimbursed from Farmers Insurance Group.)
15. \$1477.00 to Hicks Machinery Company for two pieces of used equipment -- a metal forming piece and a metal roller. Both pieces are required by the City Garage for use in their operations. Cost of new metal breakers would be 50% higher.
16. \$375.48 to Pacific Desk Company for two only tables, as requested by City Manager's office for use in Commission Meeting Rooms.

17. \$369.62 to GMC Truck and Coach of Oakland for GMC factory repair parts, as requested by the City Garage for Unit #345.
18. \$629.74 to Pacific Southwest Pipe Company for four safety devices installed on City water reservoir tank ladders as required by the State to prevent accidental falling.
19. \$332.49 to Johnsons Stationers of Torrance for six only heavy duty 6-ft. folding tables, as requested by the Recreation Department, plus one only chair as requested by the Personnel Department as replacement items.
20. \$410.81 to California Electronics and Police Equipment for 50 "mace" dispensers and 25 "mace" holders, as requested by the Police Department.
21. Request that Council approve an increase in appropriation to an existing parts maintenance contract to Econolite Electronics for traffic signal repair parts. It is requested that Council increase the appropriation by \$8,000 (from \$15,000 to \$23,000) to cover the remaining four months on the contract -- this contract is with L.A. County and the Econolite Corporation (Reference Agreement #29005).
22. \$824.11 to Needham Book Finders for 186 adult books.
23. \$2348.44 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 335 adult and juvenile books.
24. \$839.79 to Herweg & Romine for 384 adult books.
25. \$425.42 to Americana for six sets of "Masterplots".
26. \$6209.23 to Western Bookbinding Company for 3,513 rebound books.
27. \$500.00 to Cranes Discount Records for a selection of phonograph records required as part of the Library's Audio Program.
28. \$500.00 to Sound Music Sales for a selection of phonograph records required as part of Library's Audio Program.
29. \$1000.00 to N.M.C. Corporation for a selection of phonograph records required as part of the Library's Audio Program.
30. \$831.01 to Oranco Supply Company for various sprinkler system parts, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for installation at the Lomita Boulevard mini-park.

31. \$5388 to North American Maintenance for annual contract for window cleaning service, as requested by the Custodial Department for fiscal year 1973.74.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

32. \$312.10 to A.B.C. Body Shop for repairs to International Packer, as requested by the City Garage. (Billing to responsible party in process.)
33. \$1070.97 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach for repairs to City bus #351, as requested by the City Garage.
34. \$655.20 to Hersey Products, Inc. for one only Hersey water meter, as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Torrance Plex Company. Payment has already been received.

40. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Replacement Fire Hose.
Size: 1", 2½", 3" and 3½".
Reference Bid #B73-20 - Total Expenditure: \$9194.44.
Fiscal Year 1972-73.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bid per item and approve of the awarding of the contracts as follows:

1. Recommend that sizes 2½" and 3½" be awarded to The American Rubber Manufacturing Company in the total amount of \$8215, including tax.
2. Recommend sizes 1" and 3" be awarded to the Western Fire Equipment Company in the total amount of \$979.44, including tax.

41. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Street Sweeping Materials - Gutter Wire and Polypropylene Bristles.
Fiscal Year 1972-73 - Total Expenditure: \$4275.40.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bids and approve of awarding of the contracts as follows:

1. Gutter Wire - Approve of the award to the Don A. Wren & Company in the total amount of \$1901.00, including tax.
2. Polypropylene Bristles - Approve of the award to the Municipal Parts and Supply Company in the total amount of \$2374.10, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and #41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:42. PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDING CORPORATION - CONSTRUCTION REALLOCATION.RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, AND CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council take the following actions:

1. Appoint seven persons to serve as directors of the Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation.
2. Reallocate the construction of Fire Station No. 6 from Series A to Series B, so that Series A will consist of Fire Station No. 3 and Walteria Reservoir Tennis Courts.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendations. 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: Surber, Uerkwitz.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he is in favor of the Fire Station, but is opposed to the other aspects of the recommendation.

43. RESOLUTION re: Construction Easement Condemnation, Torrance Boulevard from Henrietta Street to Prospect Avenue.RESOLUTION NO. 73-144

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 A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND PERMIT TO ENTER IN, UPON, OVER AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY TO CONSTRUCT A RETAINING WALL AND DRIVEWAYS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC STREET, AND FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-144. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:40 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:45 P.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

44. It was the request of City Manager Ferraro, in reference to the Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee meeting of July 18th, that Policewomen attendance be limited to one Policewoman on duty, and that as many off-duty Policewomen as want to attend plan to do so. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
45. The pending considerations regarding the middle management contract were noted by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, with the request that same be continued on a month-to-month basis. Councilman Surber so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.
46. It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that there be appropriate recognition for retiring Postmaster Carl Backlund. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
47. Councilman Sciarrotta conveyed to the Council the appreciation of the Sister City Committee for the support and assistance at the recent Bunka-Sai.
48. It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that SCRTD be permitted use of Torrance's Council Chambers at future hearings -- there were no objections.
49. Councilman Surber noted that the League of California Cities desires that resolutions be submitted to them by July 26th. It was Mr. Surber's request that the Council's resolution supporting the death penalty be forwarded to the League. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
50. Councilman Uerkwitz deplored the light penalties imposed in the matter of the attack on Recreation Department employee, Bob Jones -- it is the feeling of Mr. Uerkwitz that if this be "justice", then there is a need for review of laws which result in such decisions.
51. Councilman Wilson specifically commended Councilman Sciarrotta for his outstanding contribution to the successful Bunka-Sai, along with the others who worked so hard in behalf of this event -- it was Dr. Wilson's request that a letter of appreciation go forward to the Sister City Committee conveying this gratitude. There were no objections.
52. Appropriate recognition for former Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Robert Flora, who is leaving the City of Torrance, was requested by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
53. A hazardous corner -- 190th and Yukon -- was noted by Councilman Wilson -- same will be checked out by City Traffic Engineer Horkay.
54. A report on Fire Department and related 4th of July costs to the City was requested by Councilman Wilson -- City Manager Ferraro will provide such report. Councilman Surber asked that the report incorporate automobile accidents on the 4th, as compared with an average day.

55. Mayor Miller requested that the "Blue Ribbon Bus Committee" recommendations be expedited.

56. Mrs. Tina Boyd, 4111 West 239th Street, reaffirmed the dedicated interest of those present at the budget hearings on the matter of the formation of a consumer protection group -- subsequent conversations have indicated that the quality of this dedication was questioned.

Mayor Miller clarified his conversations with Mrs. Boyd in that there is a need for time to thoroughly study a project of this magnitude, a project presented the Council in the midst of budget hearings, minus any prior consideration. It was also noted that Staff research is presently underway.

57. City Manager Ferraro requested that Council hold an Executive Session at this time, for the purpose of discussing wages, hours, and working conditions -- City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that this is a proper action, whereupon Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the Council recess for the purpose of an Executive Session. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (The hour was 9:15 P.M.)

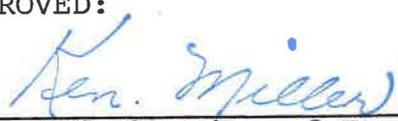
The Council returned at 9:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance