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Adjourned at 7:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M., July 24, 1973.

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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, July 17, 1973, at 5:30 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:

Mr. Paul Anderson led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd H. Newlin, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation:

"FATHER, WE ARE GRATEFUL TONIGHT THAT WE CAN BE TOGETHER AS MEN AND WOMEN OF A COMMUNITY CONCERNED ONE FOR THE OTHER. WE THANK THEE, LORD, THAT WE ARE PART OF A NATION THAT HAS THIS KIND OF CONCERN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL. WE PRAY, OUR GOD, THAT YOU WILL BE WITH THESE WHO MAKE DECISIONS, AND EACH OF US WHO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING IN THEM, THAT IN THESE DAYS WE MIGHT RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY, TO OUR NATION, TO THE VERY WORLD WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN US TO ENJOY. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL HELP US IN EVERY DECISION, TO BE CERTAIN THAT WE ARE JUST NOT THINKING OF SELF, BUT RATHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE THAT ARE ABOUT US, AS WELL AS OUR OWN NEEDS.

"WE PRAISE YOU, LORD, FOR MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE WILLING TO GIVE THEIR TIME AND THEIR TALENTS, THEIR ABILITY, ON BEHALF OF OTHERS. AND WE ASK NOW THAT YOU WILL HELP EACH OF US TO REACH OUT AS WE ENDEAVOR TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY THE KIND OF COMMUNITY WHERE MEN AND WOMEN CAN GROW, AND WHERE CHILDREN CAN APPRECIATE A REAL FULL, RICH, AND BEAUTIFUL LIFE. WE THANK YOU FOR THE ONE WHO HAS SAID THAT HE HAS COME TO GIVE US LIFE, AND THAT WE MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of June 19, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; 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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Surber moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:
July 18th at 4:30 P.M.

Ad Hoc Committee re: Charter Review:
July 18th meeting cancelled.

Legislative Committee:
July 18th at 8:30 A.M.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. RESOLUTION re: Appropriation of County Aid-to-Cities Funds for Street Maintenance.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM STREETS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-145. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

10. RESOLUTION re: Construction of 1970 Bond Issue Projects Nos. 8150 and 8153.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING 1970 BOND ISSUE PROJECT 8150 UNIT 2 - LINES B, C & D, AND PROJECT 8153 UNIT I - LINES B & C.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-146. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ELECTION MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE amending Code imposing a 30-day residency requirement for individuals desiring to run for public office in the City of Torrance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2402

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 12.1.6 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE IMPOSING A 30-DAY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT ON INDIVIDUALS DESIRING TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2402 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Surber indicated his feeling that a 30-day residency period for public office candidates is not sufficient time to provide true representation. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported California Supreme Court findings that to require a longer period of time than the 30 days is unconstitutional, and noted that the subject ordinance would uphold the Supreme Court decision -- otherwise with the present Code provision for one year residency, a hopeful candidate could establish one day residency, with the knowledge that the one year requirement is unconstitutional.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2402 was unanimously favorable -- Councilman Surber indicated that his "yes" vote was a very reluctant one.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

12. RELEASE OF LIST OF AIRCRAFT OWNERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

Concerns were voiced by the Council as to possible liabilities, need for consent, the mechanics of compilation of such a list, etc. It was the consensus that this matter be referred to the Transportation Committee, and it was so ordered. It was the request of Councilman Brewster that there be input from the Airport Business Association as well in this matter.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

13. ORDINANCE adding Section to Code relating to service upon the City of Notices and other documents.

ORDINANCE NO. 2403

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 11.6.4 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SERVICE UPON THE CITY OF NOTICES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

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Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2403 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-147

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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-147. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE establishing Salary for Exempt Classification of Administrative Assistant pursuant to Administrative Reorganization No. 16.

ORDINANCE NO. 2404

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW CLASS TITLE TO SECTION 17.111.1 OF PART XI, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2404 at its first 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)

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Held for later in the meeting. (See Page 10.)

17. MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING -
TPSA, TMEQ, TPOA, and TCAA.

Held for later in the meeting; action to follow Executive Session.
(See Page 11.)

18. REPORT FROM COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APPOINTED GROUPS.RECOMMENDATION OF SUBJECT COMMITTEE:

That the Airport and Traffic Commissions remain "as is", while the Ad Hoc Committee pursues 1) the possibilities of expanding the scope of the Youth Commission, and 2) merging of the Emergency Preparedness Commission into the Torrance Disaster Council.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to accept the Committee's report. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered, out of order, at this time:

ADDENDUM ITEM:28. COMMISSION VACANCIES:RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That a date and time be scheduled for interviews to fill the vacancies on the Airport, Park & Recreation, and Traffic Commissions. A public notice should be published in the Daily Breeze notifying Torrance citizens of the vacancies.

Consideration should also be given to the Cultural Arts and Environmental Quality Commissions as soon as those ordinances are drawn.

As previously requested by Council, vacancies on Emergency Preparedness (3), Torrance Beautiful (1), and Youth (2) Commissions have been held in abeyance pending a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that interviews be set for August 14th at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was confirmed by Councilman Armstrong that the above interviews likely could encompass the Cultural Arts and Environmental Quality Commissions, and, hopefully, the pending considerations of the Ad Hoc Committee.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:19. REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT re: Real Estate Signing on Public Property and Recreational Programs for Torrance citizens recently returned to the community from State Mental Hospitals.

Held for later in the meeting. (See Page 9.)

ROUTINE MATTERS:20. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$366.92 to Gregory Pump Company for one only replacement Peerless Sprinkler System Pump and Motor Drive, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
2. \$451.64 to Oranco Supply Company for sprinkler system hardware, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for the Lomita Boulevard mini-park sprinkler system.
3. \$750.00 to Aluma Kool Company to furnish and install an aluminum awning cover for the Bartlett Adult Center.
4. \$1667.84 to Johnny Gillette Tire for necessary tire repairs and retreading services, as requested by the City Garage.
5. \$392.20 to Safeway Sign Company for 100 each 10-ft. traffic sign mounting posts, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
6. \$872.91 to Zumar Industries for 62 various reflectorized traffic control signs, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
7. \$431.76 to Noland Paper Company for 40,000 sheets of Springhill white bond paper, as requested by Central Services for printing material for the Landscaping District.
8. \$969.96 to A.B.C. Body Shop for repairs to a City International Pickup (Unit #8015) involved in an auto accident, as requested by the City Garage.
9. \$628.05 to South Bay Reloading for 100,000 large and small pistol primers and 3 kegs pistol powder, as requested by the Police Department for their reloading operation for use on the target range.
10. \$330.83 to Dearth Machinery Company for necessary repair parts, as requested by the City Garage for a street sweeper.
11. \$488.25 to Superior Printers of Torrance for the printing of 5,000 copies of a publication entitled "Youth Cultural Festival Programs".
12. \$9850.00 to Doberman Press of Torrance for an annual contract to print six issues of the "Recreation Reporter" consisting of 11,500 copies per issue. (Council originally awarded this contract to Ay-Jay Grafix on June 26, 1973 for \$9692.50, which company has suddenly closed down due to "internal problems".)

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13. \$1226.52 to Johnsons Stationers of Torrance for two each desks, chairs, and files, as requested by the Building and Safety Department; and 25 card tables and six folding chairs, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
14. \$1260.00 to Mike Brown Grandstand, Inc. for the rental of steel frame bleachers, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for use at the 1973 City Aquacade.

21. LAND PURCHASE - PUC Decision (17008 Osage Avenue, Parcel 1)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council appropriate \$25,500.00 from the Unappropriated Reserve of the General Fund, and authorize the Land Management Division to open an escrow and execute the necessary documents for said purchase.

22. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Installation of a City Parking Area Security Control System - Ref. Bid B73-23.
Expenditure - \$5,446.30.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/PURCHASING

SUPERVISOR: That Council accept the bid submitted by the Park-c-Matic Manufacturing Company, and approve of the awarding of subject contract to them for the purpose of furnishing and installing a security control system in City Hall parking area, in the total amount of \$5446.30, including tax.

It is also recommended that \$5,446.30 be appropriated from the reserve for Civic Center Improvement account balance for the purpose as stated.

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Sanitary Sewer in Torrance Boulevard between Henrietta Street and West City Boundary (Job No. 73139).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to J.M. Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected.

24. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Storm Drain at Airport Drive and Curtiss Way (Job No. 73109).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Stone Construction Company, Inc.

25. RELOCATION OF FOUR FIRE HYDRANTS IN THE T-HANGAR DEVELOPMENT AREA.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That \$1,725. be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings for the relocation of four fire hydrants in the T-Hangar area.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

26. RESOLUTION re: Acquisition of a right-of-way easement for the construction, completion and maintenance of a public street, and directing the City Attorney to bring and prosecute an action in the Superior Court for the Condemnation thereof.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-148

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 RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION 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.
(Kent Avenue -- Gillespie)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-148. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

27. RESOLUTION RE: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO CALL UPON THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A BILL REQUIRING THE MANDATORY IMPOSITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT UPON ANYONE CONVICTED OF THE FIRST DEGREE MURDER OF A PEACE OFFICER ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-149. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unaimously approved by roll call vote.

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The Council directed consideration to:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

19. Report from Council Committee on Parks, Recreation and Community Development re:

(1) Real Estate Signing on Public Property:

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE:

That no further ordinance revisions be drawn pending six months of active enforcement of the current provisions.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of the Committee report and the above recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Mr. Ben Cooper, 22908 Anza Avenue, reiterated his previously voiced objections to such signing; the subject ordinance serves a select group of people (realtors), and is not an equitable arrangement; no such signing should be permitted by anyone.

Concern as to the overall fairness was voiced by Councilman Surber -- there appears to be a discrimination against signing, other than real estate signing, and he questioned the justification therefor.

Councilman Uerkwitz was advised by City Attorney Remelmeyer, on his question re: possible conflict of interest in that his mother is a real estate broker in Westchester, that there would be no such conflict, and that he might properly vote in this matter.

The motion to adopt the Committee report carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,
and Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (such signing should be off
public property).
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller (because of his business
and profession).

(2) Request for Support from "ACTING ON CREATIVE TALENT".

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. That the Staff be directed to work with ACTS to try to find a suitable location for the conduct of a special program; and
2. That the City's Legislative Advocate obtain data on what type of State monies might be available to ACTS to perform a specialized program.

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

28. COMMISSION VACANCIES.

Heard earlier in the meeting - Page 5.

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The hour being 6:15 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned at 6:18 P.M.

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ADDENDUM ITEM:

29. ORDINANCES - TPOA, TPSA, TMEO.

Considered later in the meeting -- See Page 11.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. The newly assigned reporter for the Los Angeles Times, South Bay Section, Mr. Herb Vita, was introduced by City Manager Ferraro.

31. The next introduction -- the recently appointed Deputy City Attorney, Mr. Frank Scott -- was made by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

32. The request of Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield for assistance in the matter of resolution requirements (Lear jet take-off) was noted by Councilman Wilson -- City Attorney Remelmeyer will follow through in this regard.

33. Councilman Wilson noted recent publicity regarding Director of Recreation Van Bellehem's approach to State guidelines for the 1974 State Park Bond Act -- Intern Mark June provided further clarification, as a result of his research of this matter. Mr. Van Bellehem indicated that he would report back at a later date on the progress thereof.

34. Youth Council president, Mike Kinane, noted the abundance of weeds and debris in the Old Towne Mall area -- this will be checked out by City Engineer Weaver

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ITEM #16.

At 6:20 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of listening to the City Manager's position regarding hours, wages, and working conditions, following confirmation by the City Attorney that this is a proper subject for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 7:15 P.M.

ADDENDUM ITEM:29. ORDINANCES RE: HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.A. TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:ORDINANCE NO. 2405

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

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2405 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

B. TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION:ORDINANCE NO. 2406

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART IV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR MID MANAGERS, ADDING A NEW PART IV TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2406 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

C. TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION:ORDINANCE NO. 2407

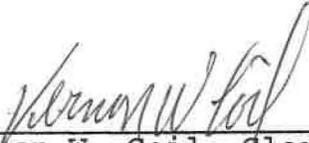
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART X OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES REPRESENTING THEMSELVES ADDING A NEW PART X TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2407 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

On behalf of the Torrance Police Officers Association, Lieutenant Charles Oates expressed appreciation to the Council for the consideration afforded TPOA -- further gratitude was conveyed to Assistant to the City Manager Leroy Jackson for an outstanding job.

At 7:30 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to Tuesday, July 24, 1973, at 6:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance