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Adjourned at 11:00 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 24, 1973, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Librarian West led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

"FATHER, WE ARE GRATEFUL TONIGHT FOR THE PRIVILEGE AGAIN OF BEING TOGETHER IN A COMMUNITY OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT WHICH TAKES PLACE. WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE CHALLENGE WHICH IS OURS TO LIVE IN THESE DAYS -- WE KNOW THERE ARE PRESSURES EVERYWHERE -- THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES OF WHICH WE READ, LOCAL PRESSURES, AND THE EXPERIENCES WITHIN OUR NATION THAT CHALLENGE US TO THE VERY CORE. WE GIVE THANKS THAT WE STILL HAVE MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE THEIR STAND, AS INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT EVEN HERE, EACH OF US IS IMPORTANT AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

"WE PRAY THAT EACH MAN AND EACH WOMAN WITH CONCERN MAY HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING AND SPEAKING. THANK YOU, LORD, FOR TEACHING US THIS, AS CHRIST HIMSELF TAUGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL. GOD, GIVE THESE MEN WHO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING DECISIONS THE VISION, THE WISDOM, AND THE FAITH TO STAND ON THAT WHICH THEY BELIEVE."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of June 26, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

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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 (Councilman Brewster absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz 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 Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Transportation Committee: at Airport
Met this date re: business list/-- report will be made at July 31st meeting.

Finance Committee:
A lengthy meeting on June 30th -- results will be discussed in Personnel Session, per Councilman Sciarrotta.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:
July 25th at 4:30 P.M.

Civil Service Committee:
Met with Civil Service Commission representatives on July 23rd; report will be made at July 31st meeting.

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Assistant City Manager Scharfman noted the need for two Executive Sessions this evening -- one during Redevelopment Agency deliberations, and one during Council considerations -- such sessions for the purpose of discussing wages, hours, and working conditions.

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8A. INTERVIEWS - TORRANCE PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDING CORPORATION.

Present, to request consideration for appointment to the Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation, were the following applicants: Perry G. Baker, Mrs. Ernestine Boyd, Charles R. Husler, Arnold A. Katz, William A. Larson, Thomas J. Lergering, William J. Melville, James E. Newell, Ursel C. Nolte, Leo F. Salisbury, Seymour Uberman, Dr. Edward D. Williams, and Dan Murillo.

Following the above presentations, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the Council recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to make the subject appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent). The hour was 7:00 P.M.

The Council returned at 7:20 P.M. Mayor Miller announced the appointment of the following members to the Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation:

Perry G. Baker
 Arnold A. Katz
 William A. Larson
 William J. Melville
 James E. Newell
 Ursel C. Nolte
 Dr. Edward D. Williams.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. PROPOSED VACATION OF 164TH STREET BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD.
PROPONENT AND BENEFICIARY: EL CAMINO COLLEGE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Council initiate the vacation and waive the fee; and
2. That the City Council approve and adopt the subject resolution declaring its intention to vacate 164th Street between Redondo Beach Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard, subject to Staff conditions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE 164TH STREET BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-150. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

COMMISSION MATTERS:

10. ORDINANCES RE: FINE ARTS COMMISSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION.

A. CREATING A FINE ARTS COMMISSION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2408

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING A FINE ARTS COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE

COMPENSATION, QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT,
AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS AND THE POWERS AND
DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2408 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

B. ABOLISHING TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION AND CREATING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION.

ORDINANCE NO. 2409

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ABOLISHING THE TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION, QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2409 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

C. SUBSTITUTING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION FOR SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO SIGN REVIEW.

ORDINANCE NO. 2410

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUBSTITUTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION FOR THE SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO SIGN REVIEW IN CHAPTER 8, DIVISION 8, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

The addition of Section 88.3.5 to the subject ordinance was specifically noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2410, as above amended, at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Brewster absent.)

D. SUBSTITUTING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION FOR TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO REMOVAL OF ABANDONED OR WRECKED VEHICLES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2411

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUBSTITUTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION FOR

THE TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION IN
MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF
ABANDONED OR WRECKED VEHICLES IN
ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 4 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2411 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

REAL PROPERTY:

11. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of the Third Amendment to Gerardin Corporation dba Peninsula Aviation Company Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN THIRD
AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AND THE GERARDIN CORPORATION
DBA PENINSULA AVIATION COMPANY.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-151. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent.)

12. AIRPORT LEASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

(Per form and number necessary for Council Policy Manual.)

RETENTION of current Airport leasing policies APL-1 through APL 19-A.

AMENDMENT of current Airport leasing policies APL-20 through APL-23. (Such Amendments a matter of record).

ADOPTION of policies, of record, as suggested by either the Land Management Team or the Airport Commission -- APL-24 through APL-30.

DELETION of current Airport leasing policies APL-31 through APL-43.

The Land Management Team has been directed to meet with representatives of the Torrance Airport Business Association to discuss the exclusion of certain items from the rental policy pertaining to percentage of gross business.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Transportation Committee; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. George Haddad, president, Torrance Airport Business Association, and Mr. Eli Alexander, 2955 Airport Drive, noted remaining concerns relating to Airport policies -- it was the direction of Mayor Miller that

that these concerns be put in writing for review at a later date by the Transportation Committee.

Roll call vote on Councilman Surber's motion to concur with the recommendation of the Transportation Committee was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. LEASE-BACK RENTAL PAYMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That an additional \$18,850 be appropriated from the General Fund unappropriated reserve to meet the July 31, 1973, City Hall rental payment to the Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director, and to approve the subject appropriation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

POLICE OPERATIONS:

14. POLICE-PROBATION DIVERSION TEAM PROGRAM.
GRANT APPROVED IN AMOUNT OF \$39,658.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE CHIEF:

That Council instruct the Director of Finance to proceed with the necessary certifications for obtaining the subject funds; further, that Council approve that the Police Department proceed with this program.

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

15. HANG GLIDERS.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Attorney Remelmeyer reported the circumstances of the subject legislation, instituted at the request of Mr. Dick Fitzgerald, Los Angeles County Director of Beaches, and described the accomplishments thereof.

Mayor Miller then invited the spokesman for the hang glider participants to first speak. In compliance, Mr. Lloyd Licher, president, Southern California Hang Glider Association, described the enthusiasm for this sport, and urged that the Council not prohibit the operation of hang gliders in the City of Torrance. Mr. Licher noted his formal statement of July 23, 1973, filed with the City Clerk, and of record in this matter -- he generally reiterated the

the points therein, and indicated their desire to meet with City and County representatives to work out rules and regulations, physical procedures, etc. Mr. Licher requested that the subject ordinance not be adopted until such meetings can be held and cooperative action can be achieved.

Mr. David Meyer, a member of the Hang Glide Association, presented a petition bearing some 500+ signatures requesting that hang gliding be allowed to continue on Torrance Beach -- incorporated are signatures from some of the beach-front property owners.

Those opposed to the Hang Gliders were invited to speak at this time by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Karl Doll, 425 Paseo de la Playa, stated that his home is immediately north of the subject area, and described the property damage he has endured as a result of the hang glider activities, including a demolished fence, falling bodies on his property, an endangered, expensive cement tile roof, etc. Also noted by Mr. Doll was the unauthorized use of private property by the hang glider operators as a launching site.

Next to speak was Attorney John Judge, representing the person who was injured by a hang glider participant, who noted that the extent of ~~the~~ ^{are} injuries unknown at this time, but appear to be extensive. Mr. Judge added that he also represents some of the people who live on the beach, and, in his opinion, there is great exposure to possible "invasion of privacy" lawsuits -- there are further problems in that it appears business is being conducted on the beach, lessons are being given, and orders taken for the sale of the gliders -- all without business licenses. Mr. Judge also confirmed the evidence of property damage, and again noted the hazards to people and property represented by this activity.

Mr. Jack McInnis, 631 Paseo de la Playa, stated his opinion that there is no more danger to the sport of hang gliding than to surfing, and deemed it "the greatest thing that ever happened there."

Mr. Willis Battles, 560 South Helberta, Redondo Beach, stated that he is a hang glider participant, and finds it a most gratifying sport -- it is his feeling that this type of activity can be regulated in a manner which will be safe for everyone. Mr. Battles further commented that it is much better to see "kids up high in a hang glider than high on drugs".

There being no more speakers, Council discussion followed -- the complicated considerations, including the use of private property, privacy of residents, limitations and controls for the sport, etc. were acknowledged. It was the recommendation of Councilman Sciarrotta that this matter be referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee for a meeting with interested parties in attendance. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The hour being 8:50 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 5-minute recess.

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16. ORDINANCE regulating and licensing of Amusement Machines and Devices involving games of skill.

ORDINANCE NO. 2412

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 33.5.1 AND 45.5.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF AMUSEMENT MACHINES AND DEVICES INVOLVING GAMES OF SKILL.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2412 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

17. REQUEST FOR CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING PLANS FOR THE WALTERIA TENNIS COMPLEX.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That the Council conceptually approve the Walteria Reservoir Tennis Complex plans prepared by Willdan Engineering Associates.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2402.

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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2402 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

It was specifically clarified by Councilman Uerkwitz that he is not in concurrence with a 30-day residency for public office candidates; however, in view of the City Attorney's ruling that this is a protective clause, his vote is an affirmative one. It was the

comment of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the foregoing action would not actually cut the residency requirement in that the Charter has not been changed -- if the Charter provision holds up, then it will govern; if it should not hold up, the foregoing action will serve as a safety measure. It was added by Mr. Remelmeyer that the first duty is to uphold the Charter, and it was his instruction to City Clerk Coil that copies of the Charter be handed out to prospective candidates for public office in the City of Torrance.

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2403.

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.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2403 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2404.

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 adoption of Resolution No. 2404 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2405.

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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2405 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2406.

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2406 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2407.

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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2407 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

24. ORDINANCE RE: ZC 73-4, Torrance Unified School District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2413

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET NORTH OF 190TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 73-4. (Torrance Unified School District)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2413 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Tom Fraker, 18932 South Haas Avenue, confirmed that Environmental procedures had been followed -- Mr. Fraker then pointed out the serious need for land for recreational uses, and urged that there be consideration in this regard. It was the recommendation of Councilman Surber that Mr. Fraker contact the School Board regarding the possible sale of the subject property and a stipulation from the purchaser that the land could be used until the time of development.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2413 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson,
and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Surber (not present at hearing).
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Brewster.

25. RESOLUTION granting a variance in Case No. V 73-2, David and Carol Roelén, to permit the construction of an addition to a residence in the R-1 zone on property located at 24211 Adolph Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY DAVID AND CAROL ROELEN IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 73-2.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-152. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

26. 1973 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - JOB NO. 73131.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution of Intention No. 73-147, adopted by the Council on July 17, 1973 to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

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Page 2 - Book 7534, Page 16, Parcel 2;
 Page 3 - Book 7534, Page 28, Parcel 17;
 Page 3 - Book 7535, Page 27, Parcel 1.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Mailing; Councilman Sciarrotta moved that it be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-153

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. 73-147.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-153. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

27. 1972 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on confirmation of the 1972 Weed Abatement Program, showing the costs to be assessed to the property owners listed thereon.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to receive and file said Affidavit. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

A MOTION was then offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the report of the City Manager be approved as submitted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR 1972.

(Weed Abatement Assessment Roll - 1972)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-154. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Brewster absent).

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

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS.

1. \$657.34 to Oranco Supply Company for various sprinkler system parts, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for installation at the Calle Mayor slope top.
2. \$583.18 to Victor Hotho & Company for 136 adult books.
3. \$4693.38 to Campbell & Hall for 288 adult and 398 juvenile books.
4. \$953.47 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 5,000 numbered labels and 12,000 book jackets, as requested by the City Librarian for book processing.
5. \$400.68 to Harbor Testing Lab for 72 dry chemical fire extinguisher shells, as requested by the Police Dept. for replacements.
6. \$1311.75 to South Bay Reloading Service for 50,000 .38 caliber bullets and 50,000 .45 caliber bullets, as requested by the Police Department for use on the practice range.
7. \$346.45 to Johnsons Stationers of Torrance for one only Adler Electronic Printing Calculator, as requested by the Fire Department as a replacement.
8. \$856.29 to A.B.C. Body Shop for repairs to Dodge Truck (Unit #8916) involved in an accident, as requested by the City Garage.
9. \$553.46 to Hach Chemical Company for one only Hach Laboratory Turbidimeter, as requested by the Water Department for Water Quality Inspection.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

10. \$656.25 to Best Concrete Products for one only concrete water meter vault, as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Seiko Company. Payment has already been received.
11. \$508.80 to Hersey Products for one only 6" Hersey water meter, as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Paris Precision Products Company.

29. WATER LINE IN VAN NESS FROM 164TH STREET TO DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL. JOB NO. 73133 - AWARD OF CONTRACT - (B73-26).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Byron L. Crume, Inc., and all other bids be rejected; and
2. That \$2,500 be appropriated from Water Revenue Fund.

30. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Modification of Producing Oil Well to Observation Well - Demolition and Site Clearance (Informal Bids - Cleanup of Sur La Brea Park).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work and final payment be made in the amount of \$1,725 to Oil Well Service Company, and payment in the amount of \$1,125 be made to Allen's Excavating Company.

31. CLAIMS of Stephen Anderson and Rochelle Anderson for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

32. RESOLUTION RE: REPEAL OF 1% SALES AND USE TAX for submittal to the League of California Cities. As recommended by Legislative Liaison Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL THE 1% STATEWIDE SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 1973.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-155. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

33. COLUMBIA PARK.

Mayor Miller noted the Board of Supervisors action of June 26, 1973, as follows: "On MOTION of Supervisor Hayes, seconded by Supervisor Schabarum, unanimously carried, Appropriation Adjustment No. 319, in amount of \$732,971.00, for acquisition of land for the proposed fifty-two acres of Columbia Regional Park, was approved, with funds to be provided to City of Torrance upon presentation of documents to the Board releasing the County from all obligations to the park, other than land acquisition. Auditor-Controller was instructed to make payments when stated conditions are met."

The Council took the following formal action:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that in consideration of the payment to the City of Torrance the sum of \$732,971.00 for the acquisition of property for proposed 52-acre Columbia Regional Park, located at the northwest corner of 190th Street and Prairie Avenue, the City of Torrance hereby releases the County of Los Angeles from all other obligations it may have incurred to said City relating to said park." The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Noted by Mayor Miller, at this point in the meeting, was the fact that the bill regarding the disposal of the Navy Surplus property successfully passed the Armed Forces sub-committee, the telegram of appreciation which went forward to Congressman Charles Wilson for his support and assistance in this matter.

34. RESOLUTION re: Ainsworth Power Poles, commending and thanking Attorney General Younger and Staff.
See Page 17.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Councilman Armstrong requested that Staff review the case of Mrs. Vinetta Lough, 18504 Ermanita Avenue, regarding the sewer lateral, and return with an agenda item on this matter.

36. Staff investigation of the billboard at the corner of Earl Street and Torrance Boulevard -- and the indication by Foster & Kleiser that same would be replaced -- was requested by Councilman Armstrong.

37. The illustrious Planning Commission career of Mr. David Halstead -- appointed in September, 1959; first elected Chairman in August, 1961, having so served through these years, and now reelected, by acclamation, as Planning Commission Chairman for 1973-74 -- was lauded by Councilman Armstrong, with the request that there be appropriate recognition of Mr. Halstead's unique achievement and dedication.

38. The invitation of the Mayor of Kashiwa, Japan to Mayor Miller to visit their city was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta, who MOVED that the Mayor accept the invitation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Mayor Miller indicated his appreciation of the invitation -- however, voiced some reluctance at the acceptance of same, based on the time involved; the personal considerations which must be made, including financial output for Mrs. Miller's expenses, etc.

Questioned by Councilman Surber were the financial arrangements; Councilman Sciarrotta indicated that the funding was not finalized at this point, and noted the July 31st deadline date for reservations -- hence the need for action at this time. It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that the Sister City Program is more than a cultural exchange of people from Japan and the United States; the City has much to gain in many respects, and it would be very short-sighted to take the position that we cannot afford to send our Mayor on a reciprocal visit to Kashiwa -- appropriate funds should be provided for such trip.

It was the general consensus of the Council that two reservations be made on July 31st, the deadline date, for Mayor and Mrs. Miller, with formalization of plans at a later time; Councilman Sciarrotta incorporated this recommendation in his motion.

Councilman Surber advised that he would cast a "no" vote on the motion -- Mayor Miller thereupon declined to take the trip, without unanimous Council approval, and stated that to support a Sister City program up to this point, and to then take a negative position is "embarrassing to the City" and makes all look foolish. Mr. Surber contended that he is not embarrassing anyone; "I am voting my conscience, and my vote is no."

No formal action was taken.

39. It was the request of Councilman Surber that there be appropriate recognition for Mr. Brian Bell for his service as an Airport Commissioner from 1967 to 1973 -- such presentation to be at a regular meeting of the City Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

40. Referring back to item 38, and trips in general, it was clarified by Councilman Surber that he had recently attended a San Francisco Conference, as the Torrance representative, and that he was accompanied by Mrs. Surber, at a personal cost of approximately \$300. Mr. Surber added that the trips taken by him are on behalf of the City, and are sanctioned trips -- in his opinion, the Sister City trip to Kashiwa is not a legitimate City expense -- the purpose of the Sister City Committee was, and is, supported by him, but such support does not include funds out of the public trough for trips of this nature.

41. Councilman Uerkwitz reported on his personal observation of the demands made on Torrance's emergency hospital services -- the hard way, a power saw/thumb confrontation -- and expressed concern as to how a major catastrophe would be handled with present facilities. Assistant City Manager Scharfman will prepare a report in this regard.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

34. The progress on the Ainsworth power pole matter was related by Councilman Wilson -- slides were projected as well, depicting the neighborhood appearance, before and after -- and it was his request that the following resolution, expressing the appreciation of the City of Torrance to Attorney General Younger and his staff for their efforts in the removal of the power poles, as follows, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 73-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING AND THANKING ATTORNEY GENERAL EVELLE YOUNGER FOR HIS EFFORTS AND THOSE OF HIS ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT IN ACHIEVING THE REMOVAL OF THE 100-FT. TALL, 220,000 VOLT ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS FROM AINSWORTH AVENUE AND 175TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-156. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

It was the recommendation of City Treasurer Rupert, concurred in by the Council, that the slides just viewed accompany the resolution to Attorney General Younger; further, that a like slide presentation be made at the League conference this year, in view of their interest and action in this matter.

It was the further request of Councilman Wilson that there be a resolution in recognition of the efforts of Mr. Mike Reese -- "the man in the hole who defied the power company". There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

42. Mr. Robert Kennel, 20618 Victor Street, reiterated his interest in the Traffic Commission, and his desire to be considered when appointments are made -- he will be on vacation on the date scheduled for interviews; hence, this premature introduction of himself.

The hour being 10:00 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

The Council returned at 10:17 P.M. Upon confirmation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the matter of hours and working conditions is a proper consideration for an Executive Session, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for such Executive Session. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At 11:00 P.M., on the return of the Council, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

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

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Torrance