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Adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 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. (Councilmen Brewster, Surber, and Uerkwitz, in Committee meeting, arrived at 5:35 P.M.)

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Bodie Fite led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend H. Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, gave the invocation:

"ALMIGHTY GOD, AND FATHER OF US ALL, WE THANK THEE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY. BUT HELP US TO REALIZE, O GOD, THAT RESPONSIBILITY IS THE PRICE OF PRIVILEGE, AND THAT IF IT IS GOING TO REMAIN GREAT, THAT EACH ONE OF US IS GOING TO HAVE TO DO HIS VERY BEST TO MAKE IT STRONG.

"WE THANK THEE THAT WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF ELECTING LEADERS IN OUR OWN LOCAL COMMUNITY TO PRESIDE IN THE AFFAIRS WHICH CONCERN US MOST PERSONALLY. WE PRAY THY GUIDANCE UPON THIS GROUP OF MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE. MAY THEY TRULY BE LED BY THE THOUGHT OF WHAT IS BEST FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF OUR CITIZENS."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of July 31, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilmen Brewster, Surber, and Uerkwitz had not yet arrived at the meeting.)

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Wilson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll

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call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilmen Brewster, Surber, and Uerkwitz had not yet arrived at the meeting.)

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 (Councilmen Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz had not yet arrived at the meeting).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Civil Service Committee:  
August 24th at 5:00 P.M.

Public Works Committee:  
4:30 P.M. meeting scheduled for this date cancelled.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

9. Withdrawn.

INSURANCE MATTERS:

10. Withdrawn.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

11. COMMITTEE REPORT RE: Emergency Preparedness Commission/  
Torrance Disaster Council.

RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APPOINTED GROUPS:

1. That the Emergency Preparedness Commission be dissolved with the current members thereof appointed to the Disaster Council by repealing Sections 13.6.1 and 13.6.8 inclusive of the Torrance Municipal Code in their entirety.
2. That the Torrance Disaster Council be designated as the City's official organization not only for planning, but for action in the event of disaster.
3. That the subject new ordinance providing for Emergency Preparedness be adopted by the City Council.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (just arrived at meeting).

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not yet at meeting).

ORDINANCE NO. 2419

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 13.6.1 TO 13.6.8 INCLUSIVE OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION AND ALSO REPEALING SECTIONS 16.1.1 AND 16.1.2 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 1 AND SECTIONS 16.2.1 TO 16.2.11 INCLUSIVE OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 1 RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 6, ARTICLES 1 AND 2 TO DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2419 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:12A. ORDINANCE NO. 2416.ORDINANCE NO. 2416

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 31.2.1, 31.2.5 AND 32.1.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PAYMENT OF LICENSE TAXES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2416 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12B. ORDINANCE NO. 2418 RELATING TO THE SEVERANCE TAX ON OIL PRODUCTION.

The request of the new Oil Board for permission to review the subject ordinance prior to its final adoption was reported by City Manager Ferraro. There were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to hold Ordinance No. 2418 for two weeks, in compliance with the above request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:13. OIL ACTIVITIES.

Councilman Armstrong recommended like referral to the Oil Board, and the City Attorney, of the subject item. Mr. Armstrong so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

14. ZC 73-5, ELMER D. SUSSMAN.

HEARINGS ON APPEAL:

15. PP 73-10 and CUP 73-27, Croddy Mortgage Investment Trust  
(Wild West Stores)

(The above two items were held for later in the meeting,  
the hour of 6:00 P.M. having not yet arrived.)

ROUTINE MATTERS:

16. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$1691.65 to Baker & Taylor Company for 255 library books.
2. \$598.66 to Needham Book Finders for 181 library books.
3. \$1181.35 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 219 library books.
4. \$1916.75 to A.G.S. of Los Angeles to print 50 copies of library reference catalogues listing books in library by author, title and subject.
5. The City went to bid for annual contracts to provide anticipated supply requirements for City's Recreation Department programs covering art classes, craft classes, games and other various classes, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department. Deliveries of these supplies to be on an "as requested" basis. The following were the low bidders for those items:
 

It is recommended that the following awards be made:

  - A. \$7934.14, including tax, to Pioneer Stationers for 87 different items.
  - B. \$2407.24, including tax, to Zellerbach Corp. for 17 different items.
  - C. \$1657.84 to American Wholesale Hardware for 15 different items.
  - D. \$688.68 to Mine Safety Appliance for 9 different first aid items.
6. \$428.24 to Western Highway Products for 100 each 10-ft. sign mounting steel posts, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.
7. \$383.44 to Western Water Works Supply Company for six each 6" repair clamps, as requested by the Water Dept.
8. \$349.38 to Halprin Supply Company for 16 each spring clips for "walk-away brackets", as requested by the Fire Department.

9. \$1182.96 to Oranco Supply for two only 3" Febco vacuum breakers, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for replacements at La Romeria Park.
10. \$1411.92 to Video Odetics Corporation for one only Sony videotape recorder/editor and monitor, as requested by the Police Department for use in courtroom playback and training activities.
11. \$445.20 to Bishop Company for a heavy duty replacement tree trimming chain saw, as requested by the Recreation Department.
12. \$744.72 to Eastman Kodak Company for 120 rolls of micro-film, including developing, as requested by the City Librarian.
13. \$565.40 to Lewellen Press for 10,000 copies of printed "moving violations" citation forms, and 10,000 copies of printed parking citation forms.
14. \$3180.00 to Penwalt Corporation, Wallace & Tiernan Division, for the purchase of a residual chlorine analyzer to record chlorine levels in the City's water system.
15. \$2218.53 to Brooks Products for 181 concrete water meter boxes and 18 meter extensions, as requested by the Water Department.
16. \$1113.00 to Vermont Lumber for the purchase of 200 lengths of 4"x4"x12-ft. Douglas Fir lumber to be used to mount traffic signs where frequent knock-downs occur.
17. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS - INSECTICIDES, WEED KILLERS, SOIL TOP DRESSINGS AND FERTILIZERS (Reference Bid #B73-28)  
Expenditure: \$53,036.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid price for each item (per Quotation Sheets), and approve of the awarding of contracts for these items as follows:

1. Recommend Items 1, 4-14, 16, 17 and 20 in the section on Weed Killers and Herbicides; Items 2, 4, 5, 7-14, 17 and 18 in the section on Insecticides and Fungicides; and Items 5 and 9 in the Fertilizers and Soil Top Dressings be awarded to Target Chemical Company in the total amount of \$30,349.96.
2. Recommend Item 19 in section on Weed Killers and Herbicides; and Items 6, 13 and 14 in the section on Fertilizers and Top Dressings be awarded to Kellogg Supply Company in the total amount of \$1138.23, including tax.

3. Recommend Items 3 and 19 in section on Insecticides and Fungicides be awarded to Hub States Corporation in the total amount of \$1723.77.
  4. Recommend Item 11 in the section on Fertilizers and Top Dressings be awarded to California Liquid Fertilizer Company in the total amount of \$477.00.
  5. Recommend Items 4, 8 and 12 in the section on Fertilizers and Top Dressings be awarded to Bandini Fertilizer Company in the total amount of \$2343.02.
  6. Recommend Items 2, 3 and 15 in the section on Weed Killers and Herbicides; Items 1, 6, 15 and 16 in the section on Insecticides and Fungicides; and Items 3 and 15 in the section on Fertilizers and Top Dressings be awarded to Amvac Chemical Corporation in the total amount of \$3092.27.
  7. Recommend Item 16 in the section on Fertilizers and Top Dressings be awarded to Norwalk Fertilizer in the total amount of \$13,912.50.
18. COUNCIL APPROVAL - ACCEPTANCE OF FURNISHINGS FOR NEW CITY HALL.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Inasmuch as we have now received all contracted furnishings for the new City Hall, that Council accept as complete these contracts for said furniture.

19. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS - CLASS TITLE CHANGES:

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve the following title changes, with regular standing recognized for the incumbents currently holding positions in these classes:

Records Clerk to Records Management Coordinator  
 Equipment Foreman to Equipment Supervisor  
 Sanitation Foreman to Sanitation Supervisor  
 Street Maintenance Foreman to Street Maintenance Supervisor  
 Tree Foreman to Tree Supervisor  
 Water Service Foreman to Water Service Supervisor  
 Sr. Recreation Supervisor to Recreation Programs  
 Administrator.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #16, 17, 18, and #19. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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In that the hour for advertised hearings (6:00 P.M.) had not yet arrived, the Council considered the following at this time:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

20. City Traffic Engineer Horkay reviewed the revised Madrona Detour Route, and outlined the traffic problems, both past and anticipated.

21. The disastrous experience endured by Recreation Leader Bob Jones and his recuperative progress were reported by Councilman Wilson, as was the undertaking, in behalf of Mr. Jones, by the Del Amo Optimist Club to raise sorely needed funds for his care. This organization proposes to establish a "Bob Jones Investment Club", and City support in this endeavor is desired -- it has been suggested that the date of November 1st be proclaimed "BOB JONES DAY", and that there be citizen participation in attendance at a Forum event where charity arrangements as to the proceeds thereof may be made.

It was the specific request of Councilman Wilson that the City Attorney prepare such a Proclamation for Bob Jones Day on November 1st. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his previously expressed displeasure at the light sentence imposed on the perpetrators of this tragedy.

22. Recent birthdays of note were poetically recognized by Councilman Sciarrotta, as follows:

Councilman Surber - July 29th:

George is honest as can be  
A man of deep convictions --  
With him you know just where he stands  
No need to make predictions.

He is a patriotic man  
We see this in his actions  
Our flag rates high within his heart --  
He holds no higher attractions.

In many ways he stands alone  
But be it as it may  
When he is right, or thinks he is  
No words will make him sway.

We know that he's an honest cop  
Who never shirks his duty --  
He helps all those who need the help  
And not once is he snooty.

Let's all join in and wish him well  
Because he's one year older --  
And may his future be brighter still  
With great deeds, wise and bolder.

Councilman Brewster - August 7th:

Behind those eyes a power lies --  
 A brain that sees through cloudy skies,  
 Perceptions deep, thorough, and wise  
 And questions that take us by surprise.

He does his work and does it well  
 And what he'll challenge no one can tell;  
 He strives to ferret out each detail  
 To make sure we're on the right trail.

Of repercussions, he has no fear,  
 When once the answer to him is clear.  
 Amazing how many of his convictions  
 Have turned to be accurate predictions.

We're proud to have George on our team --  
 Because of him we've gained esteem.  
 We are the leaders in our South Bay,  
 And neighboring cities look our way.

Today, my friends, is Brewster's day,  
 We wish for him a life that's gay --  
 A life with laurels greater still  
 With his know-how he'll climb each hill.

Councilman Armstrong - August 8th:

He loves each tree that God has grown  
 And all the grandeur man has known.  
 He loves the flowers that shed their grace  
 In valley, hill and open space.

He loves the youth who in return  
 All flock to him to seek and learn  
 That life can be an ecstasy  
 In a land meant for the brave and free.

He loves the older people too,  
 And strives to make a change or two  
 By fighting hard with all he's got  
 To help improve the seniors lot.

His oratory has gained renown  
 And lauded by those in our town;  
 His words have meaning and have strength  
 And go to the heart of what is meant.

His birthday comes on August Eight,  
 And with great pride we wish to rate  
 Jim Armstrong among the very best  
 With affection, with love and lasting zest.

Mayor Miller - August 20th:

TO OUR MAYOR

When the gavel strikes, we turn on our mikes  
To get through the routine matters  
And then we begin, with a smile and a grin  
To hear all the murmurs and chatters.

The Mayor is fair, handles all people with care  
For his aim is to do what is right  
He may seem demure, but he always makes sure  
That all have presented their fight.

He uses no tricks on any of the six  
To help him make all decisions  
He'll readily abide, with calmness and pride  
With the outcome and all the conditions.

His patience is great, and he's never late  
To do what needs to be done  
He does plan his course, and will strive with great force  
To see that things are well run.

We laud him today, and we wish to say  
That he may be a year older  
But as time rolls along, he grows wiser and strong  
And performs with vigor much bolder.

Happy Birthday to you -- a Mayor who's ture  
To all in our bustling town  
May life bring you cheer, without any fear  
And may there be more jewels in your crown.

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The hour of 6:00 P.M. having arrived, the Council returned to:

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

14. ZC 73-5, ELMER D. SUSSMAN.

Change of zone from R-2 to C-2 on property located at 18221 Burin Avenue.

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 subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, the proponent was invited to speak.

Mr. Elmer Sussman, 10106 Sunbrook Drive, Beverly Hills, the proponent in this case, described the development difficulties faced by him at this location, and noted the impracticability of the present R-2 zoning, hence the requested rezoning to C-2.

Speaking for the homeowners in the subject area, Mr. William Largent, 18832 Felbar, stated that not one resident favors the subject zone change -- further, there is considerable <sup>new</sup> R-2 construction further down on Burin Avenue.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for DENIAL of ZC 73-5. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS ON APPEAL:

15. CONTINUED HEARING - Appeal of Planning Commission's conditions of approval on PP 73-10 and CUP 73-27, CRODDY MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST (WILD WEST STORES) to permit the construction of a retail commercial store on property located at the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard approximately 100 feet south of 227th Street.

A rendering depicting resolution of the treatment of the rear wall/fence arrangement conceived by the proponent and Staff, per Council direction, was displayed. Staff recommended revised conditions #25 and 26, and added conditions #27 and 28 were also noted, and concurrence with same was expressed by the proponent.

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

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of PP 73-10 and CUP 73-27, subject to conditions, and further subject to amended conditions #25 and #26, and added conditions #27 and #28. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:22 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to its agenda at 6:23 P.M.

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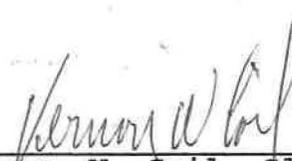
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

23. Councilman Surber advised that he will be on vacation the next two weeks, and will, therefore, be absent from Council meetings on August 28th and September 4th.

24. Library Commissioner John Mosley noted the need for permanent plaque recognition of former Library Commissioner George Kurtz.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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