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Adjourned at 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 September 11, 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, August 28, 1973, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Airport Commissioner Kenneth Garcelon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

"ALMIGHTY GOD, WE PAUSE A MOMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THROUGH THE YEARS OUR CITIZENS HAVE PRAYED TO THEE. WE THANK THEE FOR OUR FOUNDING FATHERS, WITH THEIR FAITH AND WITH THEIR VISION, AND WE THANK THEE FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS.

"NOW WE PRAY, O GOD, THAT WE, WHO ARE THE CITIZENS OF TODAY MAY BEAR OUR FULL RESPONSIBILITIES IN ORDER THAT OUR NATION MAY CONTINUE TO BE GREAT. WE THANK THEE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF GOVERNING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH OURSELF, THROUGH OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WE OURSELVES CHOOSE. WILT THOU, OUR FATHER, GUIDE OUR CITY. WE THANK THEE FOR TORRANCE, A GREAT PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE, AND MAY THESE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED, DEAL WISELY WITH THE AFFAIRS OF OUR COMMUNITY."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for approval of the minutes of August 7, 1973; August 13, 1973; and August 14, 1973, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Legislative Liaison Committee:

Met 6:30 p.m. this date -- report from Legislative Advocate Rupert to be given under Orals.

Ad Hoc Committee re: Appointed Groups:

To meet August 30th, 5:00 p.m.

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At this time newly-appointed members to the following Commissions were duly sworn in by City Clerk Coil:

Environmental Quality Commission
Fine Arts Commission
Traffic Commission

A warm welcome to all new Commissioners was extended by Mayor Miller.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS:10. Union Label Week - September 3 through 9, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

REAL PROPERTY:11. RESOLUTION NO. 73-167.RESOLUTION NO. 73-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY ON PROJECT #819-224, TORRANCE REGIONAL PARK, WHEREBY THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT IS EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-167. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried as shown below:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta,
Wilson and Mayor Miller
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (not in favor of the
project)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber

At a question by Councilman Brewster, Legislative Advocate Rupert noted the present status of the Bill, and the pending request for extension of the agreement to June 30, 1975.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-168.RESOLUTION NO. 73-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY ON PROJECT #819-232, TORRANCE REGIONAL PARK, WHEREBY THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT IS EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-168. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as is shown below:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta,
Wilson and Mayor Miller
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (not in favor of the
project)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber

FISCAL MATTERS:12. 1973-74 PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

1. Adopt the two ordinances establishing the amount of money necessary to be raised by property taxation and setting the property tax levy for 1973-74.
2. Appropriate \$269,883 from the General Fund to finance the newly created Fine Arts Commission (\$1,200) and recently adopted salary and fringe benefit adjustments (\$268,683).
3. Authorize the City Manager to effect the budget changes in position authorizations as set forth above at an appropriation savings of \$99.

ORDINANCE NO. 2420

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1973-74 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2420 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2421

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1973

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2421 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:13. CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSAL TO FILE APPLICATION FOR OFF ROAD VEHICLE FUNDS.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/AIRPORT COMMISSION/STAFF

That the City Council hold this matter until the adoption of the general plan for the airport.

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Present to represent the Del Amo Rotary Club was Mr. Bob McLemore, 2657 233rd Street, who reiterated previously expressed appreciation for consideration given the subject project by the City, and requested favorable consideration at this time re: applying for ORV funding. The necessity of awaiting completion of Master Plan studies was pointed out by Mayor Miller, such completion anticipated for some time before the end of this year.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of City Manager/Airport Commission/Staff. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

PARK & RECREATION:

14. MINI PARK -- Lomita Boulevard between Anza and Ladeene.

Correspondence of record dated August 23, 1973 from Park & Recreation Director Van Belleham, outlining the completion of a 1/4-acre park at the above location by a crew of summer youth PEP employees, was noted.

Councilman Uerkwitz expressed his pleasure at the results of the young people's efforts; however, noting ^{his} concern at the need for some type of fencing along Lomita Boulevard--such fencing scheduled for early installation, per Mr. Van Belleham.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

15. POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING POLICEWOMEN IN THE FIELD:

Councilman Uerkwitz, Committee Chairman, referenced the written report of record before the Council. Mr. Uerkwitz noted the extensive deliberations in this matter; the many sources of input on the subject; and the ultimate unanimous agreement by the Committee as reflected in this report.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the City Council concur with the Committee's report. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Council discussion ensued. It was Councilman Brewster's opinion that the subject report is skirting the issue -- the real issue is one of whether the ordinances are discriminatory because of sex, it being his understanding that the law and rulings of the court do allow discrimination on the basis of sex if certain job classifications, duties, responsibilities can withstand the test that shows that discrimination is an essential element. Continuing, Mr. Brewster stated that, while this report does not say specifically that it is desired that uniformed police officers in the field be male, it has arrived in an oblique way at the same result by stating that in order to qualify for field assignments, a woman must be 5'8" tall, weigh 155 lbs. and be able to do 50 push-ups.

A simple way, in Councilman Brewster's opinion, of handling the provision of opportunities for policewomen to increase their salaries within the department would be to rewrite some ordinances of pay scales for policewomen and allow them step promotions and jobs that require additional responsibilities, thus more pay.

Police Chief Nash clarified promotional procedures within the Police Department, departmental competition, etc. and indicated his concurrence with the Committee's recommendation as presented.

Councilman Uerkwitz pointed out that only seven policewomen are involved, and what is proposed would provide an opportunity for those people who want to move on, to reclassify themselves as police officers, leaving the policewoman function the way it is today. Councilman Brewster reiterated his feeling that this was a sham because the standards are set so high that they are meaningless to the average policewoman.

Reservations as to the question to be resolved in the area of physical/emotional demands, testing standards, promotional opportunities, etc. were indicated by Mayor Miller.

It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that women want to have equal opportunities in police work, and should be given the chance.

It was pointed out by City Manager Ferraro at this point, in response to Councilman Brewster's comments, that the City is in the process of revising standards to make them more realistic and more realistic and less discriminating requisites for employment are being pursued by the Fair Employment Agency.

There was ROLL CALL VOTE on the motion at this time, and it carried as follows:

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson and Mayor Miller (<u>reluctant</u>)
NOES:	COUNCILMEN:	Brewster
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEN:	Surber

Mayor Miller ascertained that there were policewomen present who desired to speak on this matter, and, therefore, MOVED TO RECONSIDER Item #15. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Officer Rosa M. Wilson, Torrance Police Department, stated her understanding, per their attorney, that no Council action would be taken this date, noting, as well, that she had been on vacation, thus had received the letter from the Committee requesting input only yesterday. Officer Wilson voiced objections to the Committee findings regarding policeman/policewoman identification; class specification requirements; the sham of physical requirements; needed clarification regarding Sheriff's Academy training; probationary periods; promotional considerations; etc.

Policewoman Penelope Koenig, 2147 West 234th Street, outlined the valuable role of a woman in certain circumstances of police work, and finds it inconceivable that the Department does not want to utilize women to this degree -- physical test limitations should not be imposed, otherwise much Police Department talent will be lost.

Policewoman Geraldine Kudokas, outlined a new ruling relative to the placing of agents in the Detective Division -- field experience is required, thereby limiting the application of women for such positions -- Mrs. Kudokas noted that, at the present time, they sit in the communications room and answer the phone for 9.5 hours per shift.

Council discussion was directed to the unresolved aspect of this matter. Offered by Councilman Brewster was the suggestion that all duties, responsibilities and conditions under which policemen, police officers and department function be laid out in a matrix form, with those areas designated which appear to be suitable for female only, for male/female, and for male only. Then can be written into job descriptions those kinds of activities, and, building upon that would allow development of promotional sequences which would permit women operating in those jobs to reach higher promotional levels.

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated the Committee's concerns, and its considerable review -- were there 25 or 35 people in such category, Councilman Brewster's suggestion would have merit in that they would hold a job which would permit internal promotion, as does the Sheriff's Department. Further noted by Mr. Uerkwitz was the need for field experience in order to properly supervise people in the field.

In view of the apparent need for further clarification, Mayor Miller MOVED to rescind the previous Council action and refer Item #15 back to the Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee for study and recommendation as to what alternatives can be created to give equal promotional considerations. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Armstrong acknowledged that the Committee members were not completely happy with the results in the report, but it is his opinion that it may have gone as far as it can go.

It was the opinion of Councilman Wilson that there is need for task analysis; greater Civil Service Commission input; staff and Police Chief review of police officer requirements and equivalencies in terms of what would substitute for traditional patrol officer responsibility. There is, in Dr. Wilson's opinion, the need for a more in-depth Committee report which goes beyond generalities.

ROLL CALL on the motion to refer this item back to Committee is shown below:

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

It was the request of Mayor Miller that Police Chief Nash provide a report from other departments in this regard.

Mayor Miller appointed Councilman Sciarrotta to serve on this Committee in the event Councilman Surber has not returned from his vacation at the time of the Committee meeting.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

16. CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES - U.S. Conference of Mayors, Inc. authorized under the Federal Summer Transportation Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-169

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 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES - U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTHS UNDER THE FEDERAL SUMMER YOUTH TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-169. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and unanimously carried by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

17. PRESENTATION OF RENDERING BY TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION:

Held for later in the meeting (See Page 19).

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

18. REVISED VERSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2419:

(REVISED)

ORDINANCE NO. 2419

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION AND REPEALING CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 1 OF SAID CODE ENTITLED "CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 6 THEREFOR ENTITLED "EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS"

Councilman Wilson moved approval of Revised Ordinance No. 2419 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the above motion, Councilman Brewster noted the erroneous reference to a unanimous vote on the cover letter of this item, pointing out that he had cast a NO vote on August 21st at the first reading of the original ordinance. Continuing, Councilman Brewster indicated concerns previously felt by him regarding the merging of the Disaster Council and the Emergency Preparedness Commission in that this group be an active, moving force in the community

with a specific role to play as a viable, functional organization to "see that our preparedness is 100% ready to go when needed." In response, Councilman Armstrong noted that it is the clear direction and intent of the Committee that this should be a functioning, working group, one which would include speculation on a variety of disaster contingencies, with a series of approaches developed to unique kinds of disasters.

It was Councilman Uerkwitz' request that the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the Council be a member of the subject group -- it was so ordered by Mayor Miller.

Roll call vote on the first reading of the REVISED Ordinance 2419 proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent). Councilman Brewster specifically noted his change to an affirmative vote on the ordinance as revised, based upon the assurances above provided by the ad hoc committee.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

19. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE STREET SWEEPING SIGNS PROGRAM:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Locations presently posted with NO PARKING 9 AM - 3 PM restriction that complain about the excessive time that parking is banned, will have the signs changed to one of the three periods that extend for only a two-hour time.
2. These two-hour periods would be from 9 - 11 AM, 11 AM - 1 PM, and 1 - 3 PM, and would be determined by the area work schedule established by the Street and Sanitation Department.
3. Requests to post new areas would be processed per Traffic and Lighting's previous policy on Street Sweeping Signs except they would be on a 2-hour restriction period instead of the 6 hours in the presently defunct program.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Council Public Works Committee. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried unanimously (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2422.

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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 ON THE

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EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 230TH STREET AND LOMITA BOULEVARD AND THE NORTH SIDE OF LOMITA BOULEVARD BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND MADISON STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 73-3
(Torrance Planning Commission)

HELD until the meeting of September 11, 1973.

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2423.

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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 SOUTHERLY OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AT THE WESTERLY CITY BOUNDARY LINE - 1200 OPAL STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 73-9
(Pepper Tree Village)

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2423 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried as shown below:

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz and Mayor Miller
NOES:	COUNCILMEN:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEN:	Wilson (not present at consideration of this item by Council)
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEN:	Surber

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

22. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Vacation of 164th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION: That after the public hearing, the City Council approve and adopt the RESOLUTION ordering the vacation of 164th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Affidavit of Publication and Posting 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.

City Manager Ferraro asked, at this time, that beautification of the existing El Camino parking lot adjacent to the subject property be requested, in addition to the three conditions of record as outlined in Staff correspondence dated August 22, 1973.

Dr. C. W. Stine, 5344 Reese Road, Vice President of El Camino College, specified, in answer to a question by Mayor Miller, his agreement with the three Staff conditions as above referenced. The question of parking lot beautification (Condition #4) was next discussed,

it being pointed out by Dr. Stine that approval by the State of California Division of Schoolhouse Planning, as well as other State agencies, is required in such matters, such jurisdiction pre-empting that of the City. A conceptual Master Plan was then presented for review; details verbally provided by Dr. Stine.

The considerable need for internal beautification of the parking lot under discussion; eventual Precise Plan requirements per Condition #2; a projected 5-10 year time lapse consideration; and the desire of the Council for interim relief were discussed. It was Mayor Miller's suggestion that this matter be subject to Staff approval.

There being no one else present in the audience to speak on this matter, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and unanimously carried by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

Prior to the adoption of the resolution on this matter, Mayor Miller stated that it was his understanding that there is a gentleman's agreement on Items #1, #2, #3, and #4, subject to Staff approval -- concurrence was indicated by Dr. Stine.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF 164TH STREET BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-170. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

HEARINGS ON APPEAL:

23. APPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD ACTION determining that an Environmental Impact Report is required for a change of zone from R-1 to C-3 on property located at 16701 Cherry Avenue (ZC 73-16) Irene M. Erwin.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing.

Following clarification by Assistant City Manager Scharfman as to Environmental Review Board action on the subject item, location of the parcel in question, present zoning and land use, etc., Council discussion was directed to the determining factors of an Environmental Impact Report and the purpose to be served by same.

It was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer that, according to State law, whenever it is determined that a project may have a significant impact on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report is required -- the question of granting a zone change would, at the time of its separate consideration, depend on the quality and type of impact and the balancing of all equities.

Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

First to speak was Attorney Donald Davidson, 1515 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena, representing the land owner. Mr. Davidson pointed out the small parcel of property involved, and the considerable sum of money involved in providing an Environmental Impact Report; he would, therefore, urge that no EIR be required. Clarification was provided by Mr. Davidson in that it is the intent of the owner of the property to have a drive-in dairy on the commercial portion.

Next to speak was Mr. Ernest Battery, 3231 West 166th Street, who stated his opinion that R-1 zoning should be retained -- relative to the environment, C-3 zoning would, according to Mr. Battery, "blouse up the whole area."

Mr. Floyd Kramer, 16681 Ogram Avenue, indicated that, in his opinion, any C-3 development on the subject parcel would have a significant impact on the environment -- of particular concern to Mr. Kramer is the traffic hazard which would be represented by a new drive-in dairy at this location, there having been similar problems created by the now closed dairy facility.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Environmental Review Board action in requiring an EIR in this case. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Brewster pointed out that the question under consideration would seem to him to be whether or not there is a significant difference in the impact on the environment between a 9-lot residential subdivision and an 8-lot residential subdivision with commercial on the front -- in Mr. Brewster's opinion, there is; hence the above motion to concur with the ERB action.

The obvious incompatibility of C-3 zoning on this parcel was pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz, a change of zone which he would not favor.

The recognized ability of the Torrance Planning Commission to recognize a piece of spot zoning, irregardless of the presence of an Environmental Impact Report, was noted by Councilman Armstrong.

ROLL CALL VOTE on the motion to concur with the requirement of an EIR proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:24. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$5038.59 to International Business Machines to cover annual typewriter maintenance required on City owned IBM typewriters as requested by various City Departments.
2. \$2929.23 to Victor Comptometer Corporation for annual calculator maintenance on City owned Victor calculators as requested by various City Departments.
3. \$3524.77 to Airport Nursery of Torrance for 187 different 5 gallon and 15 gallon size trees as requested by the Street and Park Depts. for replacements and new plantings throughout the different locations of the City as follows: new plantings for Sur La Brea Park; replacement trees for Southern Area Parks; and replacement for damaged trees throughout the City.
4. \$576.38 to South Bay Reloading for 50,000 large pistol primers and 25,000 each .45 caliber lead bullets as requested by the Police Dept. for our reloading process.
5. \$413.48 to Bro-Dart Inc. for 76 library books.
6. \$1872.84 to Baker & Taylor Co. for 273 library books.
7. \$385.84 to Arco Publishing Company, Inc. for 81 library books.
8. \$771.30 to Mine Safety Appliance for M.S.A. breathing apparatus replacement parts as requested by the Fire Dept.
9. \$984.00 to Genesis One Computer Corporation for renewal of a one (1) year contract for the rental of an IBM card sorter as requested by the Data Processing Dept.
10. \$567.10 to Monroe-The Calculator Co. for one (1) only Monroe calculator as requested by the Street Dept. for its administration.
11. \$322.77 to Metrographics, Inc. for 15,000 copies of "Safe School Route Maps" for various schools as requested by the Dept. of Transportation for distribution to Torrance schools.
12. \$365.51 to James Jones Co. for six (6) fire plug valves as requested by the Water Dept.
13. \$3523.61 to Olivetti Corporation to purchase eleven (11) budgeted typewriters included in the 1973-74 budget for City Depts.

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14. \$612.15 to Brocks Products, Inc. for fifty (50) each meter boxes as requested by the Water Dept.
15. \$317.47 to Ken Books for the purchase of 87 non-fiction books as requested by the City Librarian.
16. \$420.50 to Harold B. Diamond/Bookseller for the purchase of 52 non-fiction books as requested by the City Librarian.

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17. \$1700.24 to Hersey Products for two (2) each 8" Hersey water meters as requested by the Water Dept. for installation at the Gemco Store. Payment has already been received for this service.
18. \$406.66 to Martin Hannum, Inc. for the purchase of 131 ounces of silver sheet and silver casting material as requested by the Recreation Dept. for jewelry craft classes. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from class participants.

25. CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES - Appropriation of Drainage Improvement Funds.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$16,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for construction of drainage facilities on:

1. Madrid Ave. N/O Carson St. - \$11,000 Job No. 74108
 2. Earl St. S/O Spencer St. - 5,000 Job No. 55006
- Drainage District 5E - Phase VI

26. WILLDAN ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES - Appropriation for Additional Work in the Design of the Walteria Tennis Courts.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That we amend the contract (C-1460) with Willdan Engineering Associates, in the amount of \$1,740 so that they may design the required driveway and the resultant retaining walls.

27. CLAIM of Cheryl Lysak for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

28. CLAIM of Wilshire Foam Products for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

29. CLAIM of Frances J. Cosgrove for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

30. CLAIM of Donald Ballantyne for personal injury and property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, and #30. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ADDENDUM ITEMS:

31. RESOLUTION authorizing easement regarding Power Poles.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST GRANTS OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SERIAL NOS. 47509A, 47510A and 47511A) FOR PLACEMENT OF 220 KV TRANSMISSION LINES IN OSAGE STREET, YUKON AVENUE AND McMASTER PARK.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-171. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

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The hour being 9:25 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 Surber absent).

The Council returned to its agenda at 9:27 p.m.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Librarian West reported briefly on citizens' enthusiastic response to the formation of a Historical Society for the City of Torrance -- the group is working toward the formal opening of a Torrance Historical Room at the Post Avenue Library, per Mr. West.

33. Councilman Armstrong requested that S.B. 1423 re: formation of a 60-member Youth Commission be referred to the Youth Council prior to a commitment by this Council, with the request that the Youth Council comments in this regard come back to the Legislative Liaison Committee directly -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered. by Mayor Miller.

34. The following prepared Oral was offered by Councilman Armstrong:

"Nearly one month ago, this Council by a unanimous vote determined that a city-wide landscape, tree planting, and beautification assessment district should not be established.

"We had, you will recall, been instrumental in creating the state legislation which made establishment of such a district possible. We acted unanimously to support drafting of the law, to contract for assessment engineering service, to develop phases of implementation. We acted with only one dissenting vote to set the public hearing required by law. Then as I said we acted unanimously to deny the district.

"Undoubtedly, much is to be learned from that experience. It appears that, in these times, programs keyed to the direct levy or direct assessment method require thorough and careful review. We may often have to have greater involvement in extensive campaigns for public support through public information and education before we proceed. Perhaps we should evaluate the potential for establishing the post of Community Relations Officer whose prime responsibility would be to deal in public information service. But the merits of that effort, the methods and the strategies which were involved are really subjects for another time.

"When, in compliance with the legal mandate, we acted to hold a protest hearing, the hearing process was a direct call for negative response. There was no provision to attract favorable response as well. The point is that at that hearing, what was under significant protest was not the objective but the method, not the goal but the process. Thus in denying the city-wide district, we acted to deny use of an alternative which had become available. The objectives remain before us.

"To use an analogy, when the Council acted to deny the Torrance 107 Freeway, it acted to deny a proposed method for solution of the traffic problem. The problem remained, unresolved, and we looked to other alternatives for solution. Today we are actively pursuing some of these alternatives in such programs as the Corridor Study, the Prairie-Madrona project, the Carson Street improvements and so on.

"I think that's where we are today. Given the landscaping, tree planting, and general environmental needs which precipitated our proposal for the assessment district alternative, and given the rejection of that alternative, the needs remain.

"The question then is what other alternatives can be pursued to meet them. There is the issue of civic pride. There is the community goal issue of urban beautification and an end to urban blight. There is the issue of the essential role of trees along our public ways to aid us in the battle to breathe air we don't have to count.

"With the setting aside of the city-wide assessment district proposal, I ask that staff prepare an analysis of other significant alternate methods or programs by which the issues might be resolved and the objectives achieved.

"The study should include, but not be limited to, possibilities of zones or smaller voluntary assessment districts, possibilities of independent volunteer community action, federal, state, or county funding, capital improvement scheduling and priorities from existing budget categories, and new sources of local revenue. I recognize current demands on staff are extensive, but it seems to me we ought to have some report prior to formulating guidelines for next year's budget. I request some staff response even if preliminary within thirty days."

End of prepared statement.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that the alternate investigations as above referenced by Mr. Armstrong be focused principally on beautification of the major arterials as enumerated in the previous action. Councilman Armstrong indicated no objection.

35. Councilman Sciarrotta stated that he would defer to Legislative Advocate Rupert at this time regarding emergency action to be taken by this Council, as the result of information received at the Legislative Liaison Committee meeting this date.

Adverse impact on the City of Torrance in the area of fire services caused by the Fair Labor Standards Act currently awaiting the signature of the President, was explained in some depth by Legislative Advocate Rupert. Mr. Rupert urged immediate action by this Council in registering opposition to this Bill.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this Council go on record opposing this Bill and that the appropriate communication be sent to the President of the United States urging him to veto this Bill. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Mr. Rupert suggested that the South Bay Cities Association be contacted by Councilman Uerkwitz, and various professional organizations be contacted in this regard -- concurrence was indicated by Mayor Miller.

36. Councilman Uerkwitz reviewed the successful efforts of Administrative Aides to City Manager Ferraro and himself in the procurement of the APCD Mobile Smog Monitoring Unit for use in the City of Torrance. Councilman Uerkwitz recommended that the Council concur with the above action -- there was no objection, and it was so ordered.

37. A City of Redondo Beach pilot project initiated by the U.S. Government Quality of Work Program, was described by Councilman Uerkwitz. Written material is to be provided each Councilman at an early date, per Mr. Uerkwitz.

38. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that an alternate be appointed to attend the September 5th Corridor Study meeting, as he will be on vacation -- Mayor Miller appointed Traffic Engineer Horkay to attend this meeting.
39. Councilman Wilson proposed that suitable recognition by the Council be given to the City of Torrance winner of the National Hula-Hoop contest.
40. At a question of Councilman Wilson, pertinent aspects of service station signing and recent progress in this regard (monument type signs rather than the typical tall signing) were reviewed by Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer.
41. It was City Manager Ferraro's suggestion that appropriate assistance be offered by the City of Torrance to the Fourth City, should same become a reality -- concurrence was indicated by Mayor Miller.
42. Mr. Mike Kinane, Chairman of the Youth Council, indicated the opposition of that group to S.B. 1423, as earlier referenced by Councilman Armstrong (Item #33, Page 17).

At this time the Council returned to consider:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

17. PRESENTATION BY TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION OF RENDERING:

Mr. Ed Enrietta, 1329 Cordary Avenue, representing the Torrance Rose Float Association, presented a rendering of the 1974 Torrance Rose Flcat for Council approval -- the design was enthusiastically received by the Council.

The hour being 10:00 p.m., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to 7:00 p.m. September 11, 1973, because of the anticipated lack of a quorum on September 4th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously carried (Councilman Surber absent).

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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