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Adjourned at 9:50 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, September 25, 1973, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Jim Conn led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend R.W. Kornegay, Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation:

"ETERNAL GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK THEE TODAY FOR THE EVIDENCE OF THY BLESSINGS UPON US, NOT ONLY FOR THIS DAY BUT FOR ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE AND OUR HISTORY. IN THAT THOU HAST BLESSED US TO THE EXTENT THAT ECONOMICALLY WE ARE RICH, WE PRAY THAT THOU WOULD BLESS US IN A SPIRITUAL WAY SO THAT WE WILL FOLLOW THY GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES.

"WE KNOW THAT THOU WHO TAKES NOTE OF THE FALLING OF EVERY SPARROW ART AWARE OF THE AFFAIRS OF MEN AND INTERESTED IN THEM AND WHAT GOES ON HERE TONIGHT. WE PRAY THAT THOU WOULD GIVE TO EACH OF THESE WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THE COURAGE TO ACT ACCORDING TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THEIR DEEPEST CONVICTIONS.

"MAY THY GUIDING HAND AND THY GUIDING SPIRIT BE UPON THIS CITY AND ITS LEADERSHIP IN DAYS TO COME."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the minutes of September 11, 1973, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:

Will next meet on October 4th at 5:00 P.M.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Meeting scheduled for September 26th at 7:30 A.M. -- breakfast meeting with the School Board.

Finance Committee:

Councilman Sciarrotta requested that a meeting be set at the earliest possible date.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. AWARD OF PLAQUE to George Kurtz in appreciation for his outstanding service and his enthusiastic support of Libraries, 1966 to 1973.

Formal presentation was made by Mayor Miller, with specific recognition of Mr. Kurtz' extended, productive service on the Library Commission. Mr. Kurtz accepted, with pleasure, and conveyed his appreciation to have so served the City.

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At this point in the meeting, Councilman Wilson acknowledged the valuable service rendered him by his departing Student Intern, Mark June -- introduction followed, as did Councilman Wilson's request that the matter of appropriate recognition of Mark's efforts, as well as those of the other Interns, be referred to the City Manager.

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10. COUNCIL'S PREVIEW LOOK AT NEW SOUTH BAY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

Mr. James Conn, Pacific Telephone Company, presented the Councilmen with plaques of the October, 1973 issue of the South Bay Directory cover -- a most distinguished illustration of Torrance City Hall for viewing by some 300,000 telephone customers.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. Torrance P.T.A. Membership Enrollment Week. Oct. 1-5, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Mrs. Robert Mosier, Torrance Council Membership Chairman.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:12. ORDINANCE re: waiver of requirement of constructing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in already developed residential areas.ORDINANCE NO. 2429

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 74.3.10 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT OF CONSTRUCTING CURBS, GUTTERS, AND SIDEWALKS IN ALREADY DEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2429 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that it is his hope that the above does not open the door to abusive use of such waiver -- curbs and gutters are primary requirements in most areas of the City.

REAL PROPERTY:13. ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 6 - COLUMBIA PARK PROJECT.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize the purchase of Parcel 6 in the amount of \$151,000, direct the City Manager to enter into an escrow for said purchase, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents therefor.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager; his motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Uerkwitz (for reasons
previously expressed).

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14. RESOLUTION re: agreement with Boise-Cascade Corporation to allow the City to remove a portion of the existing freight loading dock on Boise-Cascade property.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOISE-CASCADE CORPORATION TO ALLOW THE CITY TO REMOVE A PORTION OF THE EXISTING FREIGHT LOADING DOCK ON BOISE-CASCADE PROPERTY.

(Abandonment of Madrona Spur Tracks)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-186. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of lease with American-Standard for property to be used by the City for Park and Recreational purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-187

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 EXTENSION TO A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMERICAN-STANDARD FOR LEASE OF AMERICAN-STANDARD PROPERTY BY THE CITY FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-187. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Southern California Edison Company to renew the license to the City of the Post Substation property for recreational purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-188

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 RENEWAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR USE OF THE LOMITA SUBSTATION SITE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-188; his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement renewing Southwood Little League lease for a period of five years.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE AGREEMENT EXTENDING THAT CERTAIN LEASE DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1969 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SOUTHWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR USE AS A BALL PARK.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-189. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Of concern to Councilman Wilson in this matter was the five year time period and the by-passing of the Park and Recreation Commission. Discussion followed -- noted was the one-month cancellation clause; the absence of homeowner objections to such use pending park development, a fact confirmed by homeowner group president, James Clark, per Councilman Uerkwitz; the reduced paper work represented by the 5-year arrangement; etc., it being the general consensus of the Council that no problems are presented by the subject agreement.

Councilman Uerkwitz' motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-189 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

18. REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION to replace equipment stolen at Southeast Torrance Library.

Referred back to Staff for further clarification.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of contract with the Regents of the University of California.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-190

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 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR A MOTION PICTURE FILM BELONGING TO THE CITY.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-190. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

20. PCR 73-12, KAMEI SHOTEN OF AMERICA (EXXON COMPANY).
Appeal of certain Planning Commission conditions of approval to allow the construction of a service station with a drive-thru (exterior only) car wash at the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Attorney Larry Bowman was present to review conditions of concern to the proponent. Condition No. 6 - "That the two driveways immediately adjacent to the Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard intersection be eliminated." - and Condition No. 18 - "That the mutual driveway off Hawthorne Boulevard at the northerly boundary of the property be throated to a depth to the satisfaction of the Department of Transportation." - are not feasible conditions, per Mr. Bowman, and render operation of a service station impossible. A professional traffic survey made by the proponent indicated that in stations of comparable size, as that proposed in this case with the two entrances on each side of a major intersection, there is no heavy use of that station during high traffic hours. It may be stated that the traffic effect is virtually insignificant, according to Mr. Bowman.

Mr. A.Y. Olds, 5002 Paseo del Pavon, representing the Exxon Company, provided clarification regarding the proposed service station as related to accessibility, driveways, etc.

Next to speak was Mr. William A. Law, 8405 Pershing Drive, Playa del Rey, the traffic consultant in this matter, who reported that there is no evidence from service stations in similar circumstances that a traffic problem has been created -- the arrangement is, in fact, a rather routine, unhazardous one. Mr. Law then reported on the traffic counts made in this matter, and the fact that the figures confirmed non-existent traffic problems -- and elimination of the driveways would be a severe handicap to the operation of the service station.

Council discussion ensued. City Traffic Engineer Horkey advised that the subject conditions were not imposed by the Transportation Department, and indicated no objections to the deletion of same. It was the opinion of Mayor Miller that it would be pointless to build a service station without the two driveways -- to approve a service station and cut off the access is, in a sense, disapproval of the service station. Noted too were the professional opinions that traffic hazards would not result.

Consideration was now directed to Condition No. 11 - "That final elevation plans, including both color and materials, shall be approved by the Planning Commission prior to the issuance of a building permit." Mr. Bowman pointed out that the subject project is not an integral part of the Gemco development, and noted the Planning Commission requirement that the station face Gemco, in line with elimination of the driveways.

It was the request of Mr. Bowman that the condition be revised to state that the approval be by the Planning Department, rather than by the Planning Commission. It was the consensus of the Council that the desired compatibility could be achieved by the proponent by working with the Planning Department and its Director.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved re: the Appeal on PCR 73-12 that Conditions No. 6 and No. 18 be eliminated, and that Condition No. 11 be revised to state: "That final elevation plans, including both color and materials, shall be approved by the Planning Department prior to the issuance of a building permit". The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

Considered together:

21. ZC 73-10, G.L.S. BUILDING CORPORATION.
Change of zone from RR-3 to R-3 (PD) on property located at the south side of 182nd Street between Amie Avenue and Bailey Drive.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.
22. V 73-6, G.L.S. BUILDING CORPORATION.
Request for a variance of the off-street parking, density and open space requirements to permit the conversion of an apartment to a condominium on property located at the south side of 182nd Street between Amie Avenue and Bailey Drive.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

The request of the proponent, Mr. G.L. Schuler, to hold the above items for action at a future date was noted. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request of the proponent; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

23. V 73-5, PAT'S SKI & SPORT SHOP #1.
Request for a variance of the off-street parking requirements to permit the construction of an addition to an existing retail store in the C-1 zone on property located at the west side of Palos Verdes Boulevard approximately 100 feet south of Pacific Coast Highway.
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on V 73-5, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Present on this matter was Mr. Roy Young, Young and Remington, 304 Vista del Mar, who displayed the rendering evolved for this project which will result in 22 parking spaces and two loading zones.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve V 73-5, subject to Staff conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Armstrong advised that his negative vote was for the reason that it is very difficult to grant a variance on off-street parking in an area already congested with off-street parking.

(See Page 12, Item 36, for Councilman Brewster's comments on this item.)

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

24. ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT GROUP, INC. APPEAL with recommendations from Torrance Environmental Quality Commission.

The background history of this matter was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman; Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer; and Police Officer Traber.

The proponent, Mr. Richard Stayner, 1543 North Martel, Los Angeles, introduced a financial statement for the Environmental Alert Group, Inc., prepared by a CPA, which reflects fund-raising expenses to July 31, 1973 to be 13.96% of gross receipts, which is well within the ceiling of the Torrance Code. Mr. Stayner then reviewed the Environmental Quality Commission findings; described the activities and accomplishments of the Group, including disbursements of funds collected to date, and group affiliations; etc., in response to questions posed by the Council.

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

Councilman Armstrong noted his opinion that Code requirements appear to have been met in this matter, a matter which has had extensive consideration, and, in his judgment, there is no evidence to indicate that the applicant is not in compliance. Further noted by Mr. Armstrong was the fact that any violation of the terms of the permit would make it revokable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the appeal of the Environmental Alert Group, Inc., and to approve the issuance of the permit according to the terms of the Code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated "mixed emotions" in this case, but indicated that he could not find sufficient evidence to warrant the issuance of the permit; it does not appear to him to be a truly charitable organization.

Accordingly, a SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the subject license be DENIED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber with the comment that there are many unanswered aspects -- the background of the organization, the Board of Directors, the denial by Staff, etc. -- hence his second to the motion for denial.

Mayor Miller indicated his favor with the motion for approval -- he must give the proponent the benefit of the doubt, and there have been no concrete derogatory findings, only a series of opinions.

for denial

The substitute motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that he had voted in favor of denial for the reason that there is a need for additional information; there are just too many "loose ends". Councilmen Surber and Uerkwitz indicated that they shared like opinions.

Councilman Armstrong's motion approving issuance of the permit carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ROUTINE MATTERS:

25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$2944.54 to Baker & Taylor Company for 413 library books as requested by the Library Department.
2. \$1083.85 to C.M.I., Inc. for one only handheld speed radar unit, as requested by the Police Department.
3. \$8471.59 to Trane Service Company for major emergency repairs as required for the air conditioning system at the Civic Center Library, as requested by the Building and Safety Department -- subject appropriation to be from the General Fund.
4. \$2279.89 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for required tire recapping and repair services, as requested by the City Garage.

5. \$1519.25 to Globe Ticket Company for annual contract to supply 125 cases (1.25 million) computer punch cards, as requested by the Data Processing Department.
6. \$1160.00 to Essicks Machinery Company for the purchase of one only gas powered cement mixer - 9 cu. ft. size, as requested by the Park Department for replacement purposes.
7. \$3016.01 to Remington Rand Office Systems - Division of Sperry Rand for one only rotary file, as requested by the Customer Service Division for water and rubbish bill household records.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

8. \$312.58 to Koppl Company for one only 16" water nozzle installed by the Water Department for the new Gemco store. Payment has already been received.
9. \$554.46 to Park-Son, Inc. for two 8" water tapping valves and one only 6" water valve installed at the Gemco store by the Water Department. Payment has already been received.
10. \$2747.50 to Union Ice Company for the purchase of snow required by the Recreation Department for their ski school class held at La Romeria Park.

26. CHANGE ORDER 1, dated September 21, 1973, of Contract C-1443, dated October 30, 1972, with BOMAC Construction, Inc., Contract File/Job 73112, Plan WP-25, for Construction of Water Distribution Mains in Crenshaw Boulevard and between Hawthorne Blvd. and Park Street, south of Newton Street, increasing Contract Cost with \$9,047.69 from \$44,657.10 to \$53,704.79.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That subject Change Order be approved.

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT (ANNUAL) - State of California Contract No. 07005, dated August 24, 1973 for Red Flares. (Re: Olin Corporation - Expenditure - \$2,809.00).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the City of Torrance joining with the State of California on a "Cooperative Purchase Contract" for the purchase of 100 gross of 20-minute red flares from the low bidder of the State's bid, Olin Corporation, at \$26.50 per gross. Delivery of these flares will be "as required" by the City of Torrance. Total contract amount will be \$2,809.00, including tax.

28. P.C.C. IMPROVEMENTS AT SUR LA BREA PARK (B73-19).
JOB NO. 73113.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Sully-Miller Contracting Company.

29. REFUND OF FEES - Chacksfield Merit Homes Corporation
(George Chacksfield, President) (Tract No. 25875)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the sum of \$1,456.94 be refunded to Chacksfield Merit Homes Corporation.

30. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract 23882.

SUBDIVIDER: Sunnyglen Construction Company (Kenneth Battram)
BONDING COMPANY: American Motorists Insurance Company

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PERFORMANCE	2SM-162-177	\$16,400
PAYMENT	2SM-162-177	8,200
INSPECTION	2SM-162-178	1,250

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bonds be released.

31. CLAIM of Ann Dorothy Kirkham for Personal Injuries.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and #31, with specific note of the appropriation from the General Fund on Item #25, sub-item 3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 9:15 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 9:17 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. Assistant City Manager Scharfman noted that Council members will be in attendance at the League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco on October 23rd, a Tuesday night, and, therefore, recommended that the Council declare it a "dark night". Councilman Wilson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous.

In view of the foregoing action, and the need to likewise declare a "dark night" for the Redevelopment Agency, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, the hour being 9:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Oral Communications for the Council resumed at 9:21 P.M.

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33. Assistant City Manager Scharfman made the following report re: SCRTD Consultant Recommendations:

"The SCRTD has received a Summary Report of recommendations from a group of eminent consultants. The recommendations and the report are tentative and subject to review by, among others, local communities. The public meeting, at which the City of Torrance can have input to the RTD, will be held Wednesday, October 3, 1973, in the Council Chambers. In our opinion, it is extremely desirable that the City of Torrance be represented at this meeting.

"I am requesting the City Council's permission to designate a member of the Staff to represent the City, unless some member of the City Council would be interested in making a presentation of the City's position in this matter. This would be more desirable.

"The City has several areas of concern which we would like to bring out to the RTD. For example, we would like to determine the feasibility of another East-West Corridor connecting the Del Amo Center and Long Beach Terminals. We would like to determine if our system can be coordinated with the RTD System to provide common zones and transfers. We would like to explore the possibility of extending the RTD south of the Del Amo Center in order to avoid traffic problems in terms of commuter parking. We would like to participate in the decision as to whether the system will be elevated, on the surface, or underground, and coordinate this with our current Corridor Study. We would like more detailed data regarding the proposed savings to the taxpayer.

"For these reasons, I would like to get the Council's permission either to appoint a Staff member to represent the City or to make arrangements for a member of the City Council to assume this responsibility."

It was agreed that a Staff member designated by the City Manager's office so serve, with Mayor Miller to be in attendance as well. The role of Councilman Brewster as "Resident SCRTD Director" at this hearing was also noted.

34. The serious concerns regarding possible power shortages was pointed out by Councilman Armstrong, with the request for a Staff report in this regard.

35. A report on the current status of Del Amo Boulevard development was requested by Councilman Armstrong.

36. Councilman Brewster referred back to agenda item #23, V-73-5, Pat's Ski & Sport Shop #1, and stated that his affirmative vote on this case (a deviation from his established philosophy) was for the

reason that the net result was a better looking development than is currently there, with some 200 sq. ft. less floor space than at present, and yet there is a 50% increase in off-street parking.

37. Councilman Brewster referred to the communication of complaint regarding the high intensity lighting on Pacific Coast Highway which presents a problem to the Riviera resident who authored the letter. Assistant City Manager Scharfman reported on the efforts of the City of Redondo Beach, (the offending lights being in this city), in that notices have been served to remedy this situation.

38. Councilman Sciarrotta voiced his particular pleasure at his return to duty this date, after his recent illness, and his appreciation of the thoughtfulness extended him. The Council conveyed a hearty "welcome back" to Mr. Sciarrotta.

39. Staff investigation of the overgrown shrubbery and impassable sidewalk at the corner of Madrid and Sonoma was requested by Councilman Sciarrotta.

40. Councilman Surber conveyed his gratitude to the State Legislature for passage of the death penalty bill -- this likely will save many innocent lives.

41. The position of Supervisor Hayes regarding endorsement of Proposition 1 was wholeheartedly concurred in by Councilman Surber. It was the consensus of the Council that this legislation be reviewed by the Legislative Committee for recommendation to Council.

42. The following committee report was made by Councilman Uerkwitz:

"The Ad Hoc Committee re: Prairie/Madrona situation met with the School Board on Wednesday morning to discuss the impact of the Prairie/Madrona street improvement on three schools along the route. Unfortunately two of our committee members were unable to attend. Our Engineering Department gave a very good presentation on the Prairie/Madrona Project and what is involved. The end result was a much better understanding by all concerned about exactly what might happen. The project is being done in stages, and it is very hard to give the precise answers that were sought as to possible problems.

"In the case of Madrona School, a primary concern, it appears that the School District can wind up with approximately 18 feet extra buffer between the school and the new roadway.

"Magruder School will probably lose some frontage in order to provide the service road, and it does not appear to be too much of a problem.

"Perry School has several unique features, there being a kindergarten near the roadway, and most of the heavy traffic occurs before and after the kindergarten classes; also noted was the potential added traffic -- the EIR has indicated that there will not be a detrimental effect on Perry School; the District, however, has some concerns about the general noise level with such increased traffic.

"The City Staff and School personnel are going to do additional technical work, and report back to the Committee to make whatever recommendations are appropriate to the Council and to the Board of Education."

43. Councilman Uerkwitz requested Staff review of an overgrown tree blocking the alleyway at Anza and 234th Street.

44. Congratulations to the Daily Breeze for its recent articles on Torrance's mass murderer were extended by Councilman Uerkwitz who deemed this a public service.

45. Confusion surrounding the cone right-of-way alignment on 190th Street, east of Hawthorne Boulevard, was reported by Councilman Wilson. Staff will follow through in this matter.

46. A Chamber of Commerce representative was present to extend an invitation to the Council to attend their Legislative Affairs Luncheon on September 27th at Del Conte's restaurant. An RTD Progress Report will be featured.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Torrance