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Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 1973, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

In the absence of Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Sciarrotta conducted the meeting.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Colonel Beaudreux led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Ron Bolt, Pacific View Baptist Church, gave the invocation:

"WE ARE UNDER YOU, GOD, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. BY YOUR GRACE AND STRENGTH WE HAVE COME TO THIS VERY HOUR ON THIS VERY DAY. WE DO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOODNESS OF YOU TO OUR COUNTRY, AND WE THANK YOU FOR OUR COUNTRY AND FOR OUR FLAG. WE ASK NOW YOUR GUIDANCE UPON THOSE WHO LEAD THIS SESSION TONIGHT AND THAT THEY WILL SENSE THEY ARE DOING YOUR WILL IN THE IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF THIS CITY."

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the minutes of September 25, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Mayor Miller).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of all regularly audited demands. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

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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 unani- mously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

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

Met this date; report forthcoming to Council.

Finance Committee:

Will meet on October 10th at 4:30 P.M.

Legislative Liaison Committee:

Next meeting will be on October 16th at 4:30 P.M.
Proposition No. 1 will be the topic of discussion.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

Next meeting scheduled for October 17th at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Plaque to West High Warrior Band Director, Ron Large.
10. Plaque to West High Warrior Band.

Held for later in the meeting. (See Page 7)

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. "UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY"
- Tuesday, October 9, 1973.

So proclaimed by Acting Mayor Sciarrotta.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. RESOLUTION requesting County Highway-Through-Cities Funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 in support of Prairie-Madrona Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE "HIGHWAY-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON PRAIRIE AVENUE - MADRONA AVENUE BETWEEN 190TH STREET AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

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Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-192. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Mayor Miller absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Mobil Oil Corporation for extension of Prairie Avenue through Mobil's Torrance Refinery.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-193

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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MOBIL OIL CORPORATION FOR THE EXTENSION OF PRAIRIE AVENUE THROUGH MOBIL'S TORRANCE REFINERY.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-193. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of an application and implementation of a certain grant to the City for law enforcement purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CERTAIN GRANT TO THE CITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-194. His motion was seconded by Acting Mayor Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

15. INTERPRETATION OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2364 re: OIL WELL EQUIPMENT.

The October 4th communication from Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company requesting Council interpretation of Emergency Ordinance No. 2364 dealing with the construction or placing of oil well equipment on oil well sites in the City of Torrance was noted by the Council.

City Attorney Remelmeyer defined the language of Emergency Ordinance No. 2364, and noted the dispute regarding same between Chanslor-Western and the Oil Board. Mr. Remelmeyer further stated that because an interpretation of the ordinance is necessary, and there is an immediate problem, the City Attorney's office would accept the Council's interpretation as being binding from this point on; an appropriately clarified ordinance will follow at a later date.

Representing Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company, ^{was} Mr. Arthur T. Vikander, 2850 Monterey Street, who noted that the definition of oil well equipment, per the subject ordinance, is "surface facilities used in the production of oil and gas". Mr. Vikander then advised that CWOD, at the urging of the Oil Board that surface pumping units be eliminated whenever technically practicable, has been conducting tests of submersible pumps in certain Torrance wells, with little success.

Mr. Vikander continued his comments, advising that a submersible pump was recently installed in well TUMF 9 without seeking a permit from the Oil Board, relying on the definition of oil well equipment as described in the ordinance, i.e. "surface equipment". The purpose of the ordinance, according to Mr. Vikander, is to reduce annoyance to residents resulting from oil drilling and pumping operations, and since wholly submerged pumps contribute precisely to that purpose, it is their belief that the Council did not intend in the drafting of the ordinance to require Oil Board permits for such sub-surface installations.

Oil Board Chairman, Mr. Henry Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, acknowledged the ordinance reference to "surface" equipment; however, in order to place a submersible pump on any site, it is necessary to break through the surface, accompanied by surface equipment, piping, electricity, etc. Mr. Nowicki indicated his opinion that the subject ordinance intended that all oil matters -- above or below the ground -- are to be reviewed by the Oil Board.

Further noted by Mr. Nowicki was the absence of any objections by CWOD at the August 20th Oil Board meeting when they were advised that submersible pump matters should be brought before this Board. In the case of the submersible pump installed in Well TUMF 9, the Oil Board was completely bypassed, per Mr. Nowicki -- it is imperative that the Board be informed and act on all oil matters.

Next to speak was Mr. Peter Lacombe, representing the Torrance Unit, who stated that the review desired by the Oil Board would, in effect, require that all activities, including well pullings and normal maintenance, have some

kind of a permit. In the subject consideration, it was not felt that a permit was needed for a submersible pump, and the language appeared very clear -- "replacement of equipment on a one-to-one basis, or on a less objectionable basis" would not require a permit -- according to Mr. Lacombe; to require a permit for every action on the site is not feasible.

Council discussion ensued. Councilman Armstrong stated that it was never his impression that necessary maintenance could not be conducted -- however, a Reda pump is a major modification, and, therefore, requires Oil Board review, even though it is a "good" major modification, and will have a beneficial effect.

Concurrence with Mr. Armstrong's remarks was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz -- the Reda pump is a new piece of equipment, and it would be farfetched to apply the "one-to-one" philosophy, with no need for review by the Oil Board.

Councilman Wilson stated that there is a need to define more clearly the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Oil Board regarding oil activities throughout the City -- Dr. Wilson recalled that the original intent of the ordinance was concerned with major activities, but there is a need for review of responsibility areas.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question as to the problem presented by bringing these matters to the Oil Board, Mr. Lacombe noted the need for clarification of communication, hence this agenda item, and indicated agreement with the foregoing comments of the Council. If it is desired to have submersible pumps, because it is a changing of a pumping method, to go before the Oil Board for a permit, that is one thing, per Mr. Lacombe -- if it is desired that a host of other oil activity (such as changing pipe, rods, etc.) on the site be restricted as to the servicing and maintenance thereof, a hardship will result. In the subject case, Mr. Lacombe concluded, the submersible pump was not installed with the idea of avoiding a permit; it was thought that one was not needed.

Councilman Brewster commented on the apparent "failure to communicate" in this matter, and indicated his recollection of the "one-to-one change and the positive change moving in a non-objectionable direction" was not the thing to be controlled, with the ordinance to serve as a kind of check-valve. To require this business, or any business, to obtain permission for every change of equipment would be an undue hardship.

It was the further comment of Councilman Brewster that there was a breakdown in straight thinking when CWOD undertook this action without at least notifying the City of their intent. Councilman Brewster then suggested a compromise position, acceptable to both parties, in an arrangement whereby the first or second major modification of this kind would appear before the Oil Board for appropriate review and approval, and then have the Oil Board (unless there is some significant reason to do otherwise) give a "class action approval" to that kind of an

installation. In future undertakings, a simple notification of that action (minus appearance before the Oil Board each and every time) would appear to be a satisfactory procedure for all concerned, per Mr. Brewster. It was the further thought of Councilman Brewster that the Oil Board be given an option of re-review of areas and sites of concern to the Board.

The following Council action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council interpret the subject ordinance as requiring an Oil Board permit for the installation of submersible pumps -- further, that the "class action approval", as above recommended by Councilman Brewster, be put into effect as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that his "yes" vote is in the hope that there would be an amendment to the ordinance which would establish the procedure recommended by him -- the subject case, in his opinion, would serve as the "class action" review and approval of the Oil Board. Concurrence was voiced by the Council.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Mayor Miller).

The intent of the Council was confirmed by Acting Mayor Sciarrotta, at Mr. Lacombe's question, in that major changes must be defined; repair and maintenance work will remain in the purview of routine business. Mr. Lacombe also acknowledged his understanding that submersible pumps, and like major modifications, require Oil Board review. Communication, clarification, and cooperation with the Oil Board was recommended by Councilman Armstrong.

16. REQUEST FROM THE CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL HYPNOTIST'S ASSOCIATION to remove the word Hypnotism from City Ordinance No. 45.6.1.

MOTION: Acting Mayor Sciarrotta moved that agenda item #16 be referred to the City Manager and the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

OIL ACTIVITIES:

17. OIL BOARD ACTIVITIES.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Planning Department recommendations on all five motions on Item No. 17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

Mr. Peter Lacombe noted the complicated and varied legislation and jurisdictions imposed on oil activities -- there is a need for clear cut direction. Review of this matter by the Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups was urged by Councilman Brewster.

Oil Board member, Jack Kramer, expressed appreciation for the confidence placed in the Oil Board.

The Council now returned to:

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE to West High Warrior Band Director, Ron Large, for his leadership of the band as they represented Torrance and the U.S. at the 1973 Fete de Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland.
10. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE to West High Warrior Band as the U.S. Representative at the 1973 Fete de Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland.

Appropriate recognition and congratulations were extended Director Large and his West High Warrior Band by Acting Mayor Sciarrotta, on behalf of the Council -- their achievements were deemed an outstanding credit to the City of Torrance. Formal presentation of the plaques was made by West High neighbors, Councilmen Armstrong and Brewster.

Regular agenda order resumed with:

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2430.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION
17.48.1 OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1, OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2430 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. JOINT MEETING - LOMITA AND TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the City Council contact the Lomita City Council regarding the arrangement of a workshop session between the Torrance and Lomita Planning Commissioners.

Councilman Surber stated that such a joint meeting is an "excellent idea", and MOVED to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

20. JOINT MEETING - RANCHO PALOS VERDES AND TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That Council extend an invitation to the new city of Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission, on its formation, to participate in a joint meeting with the Torrance Planning Commission to discuss mutual problems.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

21. PROPOSED REVISIONS OF STATE E.I.R. GUIDELINES.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD:

That the Council direct its representative to seek clarification of the matters outlined in communication of October 5, 1973, and report back.

Council discussion was directed to the proposed E.I.R. Guideline revisions and the forthcoming presentations to be made in this regard, as well as the needed Council direction. Questioned were the aspects pertaining to the finding that the Environmental Impact Report "becomes the paramount document in any land use decision"; concurrence indicated that consideration should be given the effect of the environment on the project, and that there be clarification re: "policy".

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Environmental Review Board. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

22. ZC 73-17, TORRANCE MENTAL HEALTH PARK, LTD.

Change of zone from H-M-D to H-M-D, PD on property located on the south side of Lomita Boulevard, approximately 450 feet east of Early Drive.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Acting Mayor Sciarrotta announced that this is the time and place for the advertised public hearing on ZC 73-17, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Joe Barrow, General Manager, Ernest Auerbach Company, was present to request Council approval.

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 73-17, change of zone from H-M-D to H-M-D, PD. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

23. APPEAL OF THROUGH TRUCK PROHIBITION ON DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: That the appeal to permit through truck traffic on Del Amo Boulevard between Crenshaw Boulevard and Western Avenue be DENIED until such time as Del Amo Boulevard is improved.

Traffic Commissioner McMullen clarified Commission findings, it being their feeling that there was no point in opening such a small piece of street which would contribute nothing to the truck route system as a whole -- further, it might present serious complications to Pueblo residents in this area.

The petitioner in this case, Mr. Gary Jones, Ken Jones and Company, 355 Van Ness Avenue, detailed the importance of the Del Amo Boulevard route for his trucks, and pointed out the unavailability of practical alternate routes for his company's trucks.

Council discussion ensued regarding the problems faced by Mr. Jones and the possible alleviation thereof, it being noted by the City Attorney that there is no Code provision which would permit only a single trucker to use a City street -- objections to any such arrangement were voiced by Police Chief Nash.

Councilman Armstrong indicated sympathy with Mr. Jones' problem, a unique one, but in the absence of any solution at this point, MOVED to concur with the above recommendation of the Traffic Commission and the Department of Transportation that the subject appeal be DENIED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was indicated by Councilman Wilson that his "no" vote was based on the fact that there has been such usage of this street by this company for a considerable period of time, minus any difficulties. Concurrence with these comments was indicated by Councilman Surber -- Mr. Surber further noted that the subject street is an anticipated truck route.

Councilman Uerkwitz was of the opinion that there were avenues of compromise, and recommended Traffic Commission and Staff review of alternates, such reconsideration to be without prejudice. He must, however, support the above motion at this time.

It was the comment of Acting Mayor Sciarrotta that the subject matter is no different than spot zoning -- there should not be an arrangement for the benefit of one person or organization; the overall good of the general public must be the concern.

Further action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer the subject matter back to the Traffic Commission and Staff, without prejudice, for further review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Mayor Miller absent).

COMMISSION MATTERS:

24. FORMER CITY COMMISSIONERS - Length of Service.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That all Commissioners who have served at least four years on a Commission receive a plaque; all others, a letter of commendation.

MOTION: Acting Mayor Sciarrotta moved that agenda item #24 be referred to the Finance Committee for discussion, evaluation, and recommendation.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Armstrong, as chairman of the Civil Service Committee, that retired Civil Service Commissioner Tyrrell receive such a plaque, although his service was somewhat less than four years, as has been done in a few other cases.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the matter of the time served by retiring Commissioners, etc., and appropriate recognition thereof, best be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

The above motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

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ROUTINE MATTERS:25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$1114.72 to Western Water Works Supply Company to furnish twelve each 6" water pipe repair clamps and six each 4" water pipe repair clamps, as requested by the Water Department.
2. \$1007.93 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 37 only 1½" and 2" ballcorp, as requested by the Water Department.
3. \$399.00 to James Jones Company for 250 service couplings (¾" and 1"), as requested by the Water Department.
4. \$376.30 to Park Son, Inc. for 100 cast iron water meter box covers, as requested by the Water Dept.
5. \$800.00 to B&H Carpet of Torrance for replacement draperies for Herma Tillim and Bartlett Senior Citizen buildings.
6. \$494.28 to Hilti, Inc. for one only concrete coring tool and bits, as requested by the Department of Transportation for use in their field maintenance work.
7. \$664.50 to Western Highway Products for 300 aluminizing street name sign blanks and one only sign mounting banding tool for mounting signs to posts, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
8. (Omitted)
9. \$587.95 to Needham Book Finders for 137 library books.
10. \$1119.10 to Victor Hotho Company for 185 library books.
11. \$10,587.05 to Leigh M. Railsback for a contract to renew at a discount some 600 various magazine and periodical subscriptions for another year for all branches.
12. \$890.40 to G.P. Putnam's Sons for Greenaway Plan - July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974.
13. \$2283.00 to Baker & Taylor Company for 314 library books.
14. \$1033.50 to Tab Products Company for five only 3-shelf special type cabinets and three only 2-shelf cabinets, as requested by the City Clerk.

15. \$504.00 to Stephen Bousustow Products for copies of four films, as requested by the Library Department as part of their Audio Visual programs.
16. \$309.75 to Oxford Films for copies of two films, as requested by the Library Department.
17. \$687.75 to Phoenix Films, Inc. for the purchase of three films, requested by the City Library Department.
18. \$829.79 to Zellerbach Paper Company for 72,000 sheets of 70 lb. 11x17 white RECYCLED TEXT PAPER, as requested by Central Services.
19. \$1990.00 to B.F. Goodrich Company for the purchase of 49 tires (used and recapped) and 43 tubes which were on bus tire mileage contract with B.F. Goodrich Company.
20. \$567.10 to Monroe - The Calculator Company for the purchase of a calculator, as requested by the City Treasurer to calculate investment returns.
21. \$356.20 to Airport Nursery for the purchase of four 24" boxed trees and one 15-gallon size tree, to be purchased as insurance and damaged replacements.

26. EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL - DON WILSON SUIT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the firm of Burke, Williams and Sorensen be hired at this time to represent the City in this matter. The case will be handled for the firm principally by George Wakefield. The firm's fee will be at the rate of \$50 to \$60 an hour. Budgeted funds are available therefor. In the event that the firm's aggregate fees in this case exceed \$5,000, I will obtain the Council's permission before spending further sums therefor.

27. SALE OF SURPLUS BUSES.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

Inasmuch as Mr. Steve Edwards did bid above minimum bid, it is recommended that:

- (1) Council accept the \$1268.00 bid from Mr. Steve Edwards, and approve of the sale of Unit #333 to him; and
- (2) Authorize the Purchasing Supervisor to negotiate for best price possible on the remaining buses with other potential buyers.

28. Considered separately. (See Page 13)

29. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 24209.
 Subdivider: Don Wilson Builders
 Bonding Company: Pacific Employers Insurance Co.

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	M-191-519	\$2,100.00
Payment	M-191-519	1,050.00
Inspection	M-191-520	1,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
 That subject bonds be released.

30. CLAIM of Martha Louise Adams for personal injuries and property damage.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:
 That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above.

MOTION: Acting Mayor Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #25, 26, 27, 29, and #30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

Considered separately:

28. ORDINANCE re: Oil Code Revision.

ORDINANCE NO. 2431

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SUB-
 SECTION 2 (c) OF SECTION 97.7.4 OF
 THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING
 THE REMOVAL OR FILLING OF ALL BURIED
 PIPELINES.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2431 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

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At 9:08 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

The Council returned to its agenda at 9:10 P.M.

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ADDENDUM ITEM:

31. RESOLUTION - See Page 15.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that there be an Executive Session at the conclusion of this agenda for the purpose of discussing litigation re: Torrance Beach.

33. Appropriate recognition of retiring Torrance Area Youth Band Leader, Mr. Jim Davidson, was requested by Councilman Armstrong.

34. A "thank you" to Building and Safety Director McKinnon and his department for the resolution of a neighborhood fence/residence problem by way of a compromise happily agreeable to all was extended by Councilman Armstrong.

35. Councilman Brewster MOVED for approval of the prepared statement to be presented by Transportation Administrator Critchfield at the October 12th meeting of SCAG re: airports.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Uerkwitz that the report be identified -- i.e. Citizens Hearing Board Report dated June 14, 1973.

With incorporation of the above clarification, Councilman Uerkwitz seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

36. Formation of the ad hoc citizen committee on the study of the bus system was urged by Councilman Brewster, in view of the public interest in this matter.

37. Concern regarding high speed chases involving police vehicles, law violators, and oftentimes innocent parties was expressed by Councilman Brewster, with the request that Staff contact appropriate research boards and agencies to determine their findings, if any, regarding this problem.

The need for an improved clean-up process for glass, etc. at accident scenes was also noted by Councilman Brewster.

38. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated a lack of enthusiasm for the new, condensed format for the agenda material -- 20/20 vision is imperative.

39. Appreciation to Police Chief Nash for the prompt action on the motorcycle noise problem was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz.

40. Councilman Uerkwitz advised that the Corridor Study Steering Committee is finalizing plans for forthcoming technical discussions and interchanging of ideas with RTD.

41. Councilman Wilson made the following prepared oral communication:

"Two weeks ago the Council Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee met with two representatives of the School Board. We discussed the several ramifications of the City overseeing the use of the playing fields at Meadow Park School and the possibility of a City-coordinated, centralized scheduling procedure for playground and park uses. After an extensive exchange with the School Board members, it was felt that the City Park and Recreation Commission should have an opportunity to comment prior to our making any recommendations. Our Committee, therefore, asks that those items, and the question of should we pay our fair share cost of school gym equipment used for City recreation programs be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission. Specifically, we would like the Commission to look at the broad questions, such as shall we establish fees for reserved use of playing fields. If a fee is instituted at Meadow Park, it seems that the broader question of all playing fields should be looked at.

"At our meeting the concept of joint effort in other areas was also discussed. Specifically, audio visual, continuing education, cooperative use of maintenance equipment, our mutual requirements to comply with the occupational safety act, etc.

"With Council concurrence, I would like to have Staff follow through and develop some specifics. The School Staff is doing likewise. After this preliminary study, the Joint Committee will then be ready to meet again on these matters."

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

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At 9:25 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

The Council returned at 9:48 P.M. to consider:

ADDENDUM ITEM:

31. RESOLUTION re: Torrance Beach Litigation.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
ING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AND ATTEST CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, DEEDS,

15. City Council
October 9, 1973

AND STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF JUDG-
MENT IN SETTLEMENT OF A LAWSUIT
INVOLVING THE CITY AND CERTAIN
RECORD LANDOWNERS OF LOTS 9,10,11,
12, AND 13, TRACT 10307 ON TORRANCE
BEACH.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution
No. 73-195. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and
roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

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