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Adjourned to November 13, 1973 at 7:00 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, October 30, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Robert Warnock led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Ron Bolt, Pacific View Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 1973, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of all regularly audited demands. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; 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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

Will meet re: jurisdiction on oil matters; date not yet determined.

PROCLAMATIONS:9. "INVEST IN BOB JONES DAY" - November 1, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones were present to accept this tribute to their courage in the face of extreme adversity. Councilman Wilson joined in conveying the well wishes of the community -- a standing ovation further confirmed the recognition of this courage.

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A 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller at 5:45 P.M. to permit repair of the ailing sound system in the Council Chambers.

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COMMISSION MATTERS:10. RESOLUTION dissolving the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Goals Steering Committee.RESOLUTION NO. 73-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 65-20 WHICH CREATED A CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND RESOLUTION NO. 69-9 WHICH PROVIDED FOR A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION GOALS PROGRAM, A GOALS STEERING COMMITTEE, A CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY GOALS AND IMPROVEMENT, A CITIZENS' RESOURCE GROUP AND AN EXECUTIVE RESEARCH GROUP.

Councilman Uerkwitz (as an original member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee) moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-204. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:11. RESOLUTION re: Construction of Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Driveway at 2102 West 233rd Street.RESOLUTION NO. 73-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT 2102 WEST 233RD STREET TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS UNDER AUTHORITY OF "CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT" AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON AND AUTHORIZING

THE INCLUSION OF SAID WORK IN THE
PROJECT "CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT, 73-2"
PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED UNDER RESOLUTION
73-126 ON JUNE 26, 1973.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-205. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PRAIRIE-MADRONA IMPROVEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the earlier recommended service road concept between Spencer Street and Opal Street be approved. (Alternative 1)

Following Staff presentation by City Engineer Weaver, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Jim Zumke, 3403 Emerald Street, stated that he favored Alternate No. 1, noted the heavy apartment-dweller traffic during morning and evening hours, which would result in problems were Alternate 2 or 3 adopted.

Likewise in favor of Alternate No. 1 was Mr. Jerome Scharfman, 21101 Madrona, who advised that his home is directly opposite the exit from the proposed service road -- were Alternate 2 or 3 adopted, with a "yield" or a "stop" sign at that exit, he will be unable to breathe the air in his house, along with other intolerable conditions represented by #2 and #3.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer and Director of Transportation for the adoption of Alternative No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta (owner of property at the corner of Maricopa and Madrona).

REAL PROPERTY:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement for Acquisition Services with Alfred Berest dba Security Land Right-of-Way Services, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-206

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 FOR ACQUISITION SERVICES BETWEEN ALFRED BEREST DBA SECURITY LAND AND RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICES, INC. AND THE CITY.

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-206; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

14. RESOLUTION authorizing four Airport Hangar "Spin-Off" Leases from the Philip Madsen Lease. Case No. TH 73-24, John P. Kirk et al.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THOSE CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JOHN P. KIRK, JAMES L. BARRETT, LA RUE C. THOMAS AND ROBERT A. SIZE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-207. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (Mr. Kirk is his employer.)

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

15. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON LOMITA BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. That private enterprise, through the Lomita Boulevard Task Force, contribute \$39,000 toward the project.
2. That the City finance the remaining cost of the project (estimated expenditure of \$13,000).
3. That the City manage the design and installation of said signals after receipt of \$39,000 from the Lomita Boulevard Task Force.
4. That the necessary contract and easement documents be prepared by the Department of Transportation and forwarded to the Council for their approval.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

In accordance with City guidelines for the financing of this type of project, the total cost should be borne by the benefitting parties. However, since this is the first joint effort by the business community to secure the necessary financing, and they have raised a substantial percentage of the total cost, the Department of Transportation recommends that the City accept the \$39,000 and participate in the project, per the conditions set forth by the Traffic Commission, revising condition #4 to read: "That the Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement for the project and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary documents."

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Approval of the above recommendation should include a motion to appropriate the City's share of this project in the amount of \$13,000 from the Section 2106 State Gas Tax Fund.

Approval of the subject project was urged by Councilman Sciarrotta, in view of the serious need for signalization in the vicinity of Torrance Memorial Hospital.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he is not in complete agreement with the analysis that the benefit would be only to those on Lomita Boulevard in that the general motoring public makes considerable use of this street, hence there is an overall benefit, and, therefore, his support of the project.

Concern regarding the precedent-setting aspect was voiced by Councilman Armstrong -- like concern was indicated by Councilman Uerkwitz, but it is his opinion that each case will be different, and a separate decision will prevail after review of each request. Mr. Armstrong acknowledged this fact, offered the suggestion that similar problems might be solved in the same manner, and then made the following motion:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendations, approving an appropriation of \$13,000 from the Section 2106 State Gas Tax Fund, and specifically noting that Condition #4 should state: "That the Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement for the project and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary documents." The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro commended the volunteer efforts in this matter which resulted in the collection of \$39,000 and represents 70% of the total cost of the project.

16. 4-WAY STOP AT CADISON STREET AND FIRMONA AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

That 4-Way STOP signs be installed at the intersection of Cadison Street and Firmona Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

That YIELD signs be installed on Cadison Street at Firmona Avenue.

Following Staff presentation via movie projection, comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Bob McGaff, 4602 Cadison, stated that the major problem is the speed on Firmona, the existing hazards at the subject intersection are obvious, and remedial action by way of a 4-way stop sign, should be taken at this time. Mr. McGaff presented a petition bearing 241 signatures requesting the installation of such a sign.

The president of the Southwest Park Homeowners' Association, Mr. Bob Rush, 4756 Tower Street, reiterated the Firmona Street traffic problems, and further noted the fact that there are lighting problems at the corner of Firmona and Cadison in that an old style street light is in existence there. A stop sign is the only answer, per Mr. Rush.

The hazards presented her small child, and other small children in the neighborhood, were described by Mrs. Vicky Miller, 4549 Cadison, who urged installation of a stop sign.

Other problems were noted by Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, 19144 Firmona, such as squealing brakes of the fast passing traffic -- Mr. Wurst, 19147 Firmona, who noted the increasing fast speed through the years. Both urged the installation of stop signs.

Council discussion ensued. It was first the request of Councilman Surber that the street light at this intersection be investigated and updated, if necessary. The overall problems throughout the year in this general area were noted by Councilman Brewster, some of which can be attributed to "natural paths" in the area; it was his suggestion that some thought be given to making such paths unattractive to through motorists, as a form of temporary relief -- there is a need, however, to attack the basic problem in this area, per Councilman Brewster.

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that 4-way stops may not be the ultimate answer, but there is a problem of speed in the entire area, and such stop signs will provide interim relief. Mr. Uerkwitz would concur with Mr. Brewster in the need for an overall plan for the area. Councilman Armstrong was in agreement that stop signs on the corner would inhibit the traffic, and noted that the problems in this area are happening all over the City -- these symptoms are in need of fundamental resolution.

Mayor Miller conceded that the subject corner is a "nuisance corner", and suggested that the stop signs be installed on a trial basis for a 6-month period, with a report back from the Transportation Department at that time on the effectiveness or non-effectiveness thereof.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission: That 4-Way STOP signs be installed at the intersection of Cadison Street and Firmona Avenue, with a report back from the Transportation Department in six months. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

It was the added request of Mayor Miller that the homeowners be kept informed by Staff. Councilman Sciarrotta commented at this time that it would seem the people in the neighborhood best know what is needed and desired by them; if peace of mind is achieved for them by such stop signs, with a long range look at other solutions, then this would be the appropriate avenue to take. Councilman Surber rerequested that the street lighting be updated.

Councilman Brewster requested that the 6-month period also include Staff review of the entire area in regard to like problems throughout same, with development of some preliminary plans as to direction.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. APPEAL OF REMOVAL OF TURN RESTRICTIONS AT PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS AND VIA VALMONTE.

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 8.

18. APPROVAL OF PROJECT to replace street lights on portions of Cabrillo Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That Council approve the subject project to replace existing street light standards on Cabrillo Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Plaza Del Amo, and on Torrance Boulevard from Madrid to Cota Avenues -- and to authorize expenditure of \$60,000 from funds of Street Lighting District No. 16.

COMMENT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Sufficient funding for this work was provided, under maintenance and contingency, by the Council's prior approval of five-year Street Lighting Assessment District No. 16 in the total amount of \$3,727,895.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Department of Transportation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

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

REQUEST OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That \$1,286 be appropriated from the unallocated Bond Fund for Southeast Torrance Library to replace this equipment.

COMMENT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Approximately \$125,000 is available for appropriation in the 1967 Library Bond Construction Fund.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above request of the City Librarian. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COSTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

1. That \$49,911 be appropriated from the General Fund to pay the costs related to the proposed Assessment District.
2. That L.J. Thompson, Inc. be paid the balance due under the terms of the contract.
(Concurred in by City Manager.)

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Councilman Surber indicated disfavor with the uncompleted aspect of the contract re: delivery of documents, the manner of parcelization, etc., and urged that there be review of other companies offering this service. Councilman Uerkwitz expressed confusion regarding the labor charges and the determination thereof.

Clarification regarding the contract requirements, procedures, and cost of the proposed landscaping assessment district was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman. Mr. Scharfman also advised that studies are underway regarding the entire assessment process, with a recommendation slated for Council at a later date.

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that there is agreement that it was "an interesting and informative experience, and an expensive one" but there is a signed contract as a result of unanimous approval of the project, and the Staff recommendations must now be honored.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion was as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that his "sentiment is no" but his affirmative vote is based on the fact that a contract was made -- however, "beware next time".

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The hour being 7:00 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A 5-minute recess followed at 7:05 P.M. It was necessary for Councilman Wilson to leave the meeting at this time.

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The Council now returned to:

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

17. APPEAL OF REMOVAL OF TURN RESTRICTIONS AT PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS AND VIA VALMONTE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATION:

That the subject appeal re: turn restrictions at the intersection of Paseo de las Tortugas and Via Valmonte be DENIED. (Department concurs with Traffic Commission that such signs be removed.)

Staff presentation was made by Director of Transportation Horkay re: the Traffic Commission considerations and determinations re: traffic problems of Mesa Street/Paseo de las Tortugas/ and Via Valmonte. Mr. Horkay noted the Commission recommendation of September 17th that "No Left Turn" be installed onto Tortugas from Valmonte and "No Right Turn" onto Valmonte from Tortugas -- and their reconsideration and subsequent recommendation, following many complaints, on October 1st that the turn restrictions be removed. The October 9th appeal of Mr. N.D. Fuller, 4020 Mesa Street, has resulted in this agenda item, per Mr. Horkay.

Council discussion ensued, it being the general consensus that travel convenience for Palos Verdes residents is a major factor in the unrest in this matter, (specifically noted was the Palos Verdes action some years ago blocking off Torrance access in the Riviera area); the "transit connector" aspect of Mesa Street was also noted, as were the merits of a longer trial period for the signs. Councilman Brewster reported his personal observation of the matter, and his finding that 80% of the traffic was Palos Verdes traffic -- a macadam physical barrier was recommended by Mr. Brewster.

Audience participation was invited by Mayor Miller.

Present, to urge that the subject signs be reinstalled, and outlining the traffic problems presently endured, were: Mr. N.D. Fuller 4020 Mesa Street; Elmer Chido, 4144 Mesa Street (who provided statistics of his personal survey of the traffic situation, and described indignities directed to him); Mrs. Doris Dann, 3904 Mesa Street (it being her opinion that there is a serious need for 3-way boulevard stops at Tortugas and Mesa); Mrs. Nina Fuller, 4020 Mesa Street; Ernie Borne, 4013 Mesa Street; and Mrs. Annette Encott, 4201 Mesa Street, who specifically noted the shortage of parking space in the subject area which further adds to the traffic problems.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hoffman, 24890 Via Valmonte, pointed out the inconvenience of the proposed signing to the some 10 Torrance residents who live on Via Valmonte above Paseo de las Tortugas-- a "toll gate" arrangement was suggested by her.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that this matter should not become one of Torrance vs. Palos Verdes -- the issue is one of neighborhood peace and quiet as opposed to an inconvenience represented by the elimination of a short cut to Anza and Pacific Coast Highway. Residential streets are intended for residential development, and commercial streets are for commercial development, with major streets provided to carry the traffic load.

The following Council action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to grant the subject appeal, and to instruct the Transportation Department to re-install the "No Right Turn", "No Left Turn" signs as an expedient, with Staff study and design of a macadam berm, to be returned for Council review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong, at the time of his "yes" vote, that the first concerns must be those of Torrance residents, not others. Concurrence was voiced by Councilman Surber -- "we should be concerned with our neighbors," but the first order of business is to solve this problem.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. RESOLUTION confirming employment of James M. Hall as City Attorney for the time and dates set forth therein.

It was the request of Mr. Hall that this item be removed from the agenda until November 20th. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22. RESOLUTION commending amendment to Memorandum of Intent 73-A.O. (T.L.E.A.) adding Intermediate Library Clerk (Seasonal recurrent) to the classes covered by said Memorandum.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-208

AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SEASONAL RECURRENT EMPLOYEES OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT ADDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF INTER-MEDIATE LIBRARY CLERK (SEASONAL RECURRENT).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-208. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

23. SETHA presentation regarding Joughin Oil Unit (Superior Oil Company)

Held, for the return of City Attorney Remelmeyer -- concurred in by SETHA president, Orin P. Johnson.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2432.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION; AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 TO SAID CODE ESTABLISHING A HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2432 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2433.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 13.2.7 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.2.7 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2433 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2434.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPLACING ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED "UNIFORM LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX," OF CHAPTER 20, DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WITH A NEW ARTICLE 3 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER; IMPOSING A ONE (1) PERCENT TAX ON ALL RETAIL SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY AND A ONE (1) PERCENT TAX ON THE STORAGE, USE OR OTHER CONSUMPTION OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2434 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2435.

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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 APPROXIMATELY 170 FEET EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN 238TH STREET AND 239TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 73-13.
(Rod Barker)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2435 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2436.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2,
AND SECTIONS 93.2.15 AND 93.2.20 OF
DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
CODE TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF
HOTELS, MOTELS AND APARTMENTS AND THE
OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2436 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

29. FINAL REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
REGARDING PROPOSITION 1.

"LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE'S POSITION ON PROPOSITION 1.

"After reviewing all of the available material with regard to the Governor's Tax and Expenditure Limitation Program, the Legislative Liaison Committee, by a vote of three to zero, is recommending a position of opposition to Proposition 1.

"This was a difficult decision because we agreed with some of the concepts and with the basic intent of the Initiative.

"The Committee's opposition is based primarily on the fact that we do not feel that a Constitutional Amendment is the proper vehicle for establishing tax reform. Our major fear is that if the Program doesn't work, it is virtually impossible to change the system.

"It is necessary for us as City officials and for others to remember at all times when considering Proposition 1 that it is an Initiative Constitutional Amendment which cannot be changed by the Legislature but may only be amended, no matter how essential the amendment may be, by a majority of the voters at another Statewide election.

"It is unrealistic to expect voters to spend the same amount of time and energy as Legislators in understanding the fine details of the various programs in a referendum package.

"Referendum campaigns will necessarily result in an oversimplification of the issues put before the voters and large costly campaigns will be financed by special interest groups.

"Under the present system, if Legislators approve overly large budgets or costly ineffective programs, citizens can show their displeasure by voting particular Legislators out of office. We believe that this is a more appropriate, useful and desirable check on Government expenditures than requiring a Statewide referendum on every revenue limit issue.

"This is our position, and I would like to make the MOTION that we adopt the Legislative Liaison Committee's unanimous recommendation in opposition to Proposition 1."

The foregoing report was presented by the Committee Chairman, Councilman Sciarrotta who offered the above stated MOTION. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That this Council go on record approving Proposition 1.

It was then stated by Councilman Uerkwitz that his approval of Proposition 1 is based on the fact that it represents a very sound step toward fiscal responsibility, and is most responsive to the wish of the public.

The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, with the comment that the voice of the people should prevail on the matter of government spending -- Governor Reagan's outstanding efforts to curtail taxes and eliminate unnecessary spending should be acknowledged; Proposition 1 should be supported at this time as there may never be another chance.

The proposal, in Councilman Armstrong's opinion, talks more of tax shifting rather than tax limitation -- further, why with a general election less than a year away, an amount in excess of \$25 million dollars for elections at large for one proposal? Mr. Armstrong, therefore, cannot support the substitute motion.

Everyone is in agreement that there is a need to control spending, according to Councilman Brewster, and to minimize taxation, but, in his opinion, anything that creates this much controversy must not be too well written, if that be the intent. It would, therefore, be a very dangerous thing to lock it into the Constitution, per Mr. Brewster. Further, S.B. 90 already does some of the things that Proposition 1 purports to do.

Mayor Miller concurred on the danger of locking anything of this magnitude into the Constitution, with a 66% vote required to change it -- a most formidable task.

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

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

The main motion, to oppose Proposition 1, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that any future reference to the above action should point out that it was a split vote on the issue. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

30. ORDINANCE amending Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code concerning regulation of yards.

A correction on Page 3 of the ordinance was noted by City Manager Ferraro: Section 92.13.1 b) should state - "No metal fence or metal wall....."

ORDINANCE NO. 2437

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 91.4.4, 91.4.5 AND 91.4.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING REGULATIONS OF YARDS; ADDING SECTION 91.4.9 CONCERNING MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE; ADDING SECTION 91.4.10 CONCERNING USABLE OPEN SPACE; AMENDING SUBSECTION e) OF SECTION 92.13.1 CONCERNING FENCE HEIGHT LIMITS; AND DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 7 OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTY CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2437, as above amended, at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

31. RESOLUTION granting V 73-5, RINGROSE ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Pat's Ski and Sport Shop #1.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY RINGROSE ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA PAT'S SKI AND SPORT SHOP #1, IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 73-5.

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Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-209. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

32. ORDINANCE granting to Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company a franchise to construct, operate and maintain pipelines for the transportation of hydrocarbon substances in the City of Torrance.

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 hearing for the award of the proposed pipeline franchise to Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company. The pipes are to be installed in the ground in public right-of-way as shown on a map attached to the pipeline franchise ordinance, which map is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The Mayor further advised that on October 16, 1973, the Council passed Resolution No. 73-201 declaring our intention to award this franchise. The resolution provided for a hearing on this date and at this time, October 30, 1973, at 5:30 P.M., and for notice to be published in the South Bay Daily Breeze.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard for or against the award of the subject franchise.

Mr. Alan Mandell, member of the Oil Board, advised that this matter had not been reviewed by the Oil Board, and, properly, should have been -- referral back to the Board was requested by Mr. Mandell. There were no objections to the request; however, Mayor Miller indicated displeasure at "red tape" involvement, just for the sake of "red tape" -- hopefully, there is a valid reason for the subject request. Concurrence was voiced by Councilman Surber.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the subject public hearing to the Council meeting of November 27, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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PLANNING AND ZONING APPEALS:

33. HO 73-33, MARY L. EMERZIAN.

Appeal of Planning Commission condition of approval regulating working hours for piano lessons at 2622 West 179th Street.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

33A. Letter from Mrs. Mary Emerzian with petition of approval.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed..

Following clarification and background history of the subject case by Assistant Planning Director Hagaman, Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing in this matter, and invited interested parties to speak at this time.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, a member of the Fine Arts Commission, urged support of Mrs. Emerzian's request -- he reported his first hand observation of the piano teaching arrangement, and advised that he had reviewed the considerable testimony in this case. It is imperative that music teaching be encouraged, per Mr. Wilson, and that the harassment by Mrs. Emerzian's neighbor "cease and desist".

Next to speak was Mrs. Etta Rickman, 2702 West 179th Street, who reiterated her strong objections to the subject home occupation, the personal torture endured by her and her husband with the constant piano playing at the Emerzian residence, and implored the Council to grant them the much needed relief. Mr. Rickman was also present, and confirmed his wife's comments.

Mrs. Mary Emerzian, 2622 West 179th Street, the proponent, provided background history, both as to her musical education and music teaching career, and described her present piano teaching activities involving some 9 students and 9 hours of teaching -- the hours imposed by the Planning Commission create considerable hardship, hence the subject appeal.

Further speakers in behalf of Mrs. Emerzian were: Mr. John Lovell, 4512 Deelane Street; Mrs. Grace McKinnon, 23220 Lachness, Harbor City; Meyer Cadero, a former student; and Mr. Gilbert Gramsa, 16638 Wilton Place.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Following review of Mrs. Emerzian's teaching schedule, the Council took the action shown below:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve HO 73-33, subject to Planning Commission condition #1 -- "That the Planning Commission shall have the right to review the case every six months or whenever a written complaint is received;"; condition #2, revised as follows: "That no piano lessons shall be conducted after the hour of 8:30 P.M., nor earlier than 12:00 noon; 9:00 A.M.

to 12:00 Noon on Saturdays; and no lessons shall be given on Sundays. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

34. EA 73-133 (CUP 73-49) GARFIELD ENTERPRISES, LTD.
Appeal of the Environmental Review Board's determination that an Environmental Impact Report is required to allow construction of a building for light manufacturing, warehouse and office use at 18620 Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

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

Environmental Review Board findings were clarified by Chairman Scharfman and Member McKinnon.

The proponent, Mr. David V. Karney, 11836 San Vicente Blvd., Los Angeles, reiterated his opinion of record that an environmental assessment should have been made during the rezoning of the property and prior to its sale, and further noted that a Negative Declaration had been issued in regard to the zone change. Mr. Karney also detailed his extensive dealings with City Staff in the formulation of the subject development, and the problems now presented by an Environmental Impact Report requirement.

Council discussion noted the time consuming, expensive procedure now faced by the proponent for his project -- a project thoroughly dissected by Staff at this point; the conflicting recommendation of the ERB and ERB Secretary; the circumstances surrounding the rezoning, etc. Mayor Miller indicated his implicit trust in a demanding, exacting Staff, Environmental Impact Report or no Environmental Impact Report.

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 (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the Environmental Review Board Secretary in his finding that there be a Negative Declaration on EA 73-133; therefore, an Environmental Impact Report is not required. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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35. CONTINUED HEARING - PP 73-15, FRANCES PIKUSH.
 Appeal of Planning Commission action approving a Precise Plan of Development to allow construction of a duplex in the R-1 zone on property located on the south side of 227th Place approximately 100 feet west of Madison Street. APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION 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 Continued Hearing on PP 73-15, and invited interested speakers.

Mr. Gil Sellen, 326 Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, advised that the matter of access for the Diebolds, per Council direction at its October 16th meeting, had been resolved to the satisfaction of all. This was confirmed by Mr. and Mrs. Diebold.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve PP 73-15, subject to certain conditions, including the above referred to agreement reached by the two parties -- further, that it be recorded as an easement so that it becomes permanent with the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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ROUTINE MATTERS:36. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

- A. BUDGETED ITEMS:
1. \$546.00 to Garwood Truck and Equipment for one only hydraulic conveyor valve for Garwood equipment, as requested by the City Garage.
 2. \$409.16 to Engine Parts Corporation for a complete overhaul of an engine for a City packer Unit #9002, as requested by the Garage.
 3. \$756.00 to ACI Films, Inc. for the purchase of films.
 4. \$903.19 to Baker and Taylor Company for 161 library books.
 5. \$687.75 to National Learning Corporation for 131 library books.
 6. \$1,000.00 to Orco Microfilming Service, Inc. to microfilm early copies of the Torrance Press-Herald and Torrance Press, as requested by the City Librarian.
 7. \$347.96 to Baker & Taylor Company for the purchase of 52 only books.
 8. \$939.80 to Workrite Uniform Company for 27 only special fire-retardant police jumpsuits, as requested by the Police Department.
 9. \$301.87 to Motorola Teleprograms, Inc. for one only copy of film entitled "What's a Cop", requested by the Police Department for training.
 10. \$1,338.70 to Los Angeles County Assessors Office for two copies of new property assessment roll, as requested by the Engineering Department.
 11. \$300.00 to Two Macks Electric for emergency repairs to a 16,000 volt power line on Airport property, requested by Department of Transportation.
 12. \$428.00 to E.P. Watson for the installation of a small block retaining wall, as requested by the Building and Safety Department.
 13. \$420.00 to Western Water Works for 100 only standing water meter boxes, as requested by the Airport Division.
 14. \$309.12 to Matthew Bender for miscellaneous legal books and supplemental releases, requested by the City Attorney.

15. \$814.80 to James Jones Company for 200 each 3/4" water valves, requested by the Water Department.
 16. \$770.49 to Park Son, Inc. for six each 6-inch water valves for the Water Department, to be ^{used} for relocation work due to storm drain projects.
 17. \$472.50 to Fusecote Company to sandblast and epoxy coat various water hydrant barrels, as requested by the Water Department.
 18. On October 17, 1973, formal bids were opened for 2-only replacement surveyor theodolites budgeted by the Engineering Department. (Ref. Bid #B73-43).
It is RECOMMENDED that Council accept the low bid submitted by The Lietz Company, and approve of awarding them a contract for two only Theodolites at \$3,089.10 total, including tax less a trade-in allowance of \$300.00 by Lietz on two old City units which are to be replaced this year.
 19. \$2,113.11 to Olin Corporation, Energy Systems Operations, for the purchase of 70 gross of 20 min. red flares, requested by the Police Department.
This was a rush request and is a confirming order.
 20. \$332.96 to Johnson Stationery for the purchase of six budgeted chairs for Customer Service Division.
 21. \$339.54 to Johnson Stationery for the purchase of required furniture for a new clerical position in the Department of Building and Safety.
 22. \$366.45 to Olivetti Corporation for the purchase of an electric typewriter for new position in the Department of Building and Safety.
 23. \$1,663.20 to SESCO Company for the purchase of 24-only neon pedestrian signals to bring certain intersections up to conformance to Federal Uniform Traffic Control Standards.
 24. \$470.40 to Pacific Sales Company for the purchase of one only replacement 21 cu. ft. refrigerator, side-by-side door style, as requested by the Fire Department for Fire Station No. 2.
- B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:
25. \$2,557.80 to Hersey Products for the purchase of two only 8" flow check detectors, and two only C.T. 2" water meters, as requested by the Water Department for service at Equity Real Properties, Inc.
 26. \$3,007.20 to Hersey Products for the purchase of one only 8" FM water meter for the Sequoia Pacific Water Service.

37. DONATION FROM DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the contribution of \$500.00 from the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance, Inc. on behalf of the City, and that the \$500.00 be deposited in Account #2146 (Donation for Recreation Programs). Money has already been received and deposited with the City Treasurer.

38. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Locked Fare Boxes (REF. Bid #B73-39)RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the bid submitted by Keene Transit Systems for 15 locked fare boxes in the total amount of \$15,592.50, including tax.

39. Considered separately.

40. IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD from e/o Madison Street to Madrona Avenue (Job No. 67028) - NOTICE OF COMPLETION.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted on the basis of as-built quantities and final payment be made to the contractor, Tomei Construction Company.

41. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 27475.

Subdivider: Richard Capellino - Gal-Cap Enterprises.

Bonding Company: United Pacific Insurance Company

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	B-560118	\$27,000

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bond be released.

42. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 25580.

Subdivider: Gerald Chong.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR/PLANNING

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN: That subject final tract map be approved.

43. Considered separately.

44. CLAIM of Carol Jean Mirc for property damages.45. Claim of Daisy Noirot for property damages.46. Claim of Thomas A. Tavernelli for property and personal damages.47. Claim of Elsie W. Burlingame for property damages.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claims on items #44, 45, 46 and #47 be referred to the City Attorney's office.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46 and #47. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Considered separately:

39. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Demolition and Site Clearance
(Bid #73-46)

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept this bid from Texas House Wrecking Company in the amount of \$749.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Approval of this item will require an appropriation from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. We recommend the amount of \$800 to cover the bid, advertising and incidentals.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Building and Safety Director, and to approve an appropriation of \$800 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

43. ADDITION OF ALL RISKS COVERAGE TO FIRE POLICIES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the fire policies be extended to include the all risks coverage at an additional premium of \$2,944 annually subject to the existing \$1,000 deductible. This would also follow the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement of the Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority Commission for the purchase of sprinkler leakage coverage.

COMMENT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

This is an unbudgeted expense. Approval should include a motion to appropriate \$2,944 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve, which now stands at \$270,828, subject to year-end audit adjustments.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk, and to approve an appropriation of \$2,944 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

48. ORDINANCE re: MODIFICATION OF FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

ORDINANCE NO. 2438

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.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 2438 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

49. City Manager Ferraro reported the request by the J. Hull P-T-A re: drainage ditch adjacent to the school playground and the City's plans for filling same. City Engineer Weaver defined the problems of obtaining good fill dirt at no cost to the City -- it is, therefore, necessary to work out another arrangement involving the expenditure of funds, such City funds being unavailable. It was the direction of Mayor Miller that the City Manager contact the School District regarding the resolution of this problem.

50. Consideration of the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission of the possible annexation of Alondra Park and El Camino College was noted by Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer, as was the request of this Commission that interested cities respond in this regard.

The pros and cons of Torrance's "sphere of influence" in this area were reviewed by the Council, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that Alondra Park and El Camino College be considered a "sphere of influence" for the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was indicated by those casting an affirmative vote that they desire to "keep the door open" and await further developments. Councilman Surber questioned the future of such action, and indicated his awareness of the problems at Alondra Park; Councilman Uerkwitz noted the high cost, and little return, to the City of Torrance -- hence their "no" votes.

51. The following prepared Oral Communication was given by Councilman Armstrong:

"At our meeting of October 16th, we were apprised of the fact that the Naval Depot has been declared surplus, and that those public lands are within the grasp of the community for public purpose uses.

"We are all aware of the magnitude of this project, and the impact it has, not only on us today, but for many generations to come. We must not fail in our efforts to render viable the concepts which we have for so many years talked over and nurtured. I would like for the record to be clear that this project is a community effort, that there is room for a multitude of uses within the approximately 50 acres involved in the surplus lands. Appropriate uses by both the City and the Schools are to be pursued.

"Since getting the green light from Congressman Wilson, the General Services Administration and the Defense Surplus Administration, a number of efforts have been made to develop preliminary plans for the effective utilization of the Annex area.

"Those of us who have been there share, I believe, a particular awareness of the immensity of the project. We, therefore, need bold, imaginative design, and we need an extensive Capital Improvement Program consisting of several phases if we are to fully develop those lands.

"We have already directed Staff to assign this project the highest priority, and the City Manager has the authority to utilize all of the necessary City resources to accomplish this task.

"I would like to ask that the City Attorney be directed to prepare an appropriate resolution prevailing upon the Department of Interior, and its Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and also prevailing upon DSA to permit us and the School District the greatest latitude available within the Federal statutes to prepare a viable design for the use of the former Naval Annex property. Obviously, the best design will be useless if we do not have sufficient time in which to complete the necessary capital improvements. This need for a planned 10-year Capital Improvement Program must also be stressed to the appropriate Federal agencies.

"As was said at our last meeting, dreaming about such achievements, no matter how great the desire, is never enough. It's the doing that makes the difference. Congressman Wilson has pursued this objective diligently and professionally from the first. His determination and commitment, and all his efforts in our behalf, have been the essential ingredients for success, and have brought us to this point.

"With Council's concurrence, I would hope that the City Attorney could prepare the necessary documents for our consideration next week as time is critical. We cannot afford to let this project slip."

There were no objections to Councilman Armstrong's requested resolution, to be returned to the Council for formal approval, and it was so ordered.

52. The status of the Walteria tennis court complex was questioned by Councilman Brewster -- a verbal report was provided by Director of Park and Recreation Van Bellehem who noted that this matter will appear as a formal agenda item in the near future.

53. Councilman Surber reported on his recent tour of Mobil Oil and commended their efforts in the costly improvements at their Torrance facilities. Another impressive affair attended by Mr. Surber was the one in recognition of the West High Band and their successful trip to Switzerland.

54. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to earlier comments regarding the Walteria tennis court and recommended "a long hard look" at this matter in view of the present efforts regarding the Naval Annex property and the likely use thereof for tennis courts.

55. Staff investigation of the Lamont Speedway at Del Amo Center, in light of recent near-accidents, was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz.

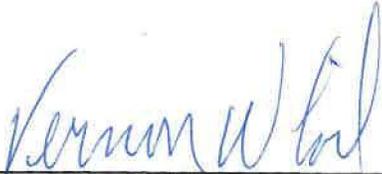
56. Mayor Miller extended congratulations to Building and Safety Director McKinnon on his appointment to the Research Committee of the International Conference of Building Officials -- an appointment of prestige to the City of Torrance.

57. At the request of Councilman Sciarrotta, City Manager Ferraro reported on their meeting with reserve unit military officials while in San Francisco, and noted their assurance of participation in the Armed Forces Day Parade.

58. Mr. Tom Wilson invited those present to the Beach Cities Symphony concert on November 4th at the Old Towne Mall.

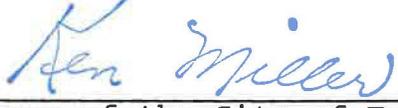
At 10:45 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 13, 1973, at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance