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Adjourned at 12:47 A.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 1974, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Wilson arrived at the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Ted Donovan led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The following invocation was given by Reverend Charles Phelps, Community Baptist Church:

"ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR FATHER, WE THANK THEE THAT THOU ART CONCERNED ABOUT THE AFFAIRS OF STATE -- THOU ART THE ONE THAT ORDERS THE AFFAIRS OF MANKIND, AND WE PRAY THAT AS THIS MEETING COMES TO ORDER THERE WILL BE A SENSE OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY UNTO THYSELF THAT THY PURPOSE IS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, THAT WE ALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS -- AND SO GRANT, LORD, THAT AS THERE ARE PERSONAL INTERESTS, THAT ALL OF THESE MIGHT BE UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PUBLIC GOOD. WE PRAY THAT THOU WOULD GRANT WISDOM TO THOSE WHO ARE IN PLACES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOOD OF THIS CITY AND FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF ALL ITS AFFAIRS."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of December 11, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that the Corridor Study Committee has completed the Final Draft; copies will be forthcoming to the Council.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

9. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS:

The following applicants were interviewed by the Council: William Applegate, Johnny Arceri, Jerome Conley, Virginia Ericson, Patricia Gaugh, Dennis Gillard, Vara Grube, Doris James, Vivienne Jay, Virginia Levanas, William Martin, Lillian Mason, Verna Mattox, Clinton Meadway, Lola Music, Carroll Parker, Jacobus Preijers, Donald Pyles, Robert D. Smith, Douglas Steinhouse, Michael Tavis, Carl Vaughan, and John Willey.

10. COMMISSION VACANCIES AND TERMS EXPIRING IN JANUARY, 1974.

Considered at Executive Session.

At 6:50 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session to consider Commission appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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The Commission returned at 7:40 P.M.

Mayor Miller announced the following Council action:

Reappointments:

John S. Smith	Airport
Max A. Kelly	Civil Service
Harold Lindborg	Disaster Council
Gary Cramer	Environmental Quality
Sandra Frankenberg	Park & Recreation
Cathryn Geissert	Park & Recreation
Ralph Grippo	Planning
Meri Jo McMullen	Traffic
Leon Taylor	Traffic
John Christopher	Human Resources

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New appointments:

Johnny L. Arceri	Oil Board
Tom Childs	Airport
Virginia Levanas	Human Resources
Vivienne Jay	Human Resources
William Applegate	Water
John G.L. Crain	Library

Congratulations to the successful candidates was extended by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council; unsuccessful candidates were urged to keep trying, and all present were thanked for their interest in serving the City.

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Introduced and welcomed at this time was Congressman Charles Wilson -- Mr. Wilson conveyed his deep appreciation for the naming of the proposed Naval Annex development the "Charles H. Wilson Park", and commended the City of Torrance for its outstanding efforts in the achievement of this property.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

11. TORRANCE JUNIOR WEEK - January 14, 1974.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

TRANSPORTATION:

12. RESOLUTION re: Installation of Traffic Signals on Lomita Boulevard at Early Avenue and at Garnier Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2

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 THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON LOMITA BOULEVARD AT EARLY AVENUE AND AT GARNIER STREET.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. RESOLUTION regarding design of and appropriation for a traffic signal at Pacific Coast Highway and Plaza Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND

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ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CROMMELIN, PRINGLE AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE DESIGN OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND PLAZA DRIVE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-3. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve an appropriation of \$2,000 from Section 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover the City's share of the design cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement with Southern California Edison regarding Torrance Street Lighting District No. 16.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIAGRAM ON PLAN L-16-72 OF THE TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 16.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-4. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. INSTALLATION OF "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" SIGNS ON SOUTH SIDE OF REDONDO BEACH BLVD. ALONG PIONEER THEATRE'S FRONTAGE.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: That the subject signs be installed.

The author of the appeal on this matter, Dr. Harold Cozen, 2326 Redondo Beach Boulevard, was present to reiterate his protest voiced at the Traffic Commission meeting of December 3rd -- the proposed signing will work considerable hardship on his practice and that of his tenants.

Representing Mr. Fred L. Fredericks (owner of the Pueblo Apartments), Attorney Richard Hassen noted that he had joined in appealing this matter. The parking, traffic, and related problems in this area were redescribed by Mr. Hassen, as was the feeling of inequity in the decision rendered by the Traffic Commission. The apartment house parking arrangements were reviewed at length by the Council.

Next to speak was Lieutenant Reserve Carpenter, in charge of traffic control on weekends at the Radium Theatre during swap meets, who pointed out the present hazardous situation with the parking on Redondo Beach Boulevard -- in the interest of public safety, and the avoidance of serious accidents, the "No Stopping Anytime" signs should be installed.

Mr. Dan Walker, Director of Public Relations, Pioneer Theatres, reviewed the long standing problems occasioned by the permitted parking at this location, and the need for the subject action, as recommended by the Traffic Department and Traffic Commission.

Traffic Commission/Department findings were discussed by the Council -- it was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that a "very thorough and very sound" investigation has been made, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission and the Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION reaffirming that the Torrance Aeronautical Facility shall be known as Torrance Airport - Zamperini Field.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REAFFIRMING THAT THE TORRANCE AERONAUTICAL FACILITY SHALL BE KNOWN AS TORRANCE AIRPORT-ZAMPERINI FIELD.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

17. 1974 STATE PARK BOND ACT - Distribution Formula for Local Jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

That the City of Torrance not accept the distribution formula proposed by the County Steering Committee for the 1974 State Park Bond Act.

Staff also recommends that since the City of Torrance has led the concerned group that does not want to see most of the funds earmarked for regional facilities, the City's representative should vote against the proposed formula and maintain our position of favoring a strictly per capita distribution. If the assembly, on January 9, does ratify the recommendation of the Steering Committee, the City Council then could turn around and ratify that decision to show support of the 1974 State Park Bond Act.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission and Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Surber that his affirmative vote was not for the reason that he particularly favors the bond, but he is voting for the distribution. The same reason was indicated by Councilman Uerkwitz for his "yes" vote.

18. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING APPLICATION FOR NAVAL ANNEX.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO SUCH ACTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND TO SECURE THE NAVAL ANNEX PROPERTY FOR USE AS A PUBLIC PARK OR RECREATION AREA.

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Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-5. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A PARK TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE NAVAL ANNEX SITE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-6. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager or his designee to act in behalf of the City Council for determining disability for retirement purposes for safety members.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACT IN BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN DETERMINING DISABILITY FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES FOR SAFETY MEMBERS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-7; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote, Council discussion was directed to appeal procedures, and the absence of appeal to the City Council -- the unique circumstances created by the passage of recent legislation in this regard and urgent pending employee disability retirements was outlined by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson; the matter will be returned to Council at a later date after discussions with employee organizations as to procedures, appeals, etc., per Mr. Jackson.

Concern regarding the appeal procedure was reiterated by Councilman Sciarrotta who offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION that this matter be referred to the Civil Service Committee, with the direction that in the meantime the City Attorney's office prepare the pros and cons of what the Council can and cannot do, with Staff recommendation as well. (There was no second to the substitute motion).

Discussion returned to the detrimental effect on the pending disability retirements, and the hardship represented by such delay -- it was the consensus of the Council that the subject resolution be adopted at this time with the course of action recommended by Councilman Sciarrotta likewise be followed.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 74-7 was unanimously favorable.

It was specifically noted by Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber, and Uerkwitz that the matter would be returned to Council, as well as reviewed by the Civil Service Committee -- hence their affirmative votes.

20. WITHDRAWN.

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21. POLICEWOMEN IN THE FIELD.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE, FIRE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:
Councilman Uerkwitz, Committee Chairman, reported as follows:

"In summary, the Council Committee recommendations can be divided into two parts.

"First of all, what to do with future hiring practices -- it was the conclusion of the Committee that in the future there will be no employees hired into the class of Policewoman, and, instead, women will be eligible to participate in Police Officer examinations providing that they meet the minimum requirements for that classification.

"Secondly, the Committee made a series of recommendations with regard to current permanent employees:

"The Committee did not wish to require existing Policewomen to become Police Officers. They left it up to the Policewomen themselves. If they choose to remain Policewomen, they will still be eligible to assignments which are of a broader nature than was previously that of a Policewoman.

"However, if the Policewoman decides she wishes to try to become a Police Officer, it has been the conclusion of the Committee that she not be just simply blanketed in. The Committee was willing to waive the height and weight requirements, but felt they still needed to complete some sort of physical agility and strength test. It was the conclusion of the Committee that a physical agility and strength test similar to the Los Angeles City physical agility and strength test would be the most appropriate in this case. Listening to the arguments raised by the Policewomen, it was also agreed that some allowance for time and service should be given. Thus, the committee strongly recommends to the Civil Service Commission that there be a 10 percent lowering of the requirement for passing on each of the sub-tests making up this physical agility and strength test. The Committee also concluded that if these Policewomen were lacking in any area of training, they should be required to receive such training. It is our understanding that most of the current Policewomen meet our current standards with only one or two exceptions, and these exceptions involve only a limited number of courses.

"The Committee also concluded that the employee should be required to go through a six-month probationary period at which time her performance in the field would be judged by supervisory personnel.

"If a current Policewoman completes these steps, she will become a full-fledged Police Officer with all the rights of promotion and assignment related to the rank of Police Officer.

"If she fails in any one of these areas, she has the right to return to the rank of Policewoman pursuant to Civil Service rules and regulations and to function as she has in the past.

"The Civil Service Commission has reminded the Committee of the Commission's responsibilities with regard both to reclassification and testing. The Committee emphasizes that these areas of the report are, of course, subject to review and consideration by the Civil Service Commission. The physical agility and strength test will specifically be administered under the auspices of the Commission, and the

Commission should be allowed reasonable latitude in modifying the test if the Commission feels such modification is necessary, provided, however, that any significant modification should be pointed out to the City Council.

"The Committee believes that a Policewoman now has the opportunity, if she wishes to make use of it, to become a Police Officer. At the same time, the Committee has not required that she does become a Police Officer.

"The Committee, therefore, RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE MODIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN OUR WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORT (DATED NOVEMBER 28, 1973), AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR IMPLEMENTATION."

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations of the Police, Fire, and Public Safety Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, prior to roll call vote on the motion, that Committee recommendation No. 5 -- "In the future, new employees, either male or female, should be hired in the class of Police Officer, and shall be required to have the same height, weight and physical agility requirements as male employees of this class." -- seems to state that the City will never again hire a female who simply wants to be a Policewoman and not a Police Officer. It was the response of Councilman Uerkwitz that there will not be a Policewoman category in the future. Added by Mr. Brewster was the apparent fact that there will be no Staff or limited service possibilities, as in the military services -- such arrangements should be possible in this situation as well.

Councilman Brewster further noted his opinion that physical agility is the most important factor, rather than height and weight requirements. Councilman Surber commented that the rigors of this particular job demand height and weight standards, as well as physical agility -- such requirements have served this profession long and well. Pending litigation in this area was pointed out by Councilman Armstrong.

Policewomen Penelope Koenig, Rose Wilson, and Geraldine Kudokis were present to indicate their disagreement with the Committee findings -- such disagreements being of record in the subject report.

The lengthy, detailed, and thorough research regarding this matter by the Committee was described by Councilman Armstrong -- this final recommendation attempts to bring together a position acceptable to all, acknowledging that everyone will not be pleased.

It was clarified by Councilman Uerkwitz, at Councilman Brewster's question, that future employees will be hired on an equal basis as Police Officers; the present Policewomen are not affected, if they do not desire to be Police Officers -- these employees, however, will probably be the last Policewomen by title. It was the comment of Mr. Brewster that these employees, then, will probably be the last "female Policeman". Added by Mr. Uerkwitz was the comment that he could not agree with that;

there are varied titles within the Police Department.

Further noted was the need for implementation by the Civil Service Commission of the Committee's recommendations, as were the rights of appeal.

The motion to concur with the recommendations of the Police, Fire, and Public Safety Committee carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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22. RESOLUTION commending Officer Larry Davis, Torrance Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING OFFICER LARRY
DAVIS OF THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR HIS HEROIC ACTION IN THE FACE OF GRAVE
DANGER INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS
DUTIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-8. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. RESOLUTION re: James M. Hall, Employment Certification.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING
THE EMPLOYMENT OF JAMES M. HALL AS CITY
ATTORNEY FOR THE TIME AND DATES SET FORTH
HEREIN.

It was the request of Deputy Attorney Petersen that the wording in Item 2. be revised to state "that he spent more than fifty (50) percent....." (rather than "approximately").

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-9, as above amended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. MODIFICATION OF TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.

ORDINANCE NO. 2456

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART VI OF

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CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN
CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING
CONDITIONS.

(DELETING CLASS TITLES: COMPUTER OPERATOR, KEY PUNCH OPERATOR,
SR. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TAB EQUIPMENT OPERATOR.)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2456 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART VI OF
CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN
CERTAIN WAGES.

(REVISED CLASS GRADES FOR PRINCIPAL TYPIST CLERK;
RECORDS MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.)

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2457 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

25. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Held for later in the meeting. (See Page 30.)

WATER SYSTEM:

26. WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTING EFFORTS TO
COPE WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER COMMISSION:

To supplement current efforts to cope with the energy crisis by implementing in principle a water conservation program consisting of:

1. Imprinting, for the duration of the energy crisis, water and refuse collection bills by computer with catchy slogans, such as:
 - a. "CONSERVING WATER CONSERVES ENERGY!"
 - b. "LOWER YOUR WATER BILLS AND CONSERVE ENERGY!"
 - c. "WASTING WATER WASTES ENERGY!"
 - d. "WATER IS ESSENTIAL - DON'T WASTE IT!"

Adding such imprints to the data regularly printed on the bills by computer would require negligible additional cost and could start as early as the next billing.

2. Superimposing any of the above slogans on the next one-year's supply of water and refuse collection bill forms by the firm to be awarded the order for 200,000 forms. Adding a superimposed slogan to the bill forms would require considerable additional cost, "guestimated" to be \$1,000. Bills bearing such slogan would not be available until April or May, 1974.

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3. Preparing simple billing inserts stressing water conservation in particular, as it relates to easing the energy crisis in general. These inserts may be printed in customary fashion by the Central Services Division of the Finance Department at an estimated cost of \$500 per one-time insert for approximately 30,000 billings. They could be available to be inserted with bills to be mailed starting in February or March, 1974. Effectiveness of this part of the program would be less than the preceding parts as a certain percentage of these inserts would be discarded by the customers upon receipt of the bills without paying attention to the message they contain.
4. Preparing a special one-page energy conservation issue of Torrance Topics. Such issue should be promoting conservation of all natural resources to help ease the energy crisis, but it should clearly point out that conserving energy also means conserving water.
5. Providing the Daily Breeze with water conservation energy tips as solicited by the newspaper. A variety of simple water conservation ideas for such tips has already been gathered by the Water System Manager for immediate use.
6. Contact the Torrance Unified School District and parochial schools to arrange the following energy conservation projects which would include water conservation:
 - a. Student poster contests;
 - b. Speakers for classroom presentations, including showing of conservation slides and films;
 - c. Briefing sessions of science teachers with utility and oil industry representatives.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Water Commission for adoption of the above program in principle only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

27. RESOLUTION authorizing study participation regarding South Bay Police Communication System.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/POLICE CHIEF:

That Council adopt the subject resolution authorizing participation in the study, and appropriate the \$350 of matching funds from the General Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE FOR A REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION GRANT.

Prior to taking action on Resolution No. 74-10, it was questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz as to whether or not it was a fact that this is an agreement to participate in a study, and would have no binding effect on the City of Torrance if City officials should decide the study is not appropos for Torrance, thereby permitting Torrance to "pull out". City Manager Ferraro responded negatively, adding that this is an attempt to cooperate with surrounding cities in order to make a complete study -- letters indicating reservations have gone forward to other Police Chiefs and City Managers detailing Torrance's position.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-10, and to approve the \$350 appropriation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2447.

ORDINANCE NO. 2447

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, AND 16 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2447 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at first reading).

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2449.

ORDINANCE NO. 2449

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN MANUFACTURING AND STORAGE FACILITIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2449 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at first reading).

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2450.ORDINANCE NO. 2450

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF VAN NESS AVENUE AND 182ND STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 73-21.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2450 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at first reading).

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2451.ORDINANCE NO. 2451

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 7, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE TESTING OF PIPELINES IN THE PUBLIC WAY AND IN PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2451 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at first reading).

32. ORDINANCE NO. 2452.ORDINANCE NO. 2452

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO CHANSLOR-WESTERN OIL AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2452 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at first reading).

33. ORDINANCE NO. 2453.

ORDINANCE NO. 2453

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED NATURE OF FRANCHISE, OF SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2391, TO PERMIT THE CHANGE OF ALIGNMENT OF PIPELINE TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY SHELL OIL COMPANY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO. 2391.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2453 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at first reading).

34. ORDINANCE NO. 2455.

ORDINANCE NO. 2455

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART II OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

(Torrance Firefighters - Vacation; Compensatory time off).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2455 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at first reading).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

35. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT BUDGETING.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council approve the following:

1. Authorize Staff to proceed with implementation of program budgeting for the 1974-75 budget year and the preparation of specifications for an Information System (those specifications will be formally approved by Council prior to soliciting responses.)

2. Authorize a "Letter of Agreement" with the City's consultant, Breier, Gralnik, White and Associates, to sub-contract the necessary supporting computer systems development and implementation services to achieve implementation of the Torrance Program Management Information System. Said sub-contract not to exceed \$25,000.
3. Authorize the use of funds available in the Data Processing budget for the purpose of preparing a 1974-75 proposed budget within a full, program oriented system and to then finalize specifications for the operation of data systems to meet program management and overall informational needs.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SANITATION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

36. CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTERS, AND SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, PER RESOLUTIONS. SHORT FORM 1911 ACT 73-4, 73-5, 73-6, 73-7.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the advertised public hearing on Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) City Project 73-4, 73-5, 73-6, 73-7, at various locations. The subject locations were defined by City Engineer Weaver, as the Mayor's request.

It was confirmed by City Engineer Weaver, at Mayor Miller's question, that notice was mailed and posted. Mr. Weaver further advised that a written protest had been received from Mr. George Tenpo, District 73-7, 234th Street east of Crenshaw Boulevard, Parcels 1 and 2, for the reason that he has no buildings on the lot nor intentions for same.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

(Re: 73-7)

Mr. Charles Green, 2418 - 233rd Street and 2421 - 234th Street, requested a six-month extension on the proposed improvements in that development plans for the property are currently underway, but future driveway, curb, etc. locations are undetermined at this time.

Next to speak was Mr. Sam Alduenda, 2415 West 234th Street, who urged the accomplishment of these improvements and noted the slow progress of same, as well as the need for evidence of sincere intention by neighbors that property will be developed.

Mr. Larry Wurch, 2427 West 234th Street, pointed out the safety hazards presented children and other accidents encountered in this unimproved area. Mr. Wurch, Sr. noted the "spite fence" arrangement at the subject site.

Council discussion ensued, it being the consensus that no undue hardship would result with a 120-day delay in the matter of 73-7.

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

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to overrule any protests or objections on 73-4, 73-5, and 73-6. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Reconsideration of this item later in the meeting -- see below.)

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) City Project 73-4, 73-5, and 73-6 at various locations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to receive and consider protests and objections on 73-7, and delay its implementation -- this matter to be returned to the Council in 120 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was specifically indicated by Mayor Miller that he will not favor any additional time extensions on the return of this matter to Council.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

37. ORDINANCE amending Code re: Minimum Lot Area Development.

ORDINANCE NO. 2458

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE 24 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LOT SIZE IN THE C-5 ZONE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2458 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 9:40 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 10-minute recess followed at 9:42 P.M.

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On resumption of the meeting, Councilman Armstrong MOVED to reopen the public hearing on Item #36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller then invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Mrs. Donovan, 2067 Lincoln Avenue, (73-4) voiced her objections to the proposed improvements, noted her pending development plans, and requested a like time extension.

Also present was Mr. Curt Fengler, 2061 Lincoln Avenue, who described the need for sidewalks in this area, particularly as it involves the school children, and hence their desire for same; there was no intent of involving their neighbors.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Uerkwitz that there be consideration of sidewalks for the entire area, in view of the many problems, perhaps by some method other than the Short Form 1911 Act -- in any event, there should be Public Works Committee review.

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

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to rescind his previous motion re: Item #36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to overrule the objections and protests on 73-5 and 73-6, and direct the City Engineer to proceed with the Chapter 27 project at those locations. Further, that action be delayed on proposed districts 73-4 and 73-7, and be returned to the Council in 120 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that total consideration of the subject area be referred to the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Considered at this time, out of order:

ROUTINE MATTERS:

44. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Disposal of Surplus Fire Truck and Fire Department Panel Truck - (Reference City Vehicles #102 Fire Truck and #135 Panel Truck).

Jaycee representatives were present to indicate their interest in acquiring the subject Fire Truck for promotional purposes -- approval of the request, and the \$500 offer, was recommended by City Manager Ferraro.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the Jaycee request, and the \$500 offer, subject to approval of the Legal Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

In reference to the 1956 Ford Panel Truck, Councilman Surber MOVED that the City Manager be directed to deal with the Mexican Government in this transaction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

38. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ELEMENTS OF THE GENERAL PLAN.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the Scenic Highway Element, the Park and Recreation Element, and the Open Space Element be adopted.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, and requested, first, that there be Staff presentation and clarification regarding the Environmental Resources Elements of the General Plan. Planning Associate Gomez complied with the request, and provided detailed, enlightening information regarding the subject Elements.

Those desiring to speak were invited to do so at this time by Mayor Miller.

Representing the "Friends of Madrona Marsh", Mrs. Grace Lear, 2662- 232nd Street, indicated this group and its affiliates' particular pleasure with the Open Space Element which calls for guidelines and criteria for future development in the general Marsh area. In view of the scientific agreement as to the fragile aspect of the Marsh, it was reemphasized by Mrs. Lear that any proposed development on adjacent property should be studied very carefully for its impact on the Marsh and the wildlife it supports. Adoption of the Elements as written was urged by this speaker.

Mrs. Janet Pryor, president, League of Women Voters, 4617 Reese Road, stated that these Elements are the first step in the development of a long range comprehensive General Plan. The City Staff was commended by the League for its research and the creative compilation of the Elements -- implementation of the action outlined in the Elements will provide a firm beginning to realize the stated goals and objectives for the City of Torrance; therefore, adoption of the Elements was urged by Mrs. Pryor. Concurrence with the foregoing remarks of Mrs. Lear was also indicated -- it is extremely important that further studies be made if any development is proposed in the adjacent area, per Mrs. Pryor.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the Scenic Highway Element, the Park and Recreation Element, and the Open Space Element. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller commended the Staff for the outstanding quality of the Elements, and, specifically, Planning Associate Gomez for his concise presentation.

PLANNING AND ZONING APPEALS:

39. EA 73-158 (re: D 73-32), TORRANCE MENTAL HEALTH PARK, LTD.
Appeal of the Environmental Review Board's determination that an Environmental Impact Report is required for dividing into two unequal parcels property located 550 feet south of Lomita Boulevard west of 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, and following clarification by ERB Chairman Scharfman, invited the proponent to speak.

Representing the proponent, Mr. David Posley pointed out that the sole purpose of the lot split request is so that only Parcel B can be encumbered for permanent financing of the Del Amo Hospital -- the developments to go on Parcel A at some time in the future would be ancillary uses to the hospital, small scale in scope and likely one story buildings.

It was added by Mr. Posley that to require an Environmental Impact Report on a hypothetical development is an undue hardship; further, there are Precise Plan controls for the area, and that adequate controls exist to alleviate all concerns. It would appear, per Mr. Posley, that EIRs should henceforth be required on all lot splits throughout the City.

Council discussion was directed to the unique circumstances surrounding this particular lot split and the absence of precedent; the expressed concerns of ERB members regarding traffic circulation, private street arrangements, Lomita Boulevard access, etc.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the action of the Environmental Review Board requiring an EIR on D 73-32. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, prior to roll call vote on the motion, that an EIR is a study which encompasses many more elements than the primary concern in this case which is basically traffic generation and circulation -- perhaps a study in this specific area would be more appropriate at this time, with a complete EIR to follow at a later date.

Planning Director Shartle recommended that such a study should encompass the circulation including the hospital to the east, to the industrial area, and noted that the road separating the Tormed development from the hospital is the beginning of the private road, then to Skypark Drive, and east to the industrial area. Councilman Brewster then stated that there appears to be a breakdown in the traffic circulation indicating that at some point the Precise Plan procedure must have fallen down -- it would seem that the broader responsibility lies on the City, and the subject traffic study should be done at the City's expense.

Councilman Brewster thereupon offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That Council delay action on D 73-32, and not require an EIR at this time, pending submittal of a circulation study involving the entire complex, to be accomplished at City expense. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, but failed to carry with roll call vote as follows:

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

The negative votes above were based on the reference "at City expense".

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Discussion returned to the/problem and the apparent need for cooperation between property owners at this location -- it was ultimately agreed that the Traffic Element of an EIR would serve present needs, and the remaining Elements would be available at the appropriate future time. Noted as well was the small cost differential between a Traffic Circulation Study and an EIR.

The MAIN MOTION, to concur with the Environmental Review Board in the requirement of an EIR for D 73-32, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he does not believe in it in concept, but in this unique situation, he will vote "yes".

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City Council
January 8, 1974

ROUTINE MATTERS:40. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$380.63 to Univision Systems Corporation for 50 MTST tapes, as requested by the City Manager's office for use in the MTST word processing system.
2. \$658.35 to Signal Oil Company for a 6-month contract for premium motor oil with delivery "as requested" by the Fire Department for fire units.
3. \$2,500.00 to Schaeffer Chemical Company for an annual contract to supply "as required" air conditioning cooling tower chemicals, as requested by the Building and Safety Department.
4. \$720.00 to Nashua Corporation for leasing 10 each computer disk packs for one year, as requested by the Data Processing Department.
5. \$394.27 to Gaylord Brothers, Inc. for 50,000 library book pockets, as requested by the City Librarian's office.
6. \$702.24 to Automatic Printing of Torrance for the re-order of 352,000 library book check out transaction slips, as requested by the City Librarian's office.
7. \$972.53 to Baker & Taylor Company for 188 library books.
8. \$951.07 to Viking Press for subscription to Greenaway Plan for 1974.
9. \$308.31 to J.B. Lippincott Company for their plan for advanced copies of trade publications.
10. \$399.00 to C&E Lumber Company for 300 only lengths of pine tree stakes (8 and 10 feet), requested by the Street Department for small tree planting protection.
11. \$1199.28 to Printec Company for a 6-month contract for engineering reproduction paper "as requested" by the Engineering Department.
12. \$430.50 to Western Water Works Supply for 100 only #3 size Water Meter boxes, as requested by the Water Dept.
13. \$638.02 to James Jones Company for necessary repair parts and labor to repair nine water hydrants for service, as requested by the Water Department.

14. \$430.80 to Western Highway Products for 100 each 10-ft. steel sign mounting posts, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
15. \$9,001.70 to Econolite for various traffic signal repair parts, as requested by the Department of Transportation for maintenance and repairs to City traffic signals.
16. \$530.25 to Buddy Sales for one only Comco Utility radio and \$862.79 to Motorola Communications and Electronics for one only Motorola mobile radio, as requested by the Department of Transportation for use at the Airport.
17. \$1426.95 to Graybar Electric for 12 only General Electric heavy duty lighting fixtures, as requested by the Department of Transportation to be used as replacements.
18. \$811.44 to Dearth Machinery Company for two only heavy duty sprocket rubber chains, requested by the City Garage for a Wayne Street Sweeper (Unit #9109).
19. \$584.58 to Harley Davidson, c/o Rich Budelier Company, for various Harley Davidson repair parts required to repair police motorcycles, as requested by the Garage.
20. \$378.00 to Republic Supply Company for 900 each 5/8" x 7-1/2" dresser truck head bolts, requested by the City Garage to perform some modification work on City rubbish packers.
21. \$983.93 to GMC Truck & Coach for various GMC bus repair parts, as requested by the City Garage.
22. \$462.74 to Garwood-L.A. Truck Equipment Company for necessary repair parts for a Garwood Dump Body as requested by the City Garage.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

23. \$485.55 to Park Son, Inc. for one each 8", 6" and 4" water valves, as requested by the Water Department for installation at Victoria Station at 238th and Hawthorne. Payment has been received for this service.
24. \$378.00 to Hersey Products for one only 4-inch Hersey Water Meter, as requested by the Water Department for installation at Victoria Station at 238th and Hawthorne. Payment has already been received.
25. \$477.44 to Torrance Auto Body for necessary repairs to Police B&W Unit #7154 involved in an accident.

41. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Demolition & Site Clearance -
17549 Yukon Avenue - Bid Schedule No. B73-51.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work and final payment be made in the amount of \$874 to Alexander's Excavating & Grading, 21018 South Martin Street, Carson, California 90745.

42. RELEASE OF OIL WELL BOND NO. 107860.
I X L Oil Company - \$1,250.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF LICENSE SUPERVISOR:

That Oil Well Bond No. 107860 be terminated.

43. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Ductible Iron Pipe - Tyton Joint
(Ref. Bid No. B73-53).

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of an award to the low bidder, Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company for the required pipe in the total amount of \$22,795.50, including tax.

44. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Disposal of Surplus Fire Truck and Panel Truck.

Heard earlier in the meeting. See Page 19.

45. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Traffic Signals, Controls, Parts - Econolite Corporation. \$15,000.00 Annual Expenditure. (Reference: Cooperative Purchasing Program with Los Angeles County.)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the extending of our annual contract with the Econolite Corporation for another year "unchanged" so that our agreement coincides with Los Angeles County.

46. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Automotive air, fuel and oil filters - Filter Supply Company - \$2,500.00 Annual Expenditure. (Reference: Cooperative Purchasing Program with Los Angeles County.)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of renewing of our annual contract with Filter Supply Company for another year "unchanged" in accordance with Los Angeles County's renewal of their agreement #32483. Anticipated annual expenditure will be \$2,500.00.

47. RENEWAL OF EQUIPMENT FLOATER INSURANCE POLICY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the bid from Industrial Indemnity Company be accepted for \$2,915.00.

48. CLAIM of Roger John Lyon and LeRoy Christensen for damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

49. CLAIM of Genevieve G. Livingstone for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That this claim be rejected in accordance with the provisions of the California Government Entity Code. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, and #49. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

50. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 8,000 GALLONS OF ETHYL GASOLINE AT \$.468 PER GALLON.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the offer for 8,000 gallons of gasoline from the Torrance Car Wash, and approve of awarding them a contract for same in the total amount of \$3,800.00.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Purchasing Supervisor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

51. EMERGENCY FLOOD SITUATION.

City Manager Ferraro reported on the current flood situation in the City, and the possible qualification for State assistance in repairing public buildings and streets damaged by the storm, along with recovery of the cost of expendable materials, such as pipes, that were used.

The needed proclamation that a local emergency exists was then presented by Mr. Ferraro, read aloud, and so proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

In view of the above proclaimed emergency due to prolonged rain and flooding, City Manager Ferraro reported on the need for further action. It now appears that some sumps may become full, and every precaution must be taken to avoid further flooding, per Mr. Ferraro, and it was his request that Council approve an appropriation not to exceed \$7,000 for the purpose of renting the

necessary pump and pipeline to take water from such sumps to appropriate storm drains. Further reported by Mr. Ferraro was that necessary equipment has been tentatively reserved at a local firm, in order to begin immediate installation, it being the intent to have full pumping capability by Thursday night, when the new storm is expected to arrive.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to approve an emergency appropriation not to exceed \$7,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of renting the necessary pump and pipeline for the above stated purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Surber that the County be directed to expedite their storm drain efforts on the Firmona extension on 190th Street. Mr. Surber so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

52. Director of Transportation Horkay advised that the long-awaited computerized signal system on Hawthorne Boulevard will go out to bid on January 10th.

53. Councilman Armstrong made the following prepared comments:

"Last Saturday, I was informed by telephone that the hand of vandals (or more specifically, the wheels) had been laid on Sur La Brea Park sometime between Friday evening and Saturday morning. Late Saturday morning, I went to look for myself.

"A four-wheel drive vehicle, one apparently, although I thought at first it had been two, had entered the park from the 236th Street side and had been driven back and forth across the central and easterly portion of the site several times. The tracks, 10" to 12" or 16" wide in some places, and in places 10" to 12" deep, scarred the grass. Sprinkler heads were broken, pipes and a water main broken, header boards along the paths were pulled out and splintered; the grass where scarred was destroyed. At one point, it seemed that the vehicle was driven off the high slope onto a lower slope as if effecting some grotesque ski jump. The remarkable thing is that the trees and the gazebo on the western end were undamaged. First estimates of the costs of replacement and repair may run as high as \$2500.

"Of course this sort of thing is not an isolated instance: it was not without precedent. As you know, we receive quarterly reports on vandalism in our parks and public places, but for the most part we have treated them as a sort of quiet tragedy. The totals for 1973, that is total costs due to vandalism, were disturbing and sad when considered quarter by quarter. When seen as totals for the year, they are shocking.

"Here are reports for the first three quarters of 1973. Total costs due to vandalism for the quarter ending in March, \$1699; for the June quarter, \$2259; for the September quarter, \$2564; and

and the catalog of injuries makes sad reading. The figures are in for the fourth and final quarter of 1973, and if the first reading is correct - some \$3500 - the total for the year will run to nearly \$10,000.

"I think we have suffered enough. Sur La Brea Park represents a ten-year dream just coming to realization. More than money, peoples' wills and purposes have been devoted to the cause of its acquisition and development. As we fought to acquire parks, I think we must fight to defend them, for it seems apparent that rampant vandalism, if unchecked, will destroy them.

"In that spirit, I want to offer the following recommendations:

"The penalty for conviction on the misdemeanor vandalism is six months in prison and/or \$500 fine. I'm told we can't stiffen that penalty unless the State Legislature redefines public vandalism as a felony, which hardly seems likely. Therefore, I recommend that we reaffirm that we in the City of Torrance intend to prosecute vandals to the full extent of the law.

"Second, I recommend that we appeal publicly to every citizen to accept their share of civic responsibility for preservation of public lands and buildings.

"Third, I recommend that if it is legally possible, the appropriate ordinances be revised to protect street trees in the public way as well, and to include costs of restoration as part of the penalty. Moreover, should any court be inclined to require that those convicted of wanton vandalism should perform the labor of restoration, we should endorse such action.

"Finally, I ask that our Parks and Recreation Commission assign high priority to the problem of vandalism, to development of proposals for curbing vandalism, and return their suggestions for our consideration. Perhaps our School District should be invited to share in the deliberations; surely it is our common problem, and surely, an important element of any program would involve our schools and the public education process.

"Maybe this is all an exercise in futility. I don't know what could possibly motivate such destruction. Surely what I have proposed is just too simple if we are dealing with sick minds, but I think we must try."

54. The humanitarian act of the Torrance Memorial Hospital in cancelling patient's bills totalling some \$84,000 was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the request that there be appropriate Council recognition of this charitable deed.

55. Councilman Sciarrotta reported on his attendance at a Finance Committee meeting while in San Juan and their practice of requiring payment for services rendered public buildings, in lieu of real estate taxes. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that Staff study the merits of such an arrangement for the City of Torrance.

56. Councilman Surber conveyed the appreciation of South Torrance residents to Councilman Brewster for his concern and surveillance of the area for any possible problems during the recent rain storms. Like praise was extended City Engineer Weaver for his personal investigation of complaints.

57. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that the City Attorney's office join other agencies in the investigation to determine the true facts regarding the oil shortage.

58. Councilman Uerkwitz noted further fame for the City of Torrance by way of Councilman Surber's achievement as a play-off contestant for the Los Angeles Police Department's handball team -- further, Mr. Surber has defeated 14 of 16 finalists, and placed second in the City of Los Angeles contest.

59. The installation of Planning Commissioner Uyeda as President of the Southern California Planning Congress on January 10th was noted, with pride, by Councilman Wilson.

60. Commendations to the Rose Parade Float Committee for its outstanding accomplishment in the 1974 Float for the City of Torrance were offered by Councilman Wilson, with the request that there be appropriate Council recognition of these efforts.

61. Mayor Miller advised that a communication from the League of California Cities has been received wherein he has been advised that they will be working on the matter of a workable system of tax reduction and revenue controls similar to Proposition 1. It was the Mayor's request that Staff provide progress reports in this matter.

62. Mr. John Forrest, 5625 Via Del Collado, reported on the extreme difficulties presented him by his neighbor's storage of assorted items in the yard. This matter was referred to City Manager Ferraro.

63. Mr. Robert Morris, representing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, referred to Item 18 this date (Naval Annex property), and advised that the Chamber's Board of Directors has gone on record in support of the City's actions in the acquisition of the Annex and the attendant use of that property.

64. Mr. John Passic, 20337 Mason Court, pointed out the need for an adequate, visible stop sign on the Fashion Square road near the White Front Store. Director of Transportation Horkay will follow through in this matter.

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At 12:15 A.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session re: Hours, Wages, and Working Conditions (Agenda Item #25). Deputy Attorney Petersen confirmed that this is proper subject matter for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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City Council
January 8, 1974

The Council returned at 12:45 A.M., and took the following action:

- 25. ORDINANCE re: Code Amendment - Revisions in Certain Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.
(Torrance Firefighters re: longevity pay, special step pay).

ORDINANCE NO. 2459

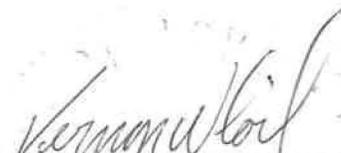
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART II OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2459 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 12:47 A.M.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance