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Adjourned at 9:45 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, April 16, 1974, 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Jess Holmes led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Robert Dehn provided the invocation, as follows:

"OUR FATHER, WE ARE VERY THANKFUL TONIGHT THAT WE CAN SEEK THY FACE AS WE APPROACH THE PROBLEMS AND MATTERS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF IN OUR CITY. WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD GRANT THIS COUNCIL THY WISDOM, THY UNDERSTANDING, AND HELP EACH ONE OF US AS THESE THINGS ARE FOLLOWED THROUGH THAT WE MAY BE THE CITIZENS THAT WE OUGHT TO BE; THAT OUR COMMUNITY MAY BE A COMMUNITY THAT STANDS OUT NOT ONLY TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE BUT TO THE WORLD AROUND US."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 1974, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:
Joint meeting with School Board on April 18th.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:
Will next meet on April 30th at 4:30 P.M.

ELECTION MATTERS:9. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD APRIL 9, 1974.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place to make official the results of the General Municipal Election held April 9, 1974. The law provides that the Council may order the canvass of the election returns to be made by the City Clerk rather than by the City Council. We authorized the canvass to be made when we adopted Resolution No. 74-64 on April 2, 1974. The Mayor then inquired of City Clerk Coil if he had conducted the canvass of the returns of the General Municipal Election held April 9, 1974 as directed by the City Council -- Mr. Coil's response was an affirmative one.

It was then stated by Mayor Miller that the California State Commission on Voting Machines and Vote Tabulating Devices prescribed certain procedures to be followed in the voting and tabulation of ballots. At the Mayor's question, City Clerk Coil advised that he had followed these procedures in his canvass of the election.

Next stated by Mayor Miller was his understanding that when the election returns were tabulated last Tuesday night, that the results showed, among other things, Councilman Surber had retained his seat and that Councilman Sciarrotta had lost his seat due to a differential of two votes separating the two Councilmen. City Clerk Coil confirmed that this was a correct statement.

Continuing, Mayor Miller indicated his further understanding that because of this 2-vote difference between Mr. Surber and Mr. Sciarrotta that the City Clerk conducted a validation test last Friday to verify the accuracy of the canvass. Mr. Coil advised that this was correct.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil described what he had done and what results were obtained by the accuracy and validation test, as follows: "Because the difference between Councilman Surber and Councilman Sciarrotta was only two votes, I

decided to check the accuracy of the computer used in tabulating the vote and to recheck the election results. To do this, I took to the computer room all of the election materials, including ballots and programs, that were sealed last Tuesday. The ballots were collected and placed in numerical order by Precinct Number. The ballots from each Precinct were processed through the computer to recheck the totals for Mr. Surber and Mr. Sciarrotta. Upon completion of the run for the entire 82 Precincts, I found that the totals for the two candidates were unchanged from last Tuesday's results. New totals reflecting minor adjustments were received from the tally of absentee ballots which were hand-counted in the City Clerk's office. As a result, a new summary card was punched to reflect these changes. All precinct summary cards were processed through the computer for a final total. The new totals showed that Mr. Surber gained one vote and Mr. Sciarrotta gained one vote. Thus, the differential between them of two votes remained the same. Thereafter, all of the ballots, programs and reports were returned to the vault in my office for safekeeping."

Mayor Miller next questioned whether there were any ballots that were not rechecked. City Clerk Coil answered "yes" and further stated: "There are approximately 95 ballots that were not rechecked. These ballots were those that were rejected by the computer and which were remade and fed back into the computer or which were remade even before being fed into the computer on election night. For example, some ballots showed the elector voted for four councilmen instead of three; some cards were punched in the wrong place; and some were mutilated. On the advice of the City Attorney, I had no authority to review the decisions which were made as to these ballots by the election board last Tuesday evening."

The question next asked by Mayor Miller -- "is there any other opportunity for human error that was not checked on Friday?" City Clerk Coil responded: "Yes, Your Honor. We did not check the Precinct records of the number of ballots cast against the number of ballots fed into the computer. I have, however, subsequently determined that a total of nine ballots cast were not fed to the computer. Also, we discovered that two persons who were not residents of the City cast ballots in the election."

Mayor Miller then inquired if it were that, following such test, the City Clerk prepared the subject resolution certifying the canvass of the returns of the election, a copy of which has been given to the City Council and which is embodied in Exhibit A of the proposed Resolution No. 74-66 declaring the results of the election. City Clerk Coil answered: "Yes, Your Honor."

Next asked by Mayor Miller was: "Are the results of the voting in each Precinct and the City as a whole accurately enumerated in the proposed resolution declaring the results of the election?" City Clerk Coil answered "Yes".

Mayor Miller then questioned: "Have any written challenges or protests to the election been filed in accordance with law?" An affirmative answer was forthcoming from City Clerk Coil, with the following clarification: "On Monday, April 15th, Councilman Sciarrotta filed a declaration for a recount under Section 22940 of

the Elections Code. In his declaration, Councilman Sciarrotta alleges that because of mistake, error or misconduct the votes in all of the Precincts were so incorrectly counted that the returns do not correctly show which candidate received the plurality of the votes cast for members of the City Council."

City Clerk Coil further advised: "Today, April 16, Council candidate Orin (Bud) Johnson filed a similar declaration for a recount on the same grounds as Councilman Sciarrotta, and further alleged that the election voting punch devices did not function properly and did not register the votes correctly."

City Attorney Remelmeyer, at the request of Mayor Miller for legal advice pertaining to the foregoing, advised that the State Elections Code which the Charter of the City adopts by reference contains a provision for a recount. In the event that such a declaration is filed, the Council should direct that a recount be taken of the entire election by a board consisting of not less than 4 members appointed by the City Council, per Mr. Remelmeyer. It was his further comment that Recount Board members must be voters of the City, and that a membership of 5 would be preferable.

The Code further provides, according to the City Attorney, that the Board shall not meet until the requisite deposit of monies with the City has been made, it having been determined that the total sum of \$85.00 must be deposited as a minimum. This sum represents \$17.00 for each of the five judges -- thus a deposit of \$42.50 each by Councilman Sciarrotta and Mr. Johnson should be made. The City could furnish the Staff time -- the recount will involve the services of four members of the computer room staff for about four hours, per Mr. Remelmeyer.

Continuing, Mr. Remelmeyer advised that the statute does not make clear whether or not it is discretionary on the Council to decide on the recount, or whether or not it is mandatory -- however, in his opinion, it is mandatory, but, in any event, would recommend that the request for a recount be honored.

It was the finding of Mayor Miller that before further discussion ensues regarding the recount that the candidates should be heard, and he invited oral comment on the conduct of the election from any candidate for an office in this election or his personal representative.

First to speak was Councilman Surber who stated that, in his opinion, this Council is in any position to rule on this matter, in that they have already made their position clear on the candidates. "as it stands on this Council right now, it's 5 to 2 . . . against me. Mr. Surber further stated that it now appears that the feeling is that the Election Committee that served on April 9th did not do a good job. Councilman Surber then introduced his legal representatives in this matter.

Attorneys Barry Bernstein and Spencer Douglass, on behalf of Councilman Surber, were present. It was the comment of Mr. Bernstein that apparently information has been provided Mr. Sciarrotta that was not furnished Mr. Surber relative to the 92 invalid ballots. Further, in his opinion, since the City Clerk's office has gone to the trouble to re-program and re-run this election through the computers, and has come up with the identical unchanged result, and per his reading

of the California Election Code, ^{it} does not make a recount mandatory, but, in fact, makes it discretionary in the best interests of the Council if, after diligent and resolute pursuit of the truth of the matter, which has already been achieved via the City Clerk's office. The Council by going forward, per Mr. Bernstein, cannot do anything more but complicate the problem. Sympathy for Mr. Sciarrotta, in light of such a close election, was expressed by Mr. Bernstein -- but if he feels for any reason that he has been abused by this process, there is a court structure designed to protect him, and that is the place for him to pursue his remedies. The proper thing for this Council to do is to seat the newly elected candidates, in that it is without jurisdiction to operate until this has been accomplished -- at that point, if Mr. Sciarrotta wishes to pursue the remedies of law, that would be the proper thing for him to do.

Councilman Sciarrotta advised that he had had no "inside information" pertaining to the ballots -- his knowledge was merely hearsay. Also pointed out by Mr. Sciarrotta was his knowledge that two non-residents had voted in this election. His primary desire is that the matter be resolved, once and for all, to eliminate all doubts. Mr. Sciarrotta further stated that he did not want a recount of all the ballots through the computer, in that he is completely satisfied with that count, as well as that of the absentee ballots -- his concern rests with the 94 ballots that were thrown out by the Accuracy Board.

Next to speak was Mr. Orin P. Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst Avenue, Council candidate, who stated that the voting system itself had malfunctioned to such an extent that it would be impossible to know who received votes cast for one and actually ended up in the column for another. Mr. Johnson added that he has substantial evidence that this malfunction happened, and, therefore, recommended that there be a "mini-election" conducted at City Hall, utilizing the machines and cards, to verify his allegations.

Mayor Miller stated that comments have been received concerning the operation of the vote recorder used at the precincts, and comments regarding the computer used to tally the votes, and it was his request that there be an explanation of the operation of the vote recorder and the computer, as well as answering any questions from the Council as to their operation, along with questions concerning the conduct of the election in general.

City Clerk Coil thereupon introduced Mr. Dan Martin who explained and illustrated the operation of the vote recorder used at the precincts, noting that this particular system had been used since 1968 for ^{the} County of Los Angeles and many cities in the County, this being the first instance of hearing of the possibility of a card being not aligned if it is properly placed in the machine. Mr. Martin also elaborated on experiences in various cities which results in votes which cannot be counted -- he has yet to see one which was not the fault of the voter. The thorough instructions to City of Torrance Precinct Boards were also noted, as were the elaborate election preparation procedures.

Next introduced by City Clerk Coil was Data Processing Manager Sharp who clarified the operation of the computer used to tabulate the votes at the election, and the procedures employed on Election Night.

Mayor Miller invited comments from Councilmen Armstrong, Uerkwitz, and Reverend Kornegay, who comprised the Accuracy Certification Board. It was stated by Councilman Uerkwitz that he is perfectly satisfied with the accuracy of the count, and that it was handled with the utmost proficiency. Councilman Armstrong likewise expressed his confidence in the performance of the duties of the Board, as did Reverend Kornegay.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Wilson requested clarification regarding the two votes cast by Palos Verdes residents -- City Clerk Coil introduced Mr. Harold Carter from the Registrar of Voters Office who explained that these two voters were assigned incorrectly to a Torrance Precinct, due to the fact that this is a newly developed area, with erroneous identification by way of the County Engineer's map for Precinct Identification purposes.

Mayor Miller then inquired if it be the desire of the Council to order the recount and determine the membership of the Recount Board and the amount to be deposited.

At the request of Councilman Surber, his attorney, Mr. Bernstein, stated that ^{with} authorization of a recount involving mutilated, invalid, and now "illegal to be counted" ballots, which somehow results in a different vote, it is inevitable that the public will consider this as a purely political decision, regardless of how the recount vote is constituted. Mr. Bernstein reiterated that the courts are established, with procedures in the code, for Mr. Sciarrotta to seek a totally impartial non-political decision. Should the Board resort to pure speculation in ruling on improperly punched voting cards, with a different result for the election, then Mr. Surber will have to seek the court's remedy to protect his rights, per Mr. Bernstein.

Mrs. Mary Lou Cushman spoke at this time, pointing out that the establishment of another Board for a recount will invite every candidate and every past candidate in the City of Torrance who lost an election to return to this Council to request like treatment in that a precedent will have been set.

Council discussion regarding the establishment of a Recount Board was invited by Mayor Miller. It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that this matter, sooner or later, must end up in the courts for a permanent settlement -- to appoint a Recount Board now would only result in a series of Boards with varying findings. Councilman Armstrong commented that the controversy in this election will remain so long as people remember it -- there is only one answer: get to the truth of the matter.

Councilman Brewster acknowledged the dedication and community service rendered by the gentlemen involved in this matter -- however, testimony at this meeting indicates that the only "non-standard" aspect of the election is the closeness of the vote, and, based on

the expert testimony presented that everything was done in a manner beyond reproach and of high professional caliber, Councilman Brewster cannot find the need to reestablish a new Board.

Councilman Surber deemed it inappropriate to attack the system because of the closeness of the vote -- to appoint a new Board will open a "whole can of worms" which will result in a disservice to the former Board and City Staff.

In the opinion of Councilman Wilson, a Recount Board would, in truth, validate the election system, and it is important that all possibilities be exhausted in order to eliminate any question or doubt as to the accuracy of the count. A complete recount will expedite the matter and will prove time and money saving for those concerned, per Dr. Wilson.

The following action was taken:

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MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the City Council NOT reconstitute a Recount Board, and let the election take its due course. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That the City Council constitute a Recount Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Wilson;
Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz.

It was the request of Attorney Douglass at this point in the meeting, on behalf of Councilman Surber, that any action relative to a Recount Board be set for at least two days in that it will be necessary to go to Superior Court to seek injunctive relief to prevent the Recount Board. Mayor Miller indicated his concurrence with the request, it being his opinion that there should be every right to exhaust any desired remedies -- no objections were voiced, and it was so agreed.

It was the added comment of Mayor Miller that the Council will then review the Board nominees on Tuesday, April 23rd, in the manner outlined, unless some kind of court injunction takes place.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that the Resolution reciting the fact of the April 9th Election be offered for adoption, following clarification by City Attorney Remelmeyer that it would be proper to do so at this time in that Canvass is prima facie valid, and that the candidates elected in the election, as shown by the Canvass, are entitled to take their seats. It was the further comment of Mr. Remelmeyer that following the adoption of the resolution that the City Council should be seated in accordance with the results shown in the Canvass -- i.e. Mr. Brewster, Mrs. Geissert, and Mr. Surber should be seated and Mr. Sciarrotta should be unseated.

Questioned by Mayor Miller was what will happen if later, as a result of the recount, it is shown that Mr. Sciarrotta has obtained more votes than Mr. Surber -- Mr. Remelmeyer responded that, in that case, Mr. Surber would lose his seat to Mr. Sciarrotta. Mayor Miller next inquired, in view of that possibility, will the actions taken by this Council in the interim (between now and the time the results of the recount would be certified to the Council) be valid? City Attorney Remelmeyer responded in the affirmative; however, it was his recommendation, out of caution, that controversial items be avoided until a final determination is made.

Mayor Miller, in light of the advice given by the City Attorney, thereupon declared the official canvass of the returns of April 9, 1974 General Municipal Election completed.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 74-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 1974, DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive the reading of Resolution No. 74-66. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-66. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Miller directed Minute Secretary Ava Cripe to be sure that the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass is entered in the minutes of this meeting right after the passage of Resolution No. 74-66, and that the full text of Exhibit A showing the results of the election precinct-by-precinct is entered in full in the official minutes of the proceedings of this Council meeting. Compliance with this direction is reflected in the pages immediately following.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL 1974, DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

WHEREAS, a regular general municipal election was held and conducted in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 1974, as required by the Charter of the City of Torrance; and

WHEREAS, notice of said election was duly and regularly given in time, form and manner as provided by law; that voting precincts were properly established; that election officers were appointed and that in all respects said election was held and conducted and the votes cast thereat, received and canvassed and the returns made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the provisions of the Election Code of the State of California for the holding of elections in cities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 74-64 adopted the 2nd day of April, 1974, the City Clerk of the City of Torrance canvassed the returns of said election and has certified the results to this City Council, said results are received, attached and made a part hereof as "Exhibit A."

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That there were 82 voting precincts established for the purpose of holding said election consisting of consolidations of the 175 regular election precincts in the City of Torrance as established for the holding of state and county elections.

SECTION 2. That said regular general municipal election was held for the purpose of electing the following officers of said City as required by the Charter of the City of Torrance, to wit;

A Mayor of said City for the full term of four years;

Three (3) Members of the City Council of said City for the full term of four years;

A City Clerk of said City for the full term of four years;

A City Treasurer of said City for the full term of four years.

SECTION 3. That the whole number of votes cast in said City (except absent voter ballots) was 13,441.

That the whole number of absent voter ballots cast in said City was 294, making a total of 13,735 votes cast in said City.

SECTION 4. That the names of persons voted for at said election for Mayor of said City are as follows:

Ken Miller
Michael Kallungi

That the names of persons voted for at said election for Member of the City Council of said City are as follows:

George W. Brewster
Ross A. Sciarrotta
George B. Surber
Cathryn A. (Katy) Geissert
Orin P. Johnson
Pat Lewandowski
Verna D. Mattox
Lloyd W. Sorenson

That the names of the persons voted for at said election for City Clerk of said City are as follows:

Vernon W. Coil
Joyce Romoff

That the name of the person voted for at said election for City Treasurer of said City is as follows:

Thomas C. Rupert

SECTION 5. That the number of votes given in the City to each person voted on for Mayor is as follows:

Ken Miller	11,093
Michael Kallungi	2,218

SECTION 6. That the total number of votes given in the City to each person voted on for member of the City Council is as follows:

George W. Brewster	7,594
Ross A. Sciarrotta	6,485
George B. Surber	6,487
Cathryn A. (Katy) Geissert	7,171
Orin P. Johnson	3,151
Pat Lewandowski	1,636
Verna D. Mattox	4,446
Lloyd W. Sorenson	1,189

SECTION 7. That the total number of votes given in the City to each person voted on for City Clerk is as follows:

Vernon W. Coil	9,142
Joyce Romoff	3,899

SECTION 8. That the total number of votes given in the City to the person voted on for City Treasurer is as follows:

Thomas C. Rupert	11,803
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SECTION 9. That the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to each of such persons above named for the respective offices for which said persons were candidates were as listed in Exhibit "A" attached.

SECTION 10. The City Council does declare and determine that:

Ken Miller was elected as Mayor of said City for the full term of four years;

George W. Brewster was elected as Member of the City Council of said City for the full term of four years;

George B. Surber was elected as Member of the City Council of said City for the full term of four years;

Cathryn A. (Katy) Geissert was elected as Member of the City Council of said City for the full term of four years;

Vernon W. Coil was elected City Clerk of said City for the full term of four years;

Thomas C. Rupert was elected City Treasurer of said City for the full term of four years.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City Council of said City, a statement of the result of said election, showing:

- (1) The whole number of votes cast in the city;
- (2) The names of the persons voted for;
- (3) For what office each person was voted for;
- (4) The number of votes given at each precinct to each person;
- (5) The number of votes given in the city to each person.

SECTION 12. That the City Clerk shall immediately make and, upon compliance by the persons elected with the provisions of Section 11550 and Section 11559 of the Elections Code of the State of California, shall deliver to each of such persons so elected a Certificate of Election signed by him and duly authenticated; that he shall also administer to each person elected, the Oath of Office prescribed in the State Constitution of the State of California and shall have them subscribe thereto and file the same in his office. Whereupon, each and all of said persons so elected shall be inducted into the respective office to which they have been elected.

SECTION 13. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 16th day of April, 1974.

Mayor of the City of Torrance, California

ATTEST:

VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 16th day of April, 1974, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN:

NOES: COUNCILMEN:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:

VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STANLEY E. REMELMEYER, City Attorney

By *Stanley E. Remelmeyer*

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS

I, VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, duly authorized by Resolution No. 74-64, adopted by the City Council of said City on the 2nd day of April, 1974, do hereby certify that I have canvassed the returns of the regular general municipal election held in said City on the 9th day of April, 1974, and find the number of votes given at each precinct, the number of votes given in the City to persons voted for, and the respective offices for which said persons were candidates are as set forth on the attached pages identified as Exhibit "A," which exhibit shall be entered in full on the minutes of the proceedings of the said City Council held on said date; provided, however, that said canvass revealed the following discrepancies in the number of votes cast:

<u>Precinct No.</u>	<u>Precinct Count</u>	<u>Computer Count</u>	<u>Difference</u>
13	117	110	- 7
17	197	196	- 1
30	77	78	+ 1
37	150	149	- 1
52	174	173	- 1

and that the number shown in said computer count is the number of votes for each such precinct as set forth in said Exhibit "A."

DATE: April 16, 1974



 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NO.	COUNCILMEN									TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS IN PREC.	TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS VOTING	COUNTY PRECINCT NUMBER	MAYOR	
	BREWSTER	SCIARROTTA	SURBER	GEISSERT	JOHNSON	LEWANDOWSKI	MATTOX	SORENSEN	MILLER				KALLUNGI	
1	83	75	87	42	29	12	44	20	918	140	1 - 2	111	26	
2	66	60	43	57	18	10	27	8	810	103	3 - 4	89	8	
3	57	58	68	54	50	19	49	16	770	133	5 - 6	89	44	
4	56	56	51	40	19	6	32	17	860	96	9 - 120	76	17	
5	79	63	67	55	54	22	48	8	919	142	8 - 135	121	17	
6	42	39	35	41	21	5	36	2	773	78	7 - 134	66	11	
7	66	67	34	72	31	15	23	9	804	112	11 - 159	95	16	
8	68	57	55	49	23	17	34	16	797	113	10 - 14	98	12	
9	67	50	52	55	24	12	38	10	794	112	12 - 13	88	21	
10	62	55	48	49	19	6	27	20	823	104	22 - 23	79	23	
11	58	51	50	39	24	10	22	9	837	92	26 - 137	79	13	
12	52	40	42	33	19	11	30	13	776	87	24 - 25	72	13	
13	59	53	63	40	41	18	33	6	794	110	136 - 152	93	12	
14	87	73	58	83	28	20	44	14	860	142	138 - 160	121	19	
15	81	64	71	58	36	26	52	18	926	144	21 - 27	112	30	
16	58	58	50	50	31	21	34	10	725	111	28 - 29	77	33	
17	115	102	117	75	34	21	75	11	1,272	196	15-19-123	167	27	
18	104	100	75	61	23	5	37	8	839	142	16 - 17	133	7	

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NO.	COUNCILMAN								TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS IN PREC.	TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS VOTING	COUNTY PRECINC NUMBER	MAYOR	
	BREWSTER	SCIARROTTA	SURBER	GEISSERT	JOHNSON	LEWANDOWSKI	MATTOX	SORENSON				MILLER	KALLUNGI
19	116	99	55	105	20	5	39	13	828	161	18 - 20	147	10
20	131	121	145	114	58	28	68	24	841	251	47 - 49	204	37
21	145	109	136	150	83	44	84	30	864	276	55 - 56	207	54
22	158	122	151	184	78	47	90	23	950	305	74 - 75	238	56
23	163	153	119	168	53	31	103	16	884	294	76 - 77	245	41
24	74	63	84	85	54	20	60	17	768	166	50 - 51	132	32
25	120	99	109	127	52	36	82	31	961	251	48-52-53	198	44
26	82	79	91	57	26	12	53	14	936	148	30 - 33	124	21
27	63	58	74	46	37	9	51	16	924	130	31 - 32	98	29
28	87	87	96	101	65	20	55	9	908	184	139 - 156	152	23
29	81	57	72	87	22	17	51	20	883	144	34-41-175	108	31
30	54	50	30	45	9	8	27	4	982	78	146-157-162	68	9
31	33	36	23	38	15	12	30	10	743	74	42 - 149	48	20
32	87	74	51	76	15	14	61	18	841	148	125 - 163	122	20
33	86	78	74	77	39	25	59	27	935	163	35 - 36	127	31
34	116	104	89	106	34	21	57	16	902	197	38 - 124	163	28
35	69	59	50	44	24	17	34	17	1,153	111	40-43-161	88	21
36	141	90	122	118	54	24	62	6	857	224	39 - 45	187	28

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NO.	COUNCILMEN									TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS IN PREC.	TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS VOTING	COUNTY PRECINCT NUMBER	MAYOR	
	BREWSTER	SCIARROTTA	SURBER	GEISSERT	JOHNSON	LEWANDOWSKI	MATTOX	SORENSEN	MILLER				KALLJUNGI	
37	94	69	75	66	22	16	74	7	833	149	46 - 147	125	17	
38	55	45	43	47	12	14	31	5	818	90	126 - 148	75	15	
39	138	135	170	90	54	49	81	21	950	261	44 - 72	214	43	
40	112	99	126	78	27	37	58	14	908	194	71 - 119	156	31	
41	85	55	79	73	27	21	33	22	821	149	80 - 81	121	26	
42	107	93	101	96	39	32	77	19	965	206	78 - 79	154	37	
43	71	61	77	77	50	29	57	25	720	168	58 - 59	133	30	
44	60	51	50	47	27	27	30	11	788	109	60 - 127	82	23	
45	97	84	71	95	78	28	49	22	820	192	116 - 117	142	36	
46	104	98	84	90	64	22	49	14	831	185	63 - 67	157	25	
47	121	114	105	116	72	26	59	19	884	225	61 - 62	175	42	
48	135	104	86	115	88	24	59	11	936	225	68 - 140	185	34	
49	144	93	116	117	60	31	88	16	829	233	64 - 128	187	38	
50	168	123	104	150	135	20	198	27	893	336	121 - 130	274	47	
51	105	76	68	94	48	21	71	8	882	170	66 - 70	148	19	
52	88	82	96	97	40	24	56	16	775	173	88 - 87	150	17	
53	105	85	85	92	37	12	36	8	798	161	65 - 165	144	14	
54	182	129	150	198	46	26	73	17	903	302	107 - 100	245	40	

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NO.	BREWSTER	SCIARROTTA	SURBER	COUNCILMEN					TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS IN PREC.	TOTAL NO. REGIS. VOTERS VOTING	COUNTY PRECIN NUMBER	MAYOR	
				GEISSERT	JOHNSON	LEWANDOWSKI	MATTOX	SOERENSON				MILLER	KALLUNGI
55	104	82	91	128	23	17	71	17	933	197	109 - 110	153	37
56	74	56	35	83	18	5	45	13	839	116	115-145-155	97	15
57	149	128	121	194	42	23	98	14	988	283	103-105-154	224	47
58	89	85	64	98	24	10	55	9	814	153	111 - 114	134	16
59	148	136	99	225	21	19	80	21	902	278	106 - 108	224	38
60	126	119	86	181	32	22	71	16	850	237	104 - 107	193	35
61	140	115	88	190	25	18	70	11	941	236	112 - 113	197	33
62	98	96	80	115	43	14	50	15	785	187	96 - 133	151	29
63	56	56	58	58	40	20	58	13	862	137	95 - 143	109	23
64	69	57	56	55	37	11	40	19	792	124	94-170-172-150	86	37
65	120	89	97	100	36	29	74	18	1,345	201	98-118-144- 151-173	134	60
66	63	65	70	52	35	21	36	8	806	126	82 - 83	108	13
67	90	95	78	84	42	9	45	16	844	162	84 - 85	138	21
68	70	56	61	49	16	8	27	5	724	103	131 - 167	86	13
69	84	79	75	77	40	36	51	15	897	164	86 - 90	129	26
70	99	79	85	83	30	22	59	18	807	166	93 - 166	126	38
71	85	66	75	87	41	25	61	17	812	162	91 - 92	127	32
72	80	65	97	79	47	22	52	18	828	167	101 - 142	133	20

CONSOLIDATED
PRECINCT NO.

COUNCILMEN

BREWSTER

SCIARROTTA

SURBER

GEISSERT

JOHNSON

LEWANDOWSKI

MATTOX

SORENSEN

TOTAL NO. REGIS.
VOTERS IN PREC.TOTAL NO. REGIS.
VOTERS VOTINGCOUNTY PRECINCT
NUMBER

MAYOR

MILLER

KALLUNGI

73	43	44	47	55	25	9	39	10	794	100	97 - 132	84	15
74	53	42	55	59	30	10	37	6	1,045	105	122-158-171	80	22
75	79	72	71	81	25	27	65	16	1,114	152	89-141-168	123	27
76	68	64	101	50	34	12	43	8	480	136	73	115	18
77	39	46	42	35	18	6	23	4	484	75	37	61	13
78	87	72	71	82	59	19	36	12	784	163	129 - 164	139	23
79	44	49	31	39	22	9	22	4	400	80	69	67	12
80	44	38	41	38	22	18	24	4	397	85	57	61	20
81	88	61	91	104	37	29	63	16	562	180	54 - 153	145	28
82	92	82	76	96	42	21	57	17	886	172	99-100-174	136	34

NOTE
 19,752 of Votes Cast
 Total Number of Registered Voters
 69,526

COUNCILMEN	
BREWSTER	176
SCIARROTTA	136
SURBER	119
GEISSERT	185
JOHNSON	57
LEWANDOWSKI	40
MATTOX	64
SORENSEN	21
MAYOR	
MILLER	244
KALLUNGI	38

TOTAL	ABSENTEE	CAST
7,418	176	7,594
6,349	136	6,485
6,368	119	6,487
6,986	185	7,171
3,094	57	3,151
1,596	40	1,636
4,382	64	4,446
1,168	21	1,189
10,849	244	11,093
2,180	38	2,218
TOTAL NUMBER VOTES CAST AT POLLS - 13,441		

TOTAL VOTES	ABSENTEE	CAST
13,735	176	13,559
11,093	136	10,957
11,093	119	10,974
11,093	185	10,908
11,093	57	11,036
11,093	40	11,053
11,093	64	11,029
11,093	21	11,072
11,093	244	10,849
11,093	38	11,055
TOTAL NUMBER ABSENTEE VOTES CAST - 294		
GRAND TOTAL - 13,735		

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GRAND TOTAL - 13,735

TOTAL NUMBER ABSENTEE
 VOTES CAST - 294

TOTAL NUMBER VOTES
 CAST AT POLLS - 13,441

CITY CLERK

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CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NUMBER	CITY CLERK		CITY TREASURER	CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NUMBER	CITY CLERK		CITY TREASURER
	COIL	ROMOFF	RUPERT		COIL	ROMOFF	RUPERT
1	86	46	118	30	51	23	72
2	69	30	87	31	44	29	63
3	79	43	110	32	86	51	136
4	66	25	83	33	94	67	142
5	96	32	120	34	121	67	179
6	50	26	69	35	66	44	101
7	76	28	97	36	139	75	199
8	67	44	105	37	98	45	130
9	63	40	93	38	47	39	76
10	69	30	88	39	170	83	230
11	65	24	82	40	131	52	164
12	61	23	73	41	105	31	123
13	76	31	89	42	131	56	161
14	92	46	120	43	105	56	141
15	90	46	125	44	73	35	98
16	68	39	99	45	125	50	157
17	127	62	174	46	124	49	157
18	103	36	130	47	157	55	198
19	112	43	144	48	153	62	195
20	177	61	209	49	165	61	209
21	184	82	245	50	218	97	288
22	220	77	266	51	115	45	144
23	193	89	266	52	110	54	147
24	125	38	147	53	117	38	137
25	165	69	215	54	222	56	254
26	99	38	131	55	127	62	164
27	85	41	114	56	66	41	94
28	131	41	153	57	183	82	231
29	79	53	119	58	101	44	134

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NUMBER	CITY CLERK		CITY TREASURER	CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NUMBER	CITY CLERK		CITY TREASURER
	COIL	ROMOFF	RUPERT		COIL	ROMOFF	RUPERT
59	185	68	227	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	206	76	246
60	172	56	203				
61	158	56	196	TOTAL	9,142	3,899	11,803
62	120	58	160				
63	94	35	112				
64	80	39	107				
65	134	61	173				
66	100	22	111				
67	118	40	151				
68	75	23	91				
69	107	44	137				
70	102	54	147				
71	105	50	131				
72	109	48	146				
73	71	25	83				
74	72	31	89				
75	110	41	137				
76	93	30	122				
77	51	22	67				
78	123	32	138				
79	62	17	70				
80	50	32	73				
81	114	54	147				
82	114	53	144				
SUB TOTAL	8,936	3,823	11,557				

COUNTY	CONSOLIDATED	COUNTY	CONSOLIDATED	COUNTY	CONSOLIDATED
1	1	63	46	125	32
2	1	64	49	126	38
3	2	65	53	127	44
4	2	66	51	128	49
5	3	67	46	129	78
6	3	68	48	130	50
7	6	69	79	131	68
8	5	70	51	132	73
9	4	71	40	133	62
10	8	72	39	134	6
11	7	73	76	135	5
12	9	74	22	136	13
13	9	75	22	137	11
14	8	76	23	138	14
15	17	77	23	139	28
16	18	78	42	140	48
17	18	79	42	141	75
18	19	80	41	142	72
19	17	81	41	143	63
20	19	82	66	144	65
21	15	83	66	145	56
22	10	84	67	146	30
23	10	85	67	147	37
24	12	86	69	148	38
25	12	87	52	149	31
26	11	88	52	150	64
27	15	89	75	151	65
28	16	90	69	152	13
29	16	91	71	153	81
30	26	92	71	154	57
31	27	93	70	155	56
32	27	94	64	156	28
33	26	95	63	157	30
34	29	96	62	158	74
35	33	97	73	159	7
36	33	98	65	160	14
37	77	99	82	161	35
38	34	100	82	162	30
39	36	101	72	163	32
40	35	102	54	164	78
41	29	103	57	165	53
42	31	104	60	166	70
43	35	105	57	167	68
44	39	106	59	168	75
45	36	107	60	169	54
46	37	108	59	170	64
47	20	109	55	171	74
48	25	110	55	172	64
49	20	111	58	173	65
50	24	112	61	174	65
51	24	113	61	175	29
52	25	114	58		
53	25	115	56		
54	81	116	45		
55	21	117	45		
56	21	118	65		
57	80	119	40		
58	43	120	4		
59	43	121	50		
60	44	122	74		
61	47	123	17		
62	47	124	34		

Mayor Miller then informed those present that he has been reelected Mayor for a full term of four years; George W. Brewster, Cathryn A. Geissert and George B. Surber have been elected to the City Council, each for a full term of four years; Vernon W. Coil and Thomas C. Rupert have been reelected City Clerk and City Treasurer respectively; each for a full term of four years. According to the law, the City Clerk shall sign and deliver to each newly-elected person a Certificate of Election only if he has filed his Campaign Statement of Receipts and Expenditures with the City Clerk. City Clerk Coil responded affirmatively in this regard.

The Oath of Office was administered Mr. Coil as City Clerk-elect of the City by Mayor Miller, following which City Clerk Coil administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Miller, Members of the City Council-Elect Brewster, Geissert and Surber, and the City Treasurer-Elect Rupert, and presented each with a Certificate of Election.

Prior to installation of new officials, Mayor Miller requested that Councilman Sciarrotta speak -- his statement follows:

"I have enjoyed my twelve years on this Council -- I honestly believe that I worked hard at my responsibilities. Although the results of the election are not yet over, if I am the loser, I am sure that the City is in good hands. I have confidence in the City Council that is at this moment instituted.

"I want to pay tribute to Ed Ferraro and Jerry Scharfman who made it easier for our Council to function. The department heads are superb. Mr. Ferraro chose wisely -- with men like McKinnon, Shartle, Dundore, Weaver, Remelmeyer, Nash, Van Bellehem, Borgwat, and Chief Slonecker -- what Manager could go wrong? Our City, during Ferraro's regime, was void of sensationalism; our City workers were handled nicely and in a satisfactory way, thanks to Leroy Jackson. I believe he deserves a loftier place.

"Lastly, I think that those members of the Council who are not familiar with our national Constitution should review it periodically and see to it that when we take the oath that we will support the Constitution of the United States of America, as it is really meant. The first seven words in the Preamble are of extreme importance... 'We, the people of the United States....' This means all the people. Some need to review the 14th Amendment which emphasizes that no citizen shall be denied the right of equal opportunity. The welfare clause is of extreme importance -- if I interpret the intent of the General Welfare clause, it means that we must take care of those people who cannot take care of themselves, and that we must elevate each individual to the highest capacity of his abilities through education and skills. Every person in the United States should be a useful person and not a liability. I hope, here in Torrance, we will work towards this end. If there are things which we feel might happen, and we don't want these things to happen, each member of the Council should strive and exhaust every means possible to

find a tool through which to achieve the ends desired by the people. When this is done, we will have a better image, and prevent undesirable publicity, law suits, and costly damages.

"It was a pleasure to have worked with Mayor Miller -- a man of integrity and honesty. Dr. Wilson, another 'great guy'; Jim Armstrong, my good protege -- I want you to climb higher, and when you aspire for loftier goals, I shall be in your corner. George Surber is a gentleman and a man of principle; you always know where he stands -- I wish him luck and good fortune. I expressed my sentiments about George Brewster in the poem which I wrote recently. As for Bill Uerkwitz, I think he is a personable person, but I could never figure out why his off-the-record promise is different than his on-the-record action. All of you do what is best for our City."

Warm applause and a standing ovation accompanied Mr. Sciarrotta's departure from the Council Chambers. His unparalleled dedication to this City, and their high regard for him, was acknowledged by his fellow Council members.

Councilwoman Geissert assumed her new seat on the Council, followed by expressions of appreciation from the newly elected officials, and introductions of family and friends in attendance on this auspicious occasion.

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At the conclusion of this ceremony, Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess -- the hour was 7:50 P.M.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

10. PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.
11. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK.
12. SECRETARIES WEEK.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT UNITS 6A & 6B.
(Wells to Combat Salt Water Intrusion)

RESOLUTION NO. 74-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT UNITS 6A & 6B SUPPLEMENTAL FACILITIES AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN SAID PROJECT WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-67. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. RESOLUTION RE: AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-68

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 OF TORRANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT REGARDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 1970 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 8152.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-68. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Construction of Storm Drain in Madrid Avenue n/o Carson Street and in Earl Street s/o Spencer Street (B73-49) - Job Numbers 74108 (Madrid Avenue) and 55006 (Earl Street).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

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

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2. That \$400 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for Job No. 55006.
3. That \$500 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for Job No. 74108.

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

LAND MANAGEMENT:

16. RESOLUTION authorizing renewal of license between City and Southern California Edison Company for use of Southern California Edison Company Right-of-Way for a concession stand for Little League (Guenser Park).

RESOLUTION NO. 74-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE RENEWAL OF LICENSE BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR USE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A CONCESSION STAND FOR LITTLE LEAGUE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-69. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. RESOLUTION RE: AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE - Edward C. Gorman Amendment Clyde Hammonds.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Adoption of subject resolution, subject to:

1. Construction of a one-hour fire resistant wall (fire protected on both sides) between Hangar "G", 2751 Airport Drive and Hangar "G" at 2755 Airport Drive.
2. Reimbursement to the City of expenses in the amount of \$80.12 for preparation of the assignment documents.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND CLYDE R. HAMMONDS AND THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND EDWARD C. GORMAN.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-70, subject to the above recommendations of the Land Management Team. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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18. RESOLUTION RE: ASSIGNMENT OF AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE FROM JACK W. MITCHELL TO HENRI L. AND BETHEL J. VALETTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF ONE (1) AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE OF JACK W. MITCHELL TO HENRI L. VALETTE AND BETHEL J. VALETTE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-71. His motion ^{was} seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION accepting \$91,000 for the OLDER WORKERS OPERATION MAINSTREAM PROGRAM and setting forth salaries for participants.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

1. That Council formally receive the Older Workers Operation Mainstream Program Grant.
2. Adopt the subject resolution setting forth the salary for participants.
3. Adopt the subject Grant Project Component Budget as a modification to the City's budget.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (for previously stated
reasons).

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 74-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE OLDER WORKERS OPERATION MAINSTREAM PROGRAM AND SETTING FORTH SALARIES FOR PARTICIPANTS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-72; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (for previously stated
reasons).

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PARK AND RECREATION:

20. RESOLUTION endorsing the method of establishing a priority list of expenditures and the distribution of funds from the State Beach, Park, Historical and Recreational Facilities Bond Act of 1974.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING THE METHOD OF ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY LIST OF EXPENDITURES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE BEACH, PARK, HISTORICAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 1974.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-73. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Surber, Uerkwitz*, Wilson,
Mayor Miller.

(*A negative vote was originally cast by Councilman Uerkwitz, but changed to "yes" following clarification by Legislative Liaison Rupert relative to Torrance eligibility for other monies under the State portion of this Bond Act, as well as under the County portion.)

It was the comment of Councilman Surber, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he is not voting for the Bond Act but for the distribution of funds.

Councilwoman Geissert commended Acting Director of Recreation Simpelaar for her tenacity and dedication in achieving the establishment of an equitable distribution formula, to the ultimate benefit of the City of Torrance.

21. RESOLUTION accepting \$30,000 Naval Annex Utilization Study Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THE GRANT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO DO A UTILIZATION STUDY ON THE NAVAL ANNEX; APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR SAID STUDY; AND AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITING OF PROPOSALS FOR HIRING A CONSULTING FIRM AS SUBCONTRACTOR.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-74. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:22. ORDINANCE 2480.ORDINANCE NO. 2480

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 BORDER AVENUE AND PLAZA DEL AMO, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 73-27.

(Don Wilson Builders)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2480 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILWOMAN: Geissert (not a member of the Council at the first reading).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:23. PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CONTRACTING FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS SERVICES.

Staff presentation was made by Sr. Administrative Assistant Meyer.

Present were Mr. Darrell Humiston, representing Honeywell, who questioned the accuracy of the Staff evaluation and noted their existing contract with the City with some three years yet to run -- and Mr. Lloyd Sappington, Xerox Computer Services, who requested consideration of their company in view of what appears to be a lack of communication in this matter. The merits of each of these companies were outlined in detail by these speakers.

It was the consensus of the Council that this intricate matter should be reviewed by the Finance Committee for an appropriate recommendation. Councilman Armstrong so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller requested that Councilwoman Geissert temporarily serve on the Finance Committee. The meeting date on this matter was set for Thursday, April 18th, at 4:30 P.M.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

24. CONTINUED HEARING - V 74-1, LAUREL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Request for a Variance of the 15,000 sq. ft. lot area requirement in the C-5 zone to allow the division of land into two parcels, one of which would contain 14,250 square feet, on the south side of Emerald Street approximately 95 feet west of Hawthorne Boulevard. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Representing the proponent, Attorney Mike Donaldson requested that this request be tabled for the present.

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

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to table V 74-1 to a time indefinite, subject to readvertising at the proponent's expense. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

That Council approve the following purchases:

- A. BUDGETED ITEMS:
1. \$3,608.92 to L.F.E. Automatic Signal Division for miscellaneous repair parts for traffic signal equipment required by the Department of Transportation.
 2. \$336.00 to Dentin Manufacturing Company for four each 7-ft. concrete benches, requested by Department of Transportation.
 3. \$459.33 to Sprayway Company for miscellaneous repair parts for street striper unit, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
 4. \$950.82 to Couch and Philippi Company for 300 each "Bus Stop" signs, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
 5. \$343.44 to Duncun-Hunter for one only 20-ton air-hydraulic 20-ton jack requested by the City Garage as a replacement.
 6. \$460.67 to Dearth Machinery Company for miscellaneous Wayne sweeper repair parts, as requested by the City Garage.
 7. \$399.62 to Inglewood Stationers for 2,000 only correspondence transmittal envelopes, as requested by Central Services.
 8. \$572.03 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for one desk and four chairs, as requested by Central Services, required as replacements.
 9. \$1,266.40 to Ingram Paper for various sizes, weights of bond paper, as requested by Central Services.
 10. \$1,545.52 to Noland Paper Company for various sizes of colored paper, as requested by Central Services.
 11. \$300.65 to Inglewood Stationers for the printing of 400 special Armed Forces invitations with envelopes, as requested by the City Manager's Office.
 12. \$400.68 to A-1 Stove Service for the purchase of replacement parts for small stoves in City parks. Parts include 24 vial burners, 24 porcelain handles and 12 gas valves, as requested by the Park Services Division.
 13. \$3,108.98 to Joslin Lumber Company for lumber and miscellaneous building supplies as requested by the Building and Maintenance Department for necessary repairs to the Bartlett Center.

14. \$708.08 to Hersey Products, Inc. for one only 3-inch Hersey Water Meter as requested by the Water Dept. as a replacement.
15. \$1,179.14 to Park Son, Inc. for eight each 6-inch pipe valves requested by the Water Department.
16. \$1,767.15 to Neptune Meter Company for 12 only Neptune water meters, as requested by the Water Department.
17. \$1,749.00 to Sandler Brothers for annual contract to supply 3,000 pounds of #1 rags requested by the Custodial Department, to be delivered on an "as needed" basis.
18. \$2,612.37 to Crown Coach Corporation to repaint and generally refurbish one of Torrance's older fire engines, as requested by the Fire Department.
19. \$721.35 to Capital Fire and Equipment Company for six only white salvage covers, as requested by the Fire Department as replacements.
20. \$2,165.58 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for two Motorola vehicle radios requested by the Police Department.
21. \$2,194.20 to Don A. Wren & Company for 2,000 pounds of gutter wire as requested by the Street and Sanitation Department, as replacements.
22. \$6,250.00 to Greene's Ready Mixed Concrete Company for a three months contract extension for ready mixed concrete with prices unchanged.
23. \$2,002.74 to Industrial Electric for an annual contract to supply long life street and traffic signal lamps "as requested" by the Department of Transportation.
24. \$3,797.67 to Baker & Taylor Company for 535 library books.
25. \$1,197.65 to Needham Book Finders for 393 library books.
26. \$303.74 to Remington Rand Corporation for the purchase of 1,000 file guides to a special design to match existing file guides in the Police Department's large central filing system.
27. \$1,534.88 to Johns Manville Pipe Division for 400 ft. of 10" transit pipe requested by the Street Department for Prairie-Madrona Project.
28. \$440.75 to Keenan Pipe and Supply Company for 4 only 45° ells 10" dia. and three only 30° ells 10" dia. required to connect the pipe listed in Item 27 above.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

- 29. \$351.71 to Park Son, Inc. for one each 10-inch pipe sleeve and one only 6-inch water valve, as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Martin Batrud Service. Payment has already been received.
- 30. \$4,145.51 to Hersey Products, Inc. for one only 8-inch Hersey water meter for installation at the K.D. Fechner service; and one only 2-inch and one only 6-inch Hersey water meter for installation at Western Financial Construction Company, as requested by the Water Department. Payment has already been received for both of these services.
- 31. \$678.50 to Van Lingen Body Shop for repairs to City Street Sweeper Units #9112 and #7145 involved in accidents, as requested by the City Garage.

26. CLAIM of Todd Tilton Farlow for damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

27. CLAIM of Kathy Petersen for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

28. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL 3½" FIRE HOSE.

(REF. BID #B74-3) EXPENDITURE: \$5,374.20

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the awarding of this contract for the additional requested hose to the previous successful bidder - the American Rubber Mfg. Company - at the low bid price per foot in the total amount of \$5,374.20 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #25,26,27, and #28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 9:15 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz 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. The Council returned to its agenda at 9:19 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Manager Ferraro, on behalf of Staff, congratulated the newly elected officials of the City, and indicated that they are looking forward to working with this Council in the continuing creation of good government.

30. Operation of a Highway Patrol helicopter at the Torrance Airport on April 17th and 18th, for the purpose of picking up automobile bodies on the beach, was reported by City Manager Ferraro.

31. Board of Supervisors' action this date approving 10¢ bus fares for students was noted by City Manager Ferraro, with the recommendation that the City of Torrance take like action to amend the contract with Los Angeles County accordingly.

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

32. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported the request of the Oil Board that its April meeting be excused due to the fact that he has been unable to prepare the material needed by the Board. Councilman Armstrong MOVED to concur with the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. Student intern interviews scheduled for 6 P.M. April 23rd were noted by City Manager Ferraro, with the request that these interviews be continued to the meeting of April 30th in order to permit the receipt of additional applications. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. City Attorney Remelmeyer returned to the matter of the Recount Board, and recommended that members be appointed immediately rather than waiting until April 23rd. Disagreement was expressed by the Council, in view of the fact that many interested parties had now departed from the meeting, and this would be "changing the rules" -- it was the specific comment of Councilman Surber that his attorneys have left with the impression that the appointments would not be made at this time, and it is improper to so suggest at this point.

No action was taken by the Council.

35. Councilman Uerkwitz noted that the Corridor Study consultant bids have gone forward, and commended the outstanding efforts of City Staff in this matter.

36. The unnecessary problems now created by the "Odd/Even" gasoline arrangements were noted by Councilman Uerkwitz who MOVED that the Council rescind the "Odd/Even" service station arrangements, per like action taken by Los Angeles County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

37. Councilman Uerkwitz recorded his congratulations to the election victors and his high regard for Ross Sciarrotta, stating that "it is no secret we have disagreed philosophically on many items, but I want the record to show that I really appreciate the sincere efforts that Ross puts in, particularly the enthusiasm he shows for governmental practices, in the City, County, State, and Federal Governments, and his dedication thereto. He is a very patriotic man, and I respect him for having the intestinal fortitude to display it."

38. The departure of Daily Breeze Reporter, Thom Mead, via a promotion on this newspaper, was regretfully reported by Councilman Armstrong, with the request that there be appropriate recognition of his efficient coverage of this Council's varied activities. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The outstanding job done by Thom was specifically lauded by Mayor Miller who deemed his reporting re: this Council "meaningful, accurate, and to the point".

39. Councilman Wilson noted the communication from Dr. Willian Leffland, 19320 Tomlee, re: the widening of Flagler and the effect on residents to the east, and requested that Staff follow through in this matter.

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At 9:40 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions, following confirmation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that this is a proper subject for Executive Session discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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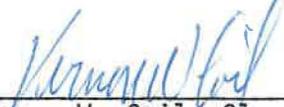
The Council returned at 9:45 P.M., at which time Councilman Surber moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Minute Secretary

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance