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5:00 P.M.

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

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 1974, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, 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:

Mrs. Avis Fay led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Surber moved that after the City 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.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

No reports.

PRESENTATIONS:9. PRESENTATION OF TILE PLAQUE TO MRS. AVIS FAY.

Mayor Miller congratulated Mrs. Fay who was selected as Los Angeles County Outstanding Older American for Torrance, and who was honored at the 9th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day, May 11, 1974, by the Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County -- he presented her with a plaque in recognition of this event. There was grateful acceptance by Mrs. Fay.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH.

11. NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.

12. MARCH OF DIMES HEALTHY BABY WEEK.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMITTEE MATTERS:13. APPOINTMENTS TO AD HOC COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Mayor Miller announced the following Ad Hoc Council Committee appointments:

Charter Review:

Councilmembers: Uerkwitz (Chairman); Wilson, Geissert.

Legislative Liaison:

Councilmembers: Armstrong (Chairman); Brewster; Mayor Miller.

Oil Landscaping:

Councilmembers: Wilson (Chairman); Brewster, Uerkwitz.

14. Held for later in the meeting. See Page 4.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

15. INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING concerning the construction of a Storm Drain in Tract 26507 (Sunnyglen Construction Company) and adjacent property, and the establishment of a Drainage Reimbursement District.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ENGINEER:

That, following the informal public hearing, Council approve and authorize the establishment of a Drainage Reimbursement District at subject location.

Staff clarification was provided by City Engineer Weaver; Mayor Miller ascertained that there was no one present who wished to speak on this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (a "procedural" No -- a vote
that has been cast on this case from
the very beginning.)

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

16. "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" Sign at 3680 Pacific Coast Highway.

There was review of Council consideration of the May 7th oral communication in this matter. The proponent, Mr. Tony Cattoni, was present to describe his difficulties -- his acute need for parking on Pacific Coast Highway and the related economic impact to his business.

Council discussion was directed to remedial avenues, as well as ^{to} the particular needs of Pacific Coast Highway, present and future. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the existing "no parking" posting on the 300 ft. east of Hawthorne Boulevard on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway be retained, with removal of such sign in the remaining 300 ft. to 242nd Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilwoman Geissert indicated that her "no" vote was a reluctant one -- however, the decision was made well before the subject use of the property.

REAL PROPERTY:

17. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO LA ROMERIA PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the sum of \$60,200 be appropriated from the Park and Recreation Facilities Tax Fund for the purchase of this property and incidental escrow expenses therefor.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Land Management Team. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:18. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1973, WITH OPINION FROM INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council offer a motion acknowledging acceptance of the Finance Director's Annual Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Official Audit Opinion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1973.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to accept the Finance Director's Annual Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Official Audit Opinion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Council returned to consider Item #14, interested parties having now arrived at the Council meeting:

14. REPORT OF COUNCIL PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RE: JOINT MEETING WITH TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD.

Committee recommendations, per memorandum of record dated May 9, 1974, were outlined by Councilman Wilson.

Specifically noted were the Committee recommendations regarding the use of Hull Sump (233rd Street and Arlington Avenue,) as follows:

(Subject to official agreement by the Torrance Board of Education):

1. That the area of the sump, after filling, remain as perpetual open space (which means that since a structural fill is not needed, that Class III material can be used, thereby greatly reducing the cost of, and the time needed, for the project).
2. That the estimated cost of filling the sump without placing top soil, sprinklers, or seeding, which is approximately \$22,000.00, be shared between the City and the School District.
3. That the City Manager be directed to initiate environmental assessment proceedings.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to accept the Committee report and the above recommendations re: the Hull Sump. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Lowell Harison, 2024 West 236th Street, representing SETHA and J.H. Hull PTA Executive Board, expressed appreciation to City Staff and the City Council for their efforts and approval in regard to the subject sump.

FISCAL MATTERS:19. 1974-75 BUDGET PRESENTATION DATE - SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOP SESSIONS.

It was agreed to first meet on Thursday, May 30th from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M.; and to meet from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on the remaining sessions, per tentative schedule; meeting adjustments to be made after each session.

20. LETTER OF INTENT FOR CONTRACTING WITH COMPUTER SCIENCE CORPORATION FOR DATA PROCESSING SERVICES AND ACCOMPANYING REPORT FROM EVALUATION COMMITTEE.RECOMMENDATION OF EVALUATION COMMITTEE:

That the City:

1. Proceed in developing a contract with the Computer Sciences Corporation for data processing services. As the first step, the City Manager would be authorized to sign a Letter of Intent with a formal contract to then be submitted to Council on May 28, 1974.
2. That the City Attorney be directed to prepare a Resolution declaring Council's intent not to budget funds in 1974-75 for the continued lease of Honeywell computer equipment.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that he would abstain in this matter for the reason that his employer is in the process of designing a nationwide voice network for Computer Science Corporation, even though it is completely unrelated to the subject contract.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Evaluation Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

21. WITHDRAWN.PARK AND RECREATION:22. DONATIONS FROM TORRANCE CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That the City Council accept the donation of \$500 representing the City's share of the proceeds of the 1973 Guild Holiday Faire held at Joslyn Center of the Arts. As requested by the Guild, we concur with their recommendation that the money be placed in the special Donation Account No. 2146 to be used for the expansion of the craft workshops at Joslyn. We also concur with the recommendation that \$237.97 from their previous donations to the City be placed in the special account.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to accept, with gratitude, the \$500 donation from the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request that the money be placed in Donation Account No. 2146, and that the sum of \$237.97 from their previous donations to the City be placed in that special account. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. A. RESOLUTION directing the filing of a notice of intent to apply for a land and water conservation grant for initial development of the Charles H. Wilson Park (Naval Annex).

RESOLUTION NO. 74-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE FILING OF
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A LAND
AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT FOR INITIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHARLES H. WILSON
PARK (NAVAL ANNEX).

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-95. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

- B. RESOLUTION directing the filing of a notice of intent to apply for a land and water conservation grant for the acquisition of Madrona Marsh.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE FILING OF
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A LAND
AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF THE MADRONA MARSH.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-96. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Questioned by Councilman Surber was the propriety of the naming of a park after an individual -- i.e. the Charles H. Wilson Park -- in light of City policy in this respect; more appropriately it should be named after a naval hero rather than a politician. Councilman Uerkwitz recalled past Park and Recreation Commission action denying the naming of a park after an individual.

Congressman Wilson's efforts and his key role in this park acquisition were noted by Mayor Miller, and the foregoing comments were deemed a negative factor in this pending transaction.

No formal action was taken by the Council.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. Executive Session regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

Held for later in the meeting. See Page 15.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

25. COUNCIL RECOGNITION OF MR. TOMMY WHITTAKER FOR HIS LIFE-SAVING ACTION.

RECOMMENDATION OF FIRE CHIEF:

That the Council give appropriate recognition to Mr. Tommy Whittaker for his life-saving action at a recent industrial plant explosion, and, further, that the American Red Cross and Congressman Anderson be invited to make their awards in conjunction with Council recognition.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2482.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BOARD.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2482 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2481.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SEXUAL MATERIAL; AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 4 TO SAID CODE PROHIBITING PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SEXUALLY-ORIENTED MATTER.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2481 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

28. RESOLUTION of the City Council encouraging and supporting the bid of the City of Los Angeles to stage the Summer Games of the XXII Olympiad in 1980.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE BID OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO STAGE THE SUMMER GAMES OF THE XXII OLYMPIAD IN 1980.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-97. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

(Items #29, 30 and 31 were considered together.)

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

29. V 74-5, DANIEL KIM. Request for a Variance of permitted uses and minimum lot size requirements in the M-L (C-4) zone to permit the construction of two residential duplexes on the north side of Emerald Street approximately 170 feet east of Mansel Avenue. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

30. PP 74-6, DANIEL KIM. Appeal of Planning Commission action on a Precise Plan of Development to permit the construction of two residential duplexes, located on the north side of Emerald Street approximately 170 feet east of Mansel Avenue. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

31. D 74-6, DANIEL KIM. Appeal of Planning Commission action on a division of one lot into two parcels in order to construct a duplex on each site on property located at the north side of Emerald Street approximately 170 feet east of Mansel Avenue. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Affidavits of Publication on Items 29, 30, and 31 were presented by City Clerk Coil, and they were ordered filed, there being no objection. Mayor Miller announced that he would ABSTAIN in the foregoing items, in that he is personally involved in this matter, and departed from the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson assumed leadership of the meeting, and invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle who noted that the Planning Commission has recommended denial, while the Planning Department has recommended approval, subject to conditions.

The owner of the subject property, Mr. Harrison Scott, 908 Patronella, described his extensive difficulties in developing this property and its costly requirements, financial and otherwise, complicated by revised zoning and City ordinances. Mr. Scott also advised that he had support of the proposed development by the Victor Homeowners Association.

Next to speak was the applicant in this matter, Mr. Daniel Kim, who reported the Staff encouragement of the proposed duplexes after many meetings in the involvement thereof -- Mr. Kim added that he likely had not prepared enough material for his Planning Commission presentation, which resulted in denial. Noted by Mr. Kim was the fact that the proposed development will be low density, free of traffic and parking problems, and will provide substantial open space.

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, with Mayor Miller abstaining.

Councilman Armstrong deemed Mr. Scott's experiences relative to this property a "horror story", and MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for approval, subject to conditions, on Items #29, 30 and 31. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Mayor Miller abstaining.

(Mayor Miller returned to the meeting at this time.)

32. CUP 74-13, FUJITA CORPORATION, U.S.A. Automatic appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of two industrial buildings in the M-2 zone on the north side of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway right-of-way approximately midway between 235th Street and Lomita Boulevard at the end of Telo Avenue.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 hearing -- this being an automatic City Council-directed review of significant developments prior to Master Plan adoption.

The request of the proponent for the deletion of sidewalks in this development was noted by Planning Director Shartle. City Engineer Weaver voiced his objections to such deletion, and deemed them of great importance in light of recent interest in jogging, walking, bicycling, etc. It was the consensus of the Council that the sidewalks should be required, with Staff flexibility re: setbacks, etc.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, subject to conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

33. RESOLUTION granting CUP 74-13, Fujita Corporation, U.S.A.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS ON PROPERTY IN THE M-2 ZONE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN 235TH STREET AND LOMITA BOULEVARD AT THE END OF TELO AVENUE.

(CUP 74-13 (EA 73-25) - FUJITA CORPORATION)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-98. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

34. RED CURB AT 234 CALLE MIRAMAR.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That five feet of red curb markings northwest of the driveway at 234 Calle Miramar be left.

Staff presentation was made by Director of Transportation Horkay, following which the owner of the subject property, Mrs. Tanja Desmari described the difficulties of getting in and out of this driveway, and indicated that the recommended 5 feet would be most helpful.

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

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ROUTINE MATTERS:35. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$301.19 to Tell Steel, Inc. for required miscellaneous types and sizes of steel (hot rolled) requested by the City Garage for fabrication work.
2. \$2,155.04 to International Truck Parts for various factory replacement repair parts requested by the City Garage to repair IHC engines.
3. \$427.18 to Engine Parts Company for two only replacement Ford engine blocks as requested by the City Garage for rubbish truck auxilliary power plants.
4. \$1,023.91 to S & J Chevrolet Company for necessary repairs to an Allison transmission as requested by the City Garage for Unit #9026.
5. \$704.96 to Associated of Los Angeles for eleven weather-proof mercury vapor lamp ballasts, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
6. \$608.44 to Zumar Industry for 500 sets of sign mounting hardware and 20 traffic control "speed limit" signs, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
7. \$539.33 to Capital Fire Equipment Company for various sizes and types of fire fighting pump and hose fittings, as requested by the Fire Department.
8. \$567.20 to Golden State Paint for coating material required by Building and Maintenance to coat Municipal Plunge swimming area to stop peeling and discoloration.
9. \$413.72 to Pacific States C.I. for six each 6-inch water tees, as requested by the Water Department.
10. \$1,680.74 to Western Water Works Supply, Inc. for miscellaneous sizes and types of water fittings, valves, etc., as requested by the Water Department.
11. \$2,232.90 to Baker and Taylor Company for 342 library books.
12. \$914.48 to Needham Book Finders for 236 library books.
13. \$350.00 to The Kirkus Service, Inc. for the renewal of 7 subscriptions to the Kirkus Review.

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14. \$3,642.16 to Park Son, Inc. for the purchase of 10 each 6" water valves, and 10 each 8" water valves, as requested by the Water Department.
15. \$2,516.09 to Ingram Paper Company for the purchase of necessary paper required by the Central Services Division to print various City requirements.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

16. \$2,148.62 to Hersey Products, Inc. for one only six-inch Hersey water meter, as requested by the Water Department for installation at E. Averback Company.
17. \$2,286.95 to Superior Printers for the printing of 200 copies of Planning Department Environmental Impact Report for Barclay, Hollander & Curci, Inc. (Ref.: Reports #EA73-139 and ZC 73-23).

36. CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITION TO EL RETIRO LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/CITY LIBRARIAN:

That Metropolitan Construction and Maintenance Company, Inc., the low bidder in the base bid and alternates combined, be awarded the contract to construct the addition to El Retiro Library in the total amount of \$44,630. In order to fund other costs -- e.g., change orders, plaques, refinishing charge desk, and other unforeseen problems -- it is further recommended that a 5% contingency factor (\$2,232.00) be added, making a total of \$46,862; and that the project be funded by monies in the 1967 Library Bond Fund (appropriation).

37. CONSTRUCTION OF EL RETIRO PARKING LOT (B74-19) JOB NO. 74138.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/CITY LIBRARIAN:

That the sole bid be rejected and the project be readvertised.

38. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 2 Truck Utility Bodies (Bid No. B74-26)
Expenditure: \$3,522.37.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of awarding contracts to the low bidders, as follows:

1. Award a contract for Item 1 (Fire Department utility body for a truck already purchased to SSP Truck Equipment Company in the total amount of \$1,079.07, including tax.
2. Award a contract for Item 2 (Street Department 5 cu. yd. dump body for truck already purchased) to Garwood-L.A. Truck Equipment Company in the total amount of \$2,443.30, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #35, 36, 37, and #38. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

39. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 32174.
(4305 Professional Building)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That final tract map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer and Planning Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (did not receive copy of item).

- # 40. ROSA WILSON, ET AL, v. CITY OF TORRANCE. (See below)

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The hour being 8:45 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:48 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. May birthdays of Councilmen Uerkwitz and Wilson were noted by City Manager Ferraro -- "Happy Birthday" wishes were extended by all present.

42. City Manager Ferraro advised of the appointment of Mayor Miller as Chairman of the Los Angeles County League of California Cities Mayors Division.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

40. ROSA WILSON, et al, v. CITY OF TORRANCE.

Following clarification of his May 14th communication in this matter, City Attorney Remelmeyer requested Council authorization of the hiring of Ralph Nutter for the subject lawsuit, and appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the General Fund to pay his fees. Councilman Uerkwitz so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster re: his "no" vote that it was, from the beginning a prima facie case of discrimination; he will not vote for funds to defend same.

41A. Councilman Armstrong discussed H.R. 14463 re: the establishment of Madrona Marsh as a natural wildlife refuge, and its referral to Committee, and MOVED that the City Attorney be directed to frame

a resolution in support of this legislation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Wilson, Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber, Uerkwitz.

42. Councilwoman Geissert requested that there be recognition of the outstanding contribution to the creditable Armed Forces Day ceremonies made by the late Col. Jack Goetz. Mrs. Geissert outlined Col. Goetz' brilliant military career, as well as his long-standing dedication to this annual event in the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that a symbol of the City's appreciation be presented to Mrs. Goetz at the Armed Forces Day luncheon on the Saturday. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Bob Morris, chairman of Recognition/Luncheon Committees for the Armed Forces Day Committee, reported on their finding that such recognition would be inappropriate. Mr. Morris also noted like considerations for Robert Vroman, and recommended that any recognition be directed to both these men.

Council discussion was directed to the previous Council tribute to Mr. Vroman, Council policy relative to recognition of individuals, the appropriate time for presentation and the pressing time element, etc.

It was the ultimate consensus that such presentation to Mrs. Goetz be made, if it can be accomplished in the limited time schedule. Roll call vote on this concept was unanimously favorable.

43. Councilman Wilson reported on S.B. 702 pertaining to open space land zoning, and requested that Staff study and report back at the earliest time the feasibility of the City of Torrance enacting such a zone which could be applied to the Madrona Marsh property.

44. The status of South Bay cities consolidation to develop some kind of a front-in opposition to the present RTD proposal was reported by both Mayor Miller and Councilman Brewster.

45. A check in the amount of \$2000, from the Riviera Homeowners Association, for the El Retiro Library Project was generously bestowed by Mrs. Barbara Sorenson, on behalf of this group, with most grateful acceptance by Mayor Miller.

46. Mark Ozawa, Torrance Youth Council, requested Council approval of \$100 to cover expenses which will be incurred at the annual Youth Coalition at the Sheraton Hotel this coming weekend -- an event being hosted by the Torrance Youth Council.

There was review of budgetary and communication difficulties, it being noted by City Manager Ferraro that \$250.00 has already been authorized for the bus trip for the conference, along with some \$100 from the Park and Recreation Department.

Councilman Brewster deemed the subject conference of significant importance to the many youth who will be present, as well as being hosted by the Torrance Youth Council, and should be a very valuable community relations endeavor.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to allow the Youth Council a sum up to \$500 total expenditure for the sponsorship and hosting of the subject Youth Coalition, such amount to include the bus charges. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Wilson, Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber ("I don't like the procedure.")
Uerkwitz (should have been more
awareness re: financial limitations.)

City Manager Ferraro advised Mr. Ozawa that, in the future, such commitments should first have Council approval.

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ITEM #24:

At 9:30 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to consider hours, wages, and working conditions, after confirmation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that this is a proper subject matter for such session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (City Manager Ferraro announced that no action would be taken.)

The Council returned at 10:30 P.M. Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Tuesday, May 21, 1974, at 5:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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APPROVED:

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City of Torrance, California

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