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Adjourned at 11:15 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, August 6, 1974, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Armstrong (illness).

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Sandra Frankenberg led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the minutes of July 9, 1974 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Brewster moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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 (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Oil Landscaping Committee:

Met this date -- will again meet on August 20th at 4 P.M.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Will meet with School Board Committee prior to August 15th at 7:30 A.M.

Public Works Committee:

Next meeting scheduled for August 13th at 6:00 P.M. to consider the size of trash barrels.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. RESOLUTION re: Tomei Construction Company, Prairie/Madrona Project - Phase I (B73-45)

RESOLUTION NO. 74-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE WITH TOMEI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-166. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

10. EXPIRING KIDWELL T-HANGARS - Request for Waiver of Advertising Policy APL-28.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT COMMISSION: That Policy APL-28 Advertising of Airport Property Available for Leasing be waived in the instance of the expiring Kidwell T-Hangar Lease (Site T-3), and the Transportation Administrator be authorized and directed to negotiate hangar rental agreements with the existing tenants to remain in the premises.

NOTE: Commissioner Marousek clarified his intent in his motion at the Airport Commission meeting that the tenants be so notified that neither the Airport Commission, nor the Transportation Department, hold any responsibility for relocating them, if and when the time comes that the lease is not renewed. It was recommended by Transportation Administrator Critchfield that a clause, to the above effect, be added to the lease agreement, in addition to notification, per Mr. Marousek's request.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Department of Transportation and Airport Commission, including Note re: Commissioner Marousek's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

11. RELOCATION PAYMENT - Parcel 2, Columbia Park Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That Council authorize a relocation payment in the amount of \$10,000 to Inosuke Shoji, as set forth in subject claim.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Land Management Team. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

12. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the execution of a first amendatory contract to provide for additional relocation funds for the Columbia Park Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDATORY CONTRACT AMENDING CONTRACT FOR GRANT TO ACQUIRE AND/OR DEVELOP LAND FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES NO. CALIF. OSA-370-(G) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-167. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. RESOLUTION to extend Assessment amounts in Street Lighting District No. 16.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE THIRD YEAR (OF THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD) BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1974 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1975, PURSUANT TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 72-147; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND EMPOWERING SAID TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTIONS OF SAID ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SAID THIRD YEAR, AND TO TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE

STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 16 FUND,
 \$39,576.00 AS THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION
 TO AID AND ASSIST IN MEETING A PORTION
 OF THE COST HEREIN AND AS REFERRED TO IN
 RESOLUTION NO. 72-145, ADOPTED JULY 18,
 1972.

(STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 16)

Prior to taking action on the above Resolution, clarification was provided by Mr. Patrick Rossetti, L.J. Thompson Assessment Engineers, regarding the increased assessment amounts.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-168. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

14. RESOLUTION approving revised agreement with Breir, Gralnick, White and Del Rosario, management consultants.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
 CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
 ING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
 AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BREIER, GRALNIK,
 WHITE & DEL ROSARIO FOR CONSULTATION
 SERVICES RELATIVE TO MANAGEMENT CONTROL
 OVER OPERATIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-169. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

15. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with American Bonding Company for compromise and settlement of Superior Court Action No. SWC 22848 entitled City of Torrance, et al vs. Abbey Construction Company, et al.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
 CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
 AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT
 CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND
 AMERICAN BONDING COMPANY FOR THE COMPROMISE
 AND SETTLEMENT OF SUPERIOR COURT ACTION NO.
 SWC 22848 ENTITLED CITY OF TORRANCE, ET AL,
 VS. ABBEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ET AL,
 ARISING OUT OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHEAST
 TORRANCE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-170. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

16. MASTER PLAN OF DE PORTOLA PARK (Tract 26507).

Held for later in the meeting. See Page 9.

WATER SYSTEM:

17. APPROPRIATION from Water Revenue Fund for land acquisition of 17507-09 and 17549 Yukon Avenue (Job 73136).

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That Council approve an appropriation of an additional amount of \$2,000 from the Water Revenue Fund to cover expenses to date over the appropriated amount of \$89,548 for land acquisition of 17507-09 and 17549 Yukon Avenue (Job 73136).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Water System Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss wages, hours and working conditions.

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 19.

19. Withdrawn.

20. MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING with various Employee Organizations.

See Page 19.

OIL MATTERS:

21. REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF ORDINANCE REGULATING SUBSURFACE ASPECTS OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE OIL BOARD:

That the City Attorney be directed to study and prepare appropriate ordinances regulating the subsurface exploration, recovery, production and associated activities of oil and gas operations within the City of Torrance boundary.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Torrance Oil Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster, concurred in by City Attorney Remelmeyer, that a draft of the subject ordinance be forwarded to the Attorney General to assure that it is in proper form.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:22. PROPOSED COUNCILMANIC POLICY FROM FINE ARTS COMMISSION.

City Manager Ferraro noted the need for further study in this matter, and requested referral to a Council Committee. There were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to refer agenda item #22 to the Park Recreation, and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

23. APPOINTMENT OF A BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE.RESOLUTION NO. 74-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-171. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that City Manager Ferraro investigate possibilities of renewed efforts for recognition of Torrance as the "All-America City" once again -- such an honor would be most appropriate during the Bicentennial Year.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Considered first:

25. HEARING ON APPEAL CUP 74-36, REAL ESTATE CONCEPTS CORPORATION.

Automatic Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a retail shopping center containing approximately 22,000 square feet of floor area in the C-5 zone, located on the southwest corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Western Avenue.
APPROVED 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 hearing -- this being an automatic City Council-directed review of significant developments prior to Master Plan adoption.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of CUP 74-36, subject to conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

The Council now returned to:

24. RESOLUTION approving CUP 74-36, Real Estate Concepts Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER IN THE C-5 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND WESTERN AVENUE.

CUP 74-36 (EA 74-65)

REAL ESTATE CONCEPTS CORPORATION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

26. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT #4.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place established by the Council at its August 6, 1974 meeting, when and where any and all persons having any protests or objections to the proposed Underground Utility District may appear before the City Council of the City of Torrance and show cause why the subject area should not be designated an Underground Utility District.

Affidavits of Mailing and Publication were presented by City Clerk Coil. Councilman Uerkwitz moved they be filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

There were no written protests.

The City Engineer's report was presented -- Councilman Brewster moved that the report be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

There being no one present who wished to speak, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. The motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING CARSON STREET FROM HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD TO OCEAN AVENUE AS AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF POLES, OVERHEAD WIRES

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AND ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD STRUCTURES WITHIN
THE DESIGNATED AREA AS PROVIDED IN
SECTION 77.1.21 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
CODE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-173. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

27. SIGN APPEAL - Jack's Carpetmarket, 25304 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Sr. Environmental Officer Godfrey provided Staff clarification regarding the denial of a painted wall sign by the Environmental Quality Commission, concurred in by the Building and Safety Department.

The proponent, Mr. Jack Lentz, was present to describe his dire need for such a wall sign in order to attract customers to his store.

Council discussion ensued -- a 2½'x15' sign (rather than the requested 3'x 20') was deemed acceptable. Noted by Mr. Godfrey was the Staff recommendation, in the event of approval of the appeal, that the sign not be painted on the wall, but, rather, be fabricated of a suitable compatible material reduced in size and installed on the wall. Concurrence was indicated by the proponent.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to grant the sign appeal of Jack's Carpetmarket, with the modification conforming to the Staff recommendation that the sign not be painted on the wall, but, rather, be facricated of a suitable compatible material reduced in size and installed on the wall; subject sign to be approximately 2½'x15'. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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The Council returned to:

PARK AND RECREATION:

16. SCHEMATIC MASTER PLAN OF DE PORTOLA PARK (Tract 26507)

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT:

That the SCHEMATIC MASTER PLAN FOR DE PORTOLA PARK be approved.

Formal presentation was made by Director of Park and Recreation Director Van Bellehem and Landscape Architect Allen Ribera -- renderings of the proposed De Portola Park, slides, and various berm arrangements, were displayed and clarified by these speakers.

Noted by City Clerk Coil was the August 6th communication, of record, from Mr. Stuart T. Fulton, 3032 Winlock Road. Mr. Fulton was in attendance, and City Manager Ferraro responded to the questions contained in the subject communication.

Other speakers were:

Mr. Dennis Browning, 3212 Winlock Road, who indicated concurrence with the basic concept of the park but noted that numerous details have to be resolved. Mr. Browning then pointed out Condition #4 requiring that the berm be rebuilt to its present approximate height, and noted that such is not the case for the proposed park berm behind his property and other affected properties in this area.

Next to speak was Mr. John Davis, 2936 Winlock Road, who pointed out the need for consideration of the houses proposed on either side of the park and the effect on them of rebuilding the berm to its original height. Clarification in this regard was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

The president of the Walteria Homeowners Association, Mr. Charles Clark, 3023 Winlock Road, commended the design of the park and its amenities -- however, it is the feeling of Walteria residents that they desire segregation from this new development by way of a berm at the existing height, per the condition imposed upon the developer. Any deviation in the berm height calls for a readvertised public hearing to permit resident input, per Mr. Clark.

Mrs. Florence Mallory 2920 Winlock Road, recalled Council assurance that all conditions would be met -- it now appears that Condition #4 is in jeopardy.

Mrs. Diane Davis, 2936 Winlock Road, stated that it had always been her understanding that the berm would be retained, and that this had been made very clear. She then questioned whether or not the City Council can change a condition placed on a tract map at a public hearing without an advertised public hearing? Deputy Attorney Freeman advised that the Code would permit this; however, he noted the consistent Council policy in the matter of public hearings.

Council discussion ensued -- of primary concern was an appropriate height for the berm and the effect thereof on the overall park acreage. Other concerns were adequate parking arrangements and

space provisions; the Tandem Way entrance; Park and Recreation Commission/Department-homeowners differences of opinion as to the park configuration; etc. It was the consensus of the Council that this matter be referred to the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee for, hopefully, resolution and recommendation, with all interested parties to be in attendance. It was also agreed that Mr. Charles Clark should participate in these deliberations, on behalf of the Walteria homeowners.

Likewise recommended was that a mock-up of the site be prepared, and that alternative considerations be provided.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer Item #16 to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Armstrong absent).

A tentative meeting date of August 29th was established.

Council discussion was then directed to the sand and gravel pit operation -- Building and Safety Director McKinnon reported on the present scaled-down operation and the relationship to the grading activities of the tract, and noted that the dirt removal would occur, whether by Chandler or whether the developer hired someone else to take it out, under the terms of the grading permit.

Deputy Attorney Freeman provided the background history regarding the sand and gravel pit variance, and reviewed the current development, with specific note of the fact that of the 59 conditions imposed on the Battram Tract there is an absence of any condition at all relating to the sand and gravel operation. Mr. Freeman then reviewed Council action of record which indicated knowledge and concurrence of the present activity.

It was noted by Councilman Brewster that he would concur with the above finding had he been one who had voted in favor of the project -- however, since such was not the case, he now finds himself obligated to recommend that a hearing be held to request cessation of the variance.

Mrs. Diane Davis returned to review the existing zoning on the subject property, the terms of the existing variance, the current operations, etc. -- there are two existing uses of the land going on at the same time, per Mrs. Davis. It was her request that there be a public hearing regarding violation of the variance, and that this entire matter be resolved in a proper, legal manner.

The Council resumed discussion of the grading activity, the short period of time remaining for its accomplishment, the "delaying tactic" aspect of a hearing at this time, etc.

Based on his consistency in objecting to the subject development and the processing of various items regarding the development, Councilman Brewster stated that he still feels obligated to continue to object to the methods employed, and offered the following:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to hold a hearing on August 13th with regard to the cessation of the variance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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The hour being 9:10 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

Agenda Item #18:

The Council reconvened at 9:11 P.M. Mayor Miller ordered a 15-minute recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss wages, hours, and working conditions. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that this is proper subject matter for an Executive Session. Councilman Surber moved to adjourn for the purpose of an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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The Council resumed its regular agenda order:

REAL PROPERTY:

28. EAST VICTOR PRECINCT PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY/PLANNING DIRECTOR/
 CITY ENGINEER: That this matter be referred to the Council Public Works Committee for a report and recommendation.

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

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

29. RESOLUTION requesting an allocation of County Aid to Cities Funds for the maintenance of Select System Streets.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
 CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION
 OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR THE
 MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM STREETS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-174. The motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

30. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:
 That Council approve the following purchases:

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A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$1,741.05 to Don Wren & Company for the purchase of 3,650 pounds of gutter broom wire, as requested by the Street Department.
2. \$307.93 to Airport Nursery for 12 15-gallon size trees, as requested by the Street Department as replacements due to wind damage.
3. \$1,335.60 to Lido Sales for 600 ft. of 3/4 inch and 300 ft. of 1-inch copper pipe, as requested by the Water Department.
4. \$745.00 to Jones Chemicals, Inc. for five only 1-ton cylinders of chlorine, as requested by the Water Department.
5. \$769.56 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 100 each 3/4" brass pipe pack joint couplings and 50 each 1-inch brass pipe pack joint coupling, as requested by the Water Department.
6. \$396.12 to Pacific States Cast Iron for 6 only 6-inch pipe adapters and 4 each 6-inch 45° ells, as requested by the Water Department.
7. \$1,098.16 to Park-Son, Inc. for 300 each Mueller couplings, as requested by the Water Department.
8. \$352.45 to Metrographics, Inc. for the printing of 25 different schools "Safe School Route Maps", as requested by the Department of Transportation.
9. \$380.84 to Mine Safety Appliances for various "first aid" supplies, as requested by the Recreation Department for "field use".
10. \$530.64 to Acme Linen Company for various required replacement blankets, towels, sheets, pillows, and wash cloths, requested by the Fire and Police Departments.
11. \$671.62 to Burmah Oil and Gas Company for the award of a 6-month contract to supply motor oil as requested by the Fire Department for fire rigs.
12. \$4,614.18 to Wegge Dodge for the purchase of a still in stock 1974 1-ton truck, as requested by the Fire Dept. to be used as the City's second paramedic rescue unit.
13. \$542.13 to Industrial Research Association for 24 only special test-high lumen output mercury lamps, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
14. \$1,817.87 to Inglewood Book & Stationers for miscellaneous stationery supplies purchased for stock.
15. \$1,521.10 to Ingram Paper Company for 70 cases of Delsey toilet tissue, as requested by the Custodial Department.

16. \$1,113.00 to Zellerbach Paper Company for 100 cases of "Sorbette" towels, as requested by the Custodial Dept.
17. \$451.56 to Engine Parts Corporation for parts and labor to rebuild a City 4-cylinder Ford industrial engine, as requested by the City Garage.
18. \$329.98 to Barnes & Delaney for 100 feet of hydraulic hose and 36 miscellaneous hydraulic fittings, as requested by the City Garage.
19. \$456.25 to American Wholesale Hardware for miscellaneous tools, hoes, picks, hand soap, and paint brushes, as requested by the City Garage.
20. \$885.63 to Associated of Los Angeles for six mercury vapor light ballasts, as requested by the Department of Transportation for replacements.
21. \$1,186.14 to Action Specialty for 10,000 only bicycle license decals and 3,000 only commercial vehicle decals, as requested by the License Division.
22. \$1,670.56 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 300 only Ford stainless steel pipe inserts and 200 each Ford 90° ells, as requested by the Water Department.
23. \$10,475.67 to Econolite Corporation for the purchase of 1 only 8-phase traffic signal controller, and 1 only controller tester with accessories, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
24. \$866.35 to Associated of Los Angeles for 16,500 feet of various types and sizes traffic signal and electrical wire, as requested by the Department of Transportation for stock.
25. \$324.36 to Gardena Flag Company for 24 only replacement outdoor U.S. and California flags, as requested by the Fire Department.
26. \$450.56 to Muncie Reclamation and Supply Company for replacement GMC rebuilt bus parts, as requested by the City Garage.
27. \$1,096.05 to Industry Wholesale Electric for 6060 feet of heavy duty "State approved" streetlite wire, as requested by the Department of Transportation for stock.
28. \$1,908.00 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for the purchase of 48 heavy duty folding tables, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for replacement at City parks.
29. \$409.69 to Western Belting Company for two replacement elevator chains, three rubber sprockets, and one only replacement wheel, as requested by the City Garage for street sweeper.

30. \$319.86 to Lewellen Press for 10,000 "parking citations", as requested by the Police Department.
31. \$586.60 to Zumar Industries for 60 traffic control signs, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
32. \$536.63 to L.A. Chemical Company for 500 bags of whiting powder used to mark playing fields, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
33. \$11,660.00 to Doberman Press of Torrance for the printing of 8 issues of the "Recreation Reporter", consisting of 11,500 copies each, as requested by the Recreation Department for 1974-75.
34. \$3,123.46 to Baker & Taylor Company for 472 library books.
35. \$343.91 to Doubleday & Company, Inc. for 79 library books.
36. \$443.02 to Charles Scribner's Sons for 17 library books.
37. \$518.98 to Twayne Publishers, Inc. for 48 library books.
38. \$3,945.00 to City of Pasadena for Torrance's share of the expense for the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System for 1974-75.
39. The following items are for furnishing the remodeled El Retiro Library:
 - A. \$1,079.40 to Xerox University Microfilm for two Xerox micro-film readers requested by the City Librarian.
 - B. \$355.10 to Gaylord Brothers for one only periodical rack as requested by the City Librarian.
 - C. \$2,171.30 to Bellview Furniture Manufacturing Co. to install book shelving, as requested by the City Librarian.
 - D. \$378.21 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for one each desk and chair, as requested by the City Librarian.
 - E. \$356.05 to Western Office Furniture for three chairs and one only reading table, as requested by the City Librarian.
- B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:
40. \$2,288.47 to Econolite Corporation to repair a traffic signal controller damaged in an auto accident at Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Boulevard. This expenditure is reimbursable from the responsible party. Billing for the damage is in process.

41. \$1,166.00 to Best Concrete Products for two each large concrete meter vaults as requested by the Water Dept. for installation for the K.D. Fechner and Sequoia-Pacific services. Payment has already been received.
42. \$318.00 to Doberman Press of Torrance for the printing of 2,000 copies of the program for the Recreation Department program "Music Man". The City is reimbursed for this expenditure by sale of the program.
43. \$364.11 to Martin Hannum, Inc. for 2 oz. of yellow casting material and 26 oz. of steling casting material, as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their jewelry class. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from class participants.
44. The following items are funded by the CETA Federal Recreation Program Grant for disadvantaged students:
- A. \$1,290.34 to Torrance Sport Shop for various pieces of weight-training and play equipment consisting of 7 ping pong tables; six tumbling mats; barbell sets; benches; and other equipment. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via "Speedy Fund Grant".

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Federal Energy Office Assignment of a wholesale gasoline supplier - Police Vehicles.
Expenditure: \$62,000 per year.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the assignment to Torrance the Phillips Petroleum Company as a wholesale gasoline supplier (by the Federal Energy Office), and to the awarding of a contract to them for the required 144,000 gallons of gasoline in the total amount of \$62,000 (including freight and applicable taxes).

32. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Sporting Goods (B74-42)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the following (per report of record):

1. An award for items #1-101 be made to Torrance Sport Shop in the amount of \$30,585.49.
2. An award for items #102-108 be made to Hammatt & Sons Company in the tital amount of \$1,905.00.

33. REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT BY CITY OF MEXICALI.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve a refund of \$475 to the City of Mexicali for an overpayment for vehicles purchased at the 1974 City auction.

34. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED for Replacement of Street Lights on Portions of Cabrillo Avenue and Torrance Blvd. - Bid No. B74-2.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the work be accepted as performed by Smith Electric Supply under City contract per Bid No. B 74-2, and that final payment be made to the contractor.

35. SHORT FORM 1911 ACT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 74-2.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City waive application costs for: a) Division of Lot - \$125.00; b) Environmental Assessment - \$50.00; c) Zone Change - \$185.00 -- on property at 16945 Van Ness Avenue (Bazilius).

36. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28795.

Subdivider: Fujita Corporation, U.S.A.
Engineer: E.L. Pearson
Location: Telo Avenue north of Lomita Boulevard
No. of Lots: 19.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

37. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 32386.

Subdivider: John Pollock and Bob Rockoff.
Engineer: South Bay Engineering
Location: North side 238th Street approximately 800 ft. east of Arlington Avenue.
No. of Lots: 5

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

38. CLAIM of Odelia and Samuel Hardiman for damages arising out of the death of son, Robert Charles Walton.

39. CLAIM of Paul Giggy for property damages.

40. CLAIM of Kelly Merritt for personal damages.

41. CLAIM of Jenny C. Fahlk for personal injury.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That agenda items #38, 39, 40 and #41 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40, and #41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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ADDENDA ITEMS:

42. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding LITIGATION.

Held for end of meeting -- See Page 20.

43. RESOLUTION re: Special Municipal Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CORRECTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO BE SUBMITTED TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION (TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION) TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 1974.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-175. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

44. The November Festival of the Fine Arts Commission and their request to present an opera vignette at the Council meeting of November 19th was noted by City Manager Ferraro. This met with the approval of the Council, and it was directed that the November 19th convene at 5:15 P.M. for this purpose.

45. A "welcome home" to Councilman Wilson from his extended trip to Taipei was given by City Manager Ferraro. Dr. Wilson reviewed the highlights of his stay at this country.

46. Councilman Brewster commended the contents of the latest Revenue and Expense Schedule from the Airport -- "somebody is doing good work", per Mr. Brewster.

47. Councilman Uerkwitz noted the Staff finding that the gravel pit hours of operation are now within the legal limits -- this investigation in response to the many complaints received by him.

48. Mayor Miller reported on the recent meeting with Mayor Bradley and mayors of other coastal cities relative to off-shore drilling -- a second such meeting been scheduled for one month hence for further review of this matter.

Councilwoman Geissert, also in attendance at the subject meeting, recommended that a letter go forward to the appropriate Senate committee urging that future hearings be conducted in Southern California. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

49. Mr. William G. Wells, Fujita Corporation, 717 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, referred to agenda item #42 (Executive Session re: Litigation) and stated that the position of the landowner

is one of grave and serious concern relative to the proposed action of condemnation on the westerly half of the property. Mr. Wells reviewed past history of the property, with specific note of the court proceedings in July, and the Judge's order that, pursuant to the Government Code, the City must submit an offer on this property, such offer to be substantiated by an appraisal -- such offer to have been made by August 1st. None has as yet been forthcoming, and it now appears the City wishes to dismiss this action, per Mr. Wells who deemed this an improper procedure, and requested Council recognition of the inequities thereof.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this entire matter be discussed in the scheduled Executive Session re: Litigation. Mayor Miller directed that further discussion not occur at this time.

50. Mrs. Arnold S. Johnson, on behalf of the SETHA Oil Committee, questioned the propriety of an August 1, 1974 communication sent by the Building and Safety Director to South Coast Regional Commissioners and Staff which did not incorporate findings of record relative to the Palos Verdes fault/Torrance oil fields, and the seismic monitoring thereof.

Next noted by Mrs. Johnson was the fact that hearings are scheduled by the State Commission on August 7th in San Francisco, and the need for informing them of the official position of the City of Torrance. It was the further request of Mrs. Johnson that Torrance's official position in the matter of micro-seismic monitoring be sent to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission staff, now working on draft revisions of the County Safety Seismic Element.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon clarified the circumstances of the above referred to communication, the considerable professional input afforded, and the resultant findings -- Mr. McKinnon reaffirmed the pending status of seismic monitoring and denied any opposition thereto.

Further discussion ensued -- with extensive clarification by Mrs. Johnson of her concerns in this matter. It was the recommendation of Councilman Wilson that a telegram go forward to the State Commission for its August 7th meeting confirming City support of seismic monitoring, as above indicated by Mr. McKinnon. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

51. Representing TCEA, Mr. Joe Woodford expressed the hope that the impasse in negotiations can be settled short of a confrontation -- the differences were outlined by Mr. Woodford (the City's economic offer; retroactivity; provisions contrary to Civil Service procedures; and reduced benefits for new employees) -- with a request that the Council attempt to resolve the present deadlock.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council that they cannot properly respond to the foregoing, and that the matter be referred to the City Manager. Mr. Woodford stated that, in all his experience, this is the only agency where the City Council is not allowed to reply or ask questions under these circumstances.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer the subject matter to Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

Item #42:

The hour being 10:40 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session regarding litigation, upon confirmation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that this is a proper subject matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

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The Council returned at 11:10 P.M., and took the following action:

20. MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING:A. Park and Recreation - Informal Memorandum of Understanding.

AN INFORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE INTENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MANAGEMENT AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION REGARDING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to adopt the subject Informal Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

B. Confidential - Informal Memorandum of Understanding.

AN INFORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE INTENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MANAGEMENT AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TORRANCE ORGANIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES REGARDING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of the Informal Memorandum of Understanding for Confidential employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

C. RESOLUTION Setting Forth Salaries and Wage Supplemental Benefits for Certain Employees.RESOLUTION NO. 74-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 71-171 AND SETTING FORTH SALARIES AND WAGE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-176. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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- D. ORDINANCE amending Code re: Special Step Pay (Torrance Police Officers Association)
ORDINANCE NO. 2510

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.83.5C OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2510 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

- E. Memorandum of Understanding - Engineers.

A FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE "ENGINEERS".

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for the Engineers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

- F. Memorandum of Understanding - Torrance Library Employees Association.

A FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Library Employees Association. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

42. (EXECUTIVE SESSION) - RESOLUTION re: refund to Boise Cascade.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO REFUND \$20,950.00 IN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FEES TO BOISE CASCADE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-177. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

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Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

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

Mayor of the City of Torrance