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Adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 1974, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 7:10 P.M. It was necessary for Councilman Armstrong to leave the meeting at 7:15 P.M., due to a professional appointment; he returned at 9:00 P.M. to join in the Executive Session.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Meri Jo McMullen led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend R.W. Kornegay, Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 1974, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Armstrong 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

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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 Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Transportation Committee:

Will next meet on November 6th at 5:30 P.M.

(Councilman Brewster arrived at the meeting -- 7:10 P.M.)

Legislative Liaison Committee:

The October 22nd Committee report, of record, re: Ballot Propositions for the November 5th General Election was noted.

It was the request of Mayor Miller, a member of the Committee, that Proposition 1 reflect a 3/0 Endorse vote (rather than 2/1) now that he has reviewed the background material.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved adoption of the Committee report, with the exceptions noted below. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Urber: A "yes" vote on Propositions 5 and 9; "no" on Proposition 11.

Councilman Uerkwitz: A "no" vote on Proposition 10.

(Councilman Armstrong left the meeting - 7:15 P.M.)

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

October 28th meeting rescheduled for November 4th at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. REVEREND KORNEGAY RESOLUTION.

A resolution of appreciation to Reverend Wally Kornegay of the Church of the Nazarene, was presented to him by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council and the community. Reverend Kornegay accepted same with much gratitude for the City of Torrance which "will always keep more of me than its share, for I have loved it much."

10. BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS OF THE QUARTER.

On behalf of the Environmental Quality Commission, Commissioner Berwanger, along with Councilwoman Geissert, presented the following Beautification Awards:

Residential: Kenneth and Carol Hayakawa, 23204 Elm Street.

Commercial: Ken Bilbrey, Standard Station,
4135 Pacific Coast Highway.

Industrial: Magnavox, 2825 Maricopa.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. United Nations Day.
12. Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Week.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing approval of construction of 1970 Bond Issue Project No. 8152.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING 1970 BOND
ISSUE PROJECT 8152.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-232. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

14. TRAFFIC SIGNAL ON CARSON STREET AT DEL AMO CIRCLE EAST.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That an appropriation of \$3,000.00 from Section 2106 Gas Tax Funds be made for the engineering design of a traffic signal on Carson Street at Del Amo Circle East.

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

15. RESOLUTION re: Torrance Naval Annex.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND
ATTEST AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GENERAL
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE RESIDUAL
VALUE OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS PORTION, TORRANCE ANNEX NAVAL
SUPPLY CENTER, N-CALIF.-688-C, AND
APPROPRIATING MONIES THEREFOR.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-233. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Held for end of meeting -- See Page 8.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. PROPOSED CHANGE OF STREET NAME.

RECOMMENDATION OF STREET NAMING COMMITTEE:

That Council instruct the Planning Commission at its earliest possible date to hold a public hearing to consider the change in the name of Rolling Hills Road between Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway to the name "Walteria Road" or some other suitable name.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendation of the Street Naming Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that there be appropriate notification to people in the area.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2527.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that certain changes have been recommended by SETHA's Oil Committee, and that both the Oil Board and Staff are in concurrence with these changes, it being his request that Ordinance No. 2527 be held at this time and returned for a first reading next week.

Mr. Arnold Johnson, SETHA, provided a prepared statement dated October 22nd, of record, pertaining to this matter. It was the specific request of Councilman Brewster that this communication be made part of the official record and resubmitted on October 29th.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to hold Item 18 for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

Appreciation for the extensive efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was expressed Councilwoman Geissert who deemed the City very fortunate to have people such as these so concerned and knowledgeable in oil matters.

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2528.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF
CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE

MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW NOISE
LEVELS FOR OIL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT,
REGULATING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF
OIL WELL EQUIPMENT, REQUIRING A PERMIT
FOR CERTAIN OIL WELL OPERATIONS AND
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR ACOUSTICAL
BLANKETS FOR DRILLING DERRICKS AND
ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2528 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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PLANNING AND ZONING APPEALS:

20. W 74-49, FERRARO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Appeal of Planning Commission action on a request to waive the front yard and side yard setbacks to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling in the R-2 zone at 18144 Ermanita Avenue. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, which included the past history of the subject property and the attendant problems.

The proponent, Mr. Michael J. Quagletti, advised the Council that he had acquired the property from the State of California some ten years ago, and described the difficulties he has faced with this problem lot, a lot which has been deemed unbuildable because of its proximity to the freeway, etc. Mr. Quagletti expressed his desire to develop the lot in some manner; plans have been provided; and indicated his willingness to abide by all the conditions imposed. If it is not possible to build on the lot, per Mr. Quagletti, then he would like to offer the lot to the City as a mini-park.

Council discussion was directed to overall development in the area, as well as the merits, if any, of a mini-park at this location, it being the general consensus that this aspect should be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for DENIAL of W 74-49. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

It was the direction of the Council that this item be presented to the Park and Recreation Commission regarding the feasibility of mini-park development.

Mr. Quagletti returned to state that he would be willing to donate this property to the City -- "it is like paying taxes on a dead horse".

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ROUTINE MATTERS:

21. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$1,751.15 to GMC Truck & Coach for one each carrier

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assembly and gasket as requested by the City Garage for a GMC bus repair.

2. \$394.85 to Firstco for 25 cases of "Kim Towels" as requested by the City Garage.
3. \$545.16 to Alexander Manufacturing Company for 150 miscellaneous types of communication equipment batteries as requested by the Department of Transportation for City radios.
4. \$1,684.34 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 350 only 3/4" and 1" water pipe couplings as requested by the Water Department.
5. \$339.20 to Creative Film Society for the purchase of two films as requested by the City Librarian's Office.
6. \$1,000.00 to Jet Sounds for the purchase of various recording type records and tapes as requested by the City Librarian.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

7. \$1,976.14 to Henry's Camera Shop for miscellaneous camera equipment as requested by the Police Department. The City will be reimbursed for this expenditure by a Federal Grant - "South Bay Narcotics Information Network".

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director on Item #21. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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The hour being 8:00 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 8:01 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22. Mayor Miller noted the communication from a Riviera resident re: City permission of the sale of illegal trash containers, with the request that the City Attorney investigate possible remedial measures. Mr. Dick Rossburg indicated that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce would lend its cooperation in notifying Torrance merchants.

Mr. Arnold Katz suggested that much confusion could be eliminated were the permissible size enlarged from 40 to 45 lbs.

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23. It was the request of Mayor Miller that Director of Transportation Horkay investigate the overloading of parking from the court house occurring on Felbar Street which prevents needed street sweeping.

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Item #16:

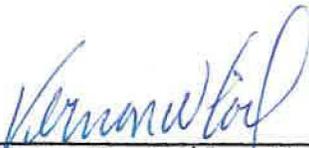
At 8:10 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions, as well as current litigation. Same was deemed proper subject matter by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

(Councilman Armstrong joined the Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.)

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The meeting was formally adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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