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at 6:00 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 29, 1974, at 5:30 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 5:40 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Girl Scout Troop No. 437 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend R.W. Kornegay, Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:
Will next meet on November 6th at 5:00 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. United States Marine Corps Day.- November 10, 1974

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with presentation to Councilman Surber in recognition of his four years and one month service as a Marine.

10. Rotary Club of Torrance Day.- November 6, 1974

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Mr. Pat Garvey, Torrance Rotary Club president.

11. Inter-Arts Festival Week - November 15-November 23.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, and graciously accepted by Mrs. Rosemary DeCamp.

11A. Halloween "Meet and Treat Night" - October 31, 1974.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

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Considered, out of order, at this time:

PERSONNEL:23. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO HIRE TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE OFFICER.RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council appropriate funds for salary to permit the appointment of a temporary Executive Officer for a period of up to three months, at a salary of \$1303 per month, approximately \$4,000.

Mr. Rudy Limon, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, was present to describe the hardships faced by this office in the absence of Executive Officer Donovan, due to illness; the dire need for professional assistance, in view of an as yet undetermined date for Mr. Donovan's return; and to request approval of the appointment of a temporary Executive Officer.

Council discussion, and concern, was directed to the tentative November date for Mr. Donovan's return; the expertise of a temporary appointee (Mr. Limon advised that a retired Los Angeles County employee, knowledgeable in personnel matters, had indicated that he would accept such an appointment); the week-to-week, month-to-month aspect of the appointment; etc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Wilson, Uerkwitz (reluctant); Mayor Miller (reluctant).**
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber (should wait until after Doctor's report on November 7th).

It was the direction of the Council, concurred in by Mr. Limon, that the new temporary Executive Officer not be appointed, and not work, until such time as the Council has approved the appointment.

**At this point in the meeting, Mayor Miller, concerned as to the procedure and with overall reservations, changed his vote to "No".

SANITATION MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE relating to Specifications for Refuse Receptacles.

ORDINANCE NO. 2529

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION
 43.2.8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
 RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS FOR REFUSE
 RECEPTACLES AND REPEALING EMERGENCY
 ORDINANCE NO. 2525 RELATING TO THE
 SAME MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2529 at its first reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Councilwoman Geissert reaffirmed her previously voiced objections regarding the "emergency" ordinance aspect of this ordinance, and expressed concern as to economic hardships that might come about with the enforcement of this ordinance. It was the request of Mrs. Geissert that, in the acceptance of the ordinance this date, Staff be directed to return with guidelines re: hardship criteria and a recommended procedure for those in tight economic straits.

The ordinance was deemed "very restrictive" by Councilman Wilson who recommended that there be further review as to other acceptable containers.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2529 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Further action was taken by the Council, as follows:

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that Staff return in two weeks with criteria for ^{definition of} serious economic hardship in complying with this law, along with an application procedure that might be followed. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

REAL PROPERTY:

13. EXPIRING COLLIN T-HANGARS - Request for waiver of Advertising Policy APL-28.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That Policy APL-28 Advertising of Airport Property Available for Leasing be waived in the instance of the expiring Collin T-Hangar Lease (Site T-31) and the Transportation Administrator be authorized and directed to negotiate hangar rental agreements with the existing tenants to remain in the premises, effective September 16, 1974, on a month-to-month basis.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINALS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City increase its complement of video display terminals for data processing services provided by CSC from three to five (Total Cost: \$4,100). Further, that the Library Department budget absorb a cost of \$2,050 and with \$2,050 allocated to the Finance Department to provide for the one-time expenses and the operation/manhours of the second additional terminal during FY 1974-75.

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

15. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.

Presentations were made by Assistant City Manager Scharfman and Planning Associate Gomez to provide the Council with preliminary clarification regarding the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

(A temporary malfunction in the power system necessitated delaying this item until later in the meeting -- See Page 5.)

16. SIMULATION CAPABILITY FOR THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

That the City's contract with the Computer Sciences Corporation be amended to include the providing of a simulation modeling capability.

An appropriation of \$6,000 from the Unappropriated Reserve is required, broken down as follows:

\$4,000	Development
1,200	Equipment @ \$150/mo. for 8 months
<u>800</u>	Processing @ \$100/mo. for 8 months
\$6,000	Total

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager, and to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

17. AIRPORT NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM:

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 5.

PARK AND RECREATION:

18. BUDGET REQUEST FOR CITY SUBSIDY OF INTER-ARTS FESTIVAL.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

That Council appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,000 from the Recreation Program Development Fund to support the Fine Arts Commission in the promotion of the Inter-Arts Festival.

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that attendance records be maintained in order that its success may be ascertained.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Park and Recreation Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement with Ribera & Sue, Inc. for landscape architectural services.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND RIBERA & SUE, INC.

Prior to taking action on Resolution No. 74-235, it was specifically noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the maximum amount to be paid to Ribera & Sue for development of the Master Plan and the first phase is \$28,000, and that reimbursable expenses shall not exceed \$5,000.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-235. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Council now returned to:

15. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.

Staff presentation was resumed by Planning Associate Gomez, followed by response to questions posed by the Council, it being noted that only Staff direction is requested at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that Staff proceed and develop a series of recommendations regarding potential projects to be accomplished through these funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to taking action on the motion, other comments were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mrs. Pat Tyrrell, vice president, League of Women Voters, 19935 Redbeam, stated that this is an offer which must be explored, to the end that some of the City's goals may be achieved by way of this Act which will prove of benefit to so many disadvantaged citizens. It is the belief of the League, per Mrs. Tyrrell, that the public hearing process must be conscientious, intense, and widespread -- the public must be told all the alternatives so that they may provide thoughtful, rational feedback -- "the deadlines are demanding, but the potential rewards are great".

Councilman Wilson's motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that this is the "urban renewal story all over again -- the big brother is going to do it for you."

AIRPORT MATTERS:

17. AIRPORT NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That the Airport Commission indicate its disagreement with City Council Resolution 74-190, and the action taken pursuant thereto, and that the Commission recommend that the application filed pursuant to the Resolution be withdrawn.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Resolution 74-190 NOT be rescinded because the application (1) does not commit the City to purchasing the equipment, and (2) does place the City in a position to obtain State funds if the Bolt Beranek and Newman study being conducted at the present time indicates a system is needed.

Present, representing the Airport Commission, Mr. John Smith clarified the pros and cons of Commission deliberations (per their minutes of September 12, 1974) -- approval of this system, per Mr. Smith, is "opening the door for the County, State and Federal Government to interject itself in the operation of Torrance Airport."

Council discussion ensued regarding necessary noise control at the Airport, City responsibilities, the review period which will follow the subject study, etc.

Commissioner Smith's concerns were acknowledged by Councilman Armstrong, but it was pointed out by him that outside interference relative to the Airport has been successfully resisted on several occasions. In this case, only a study is involved, per Councilman Armstrong who thereupon MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Speaking on this matter were: Mr. David Kirbach, 25320 Bellanca Way, president, Torrance Airport Business Association, who urged support of Commissioner Smith's position and noted that manning of the equipment would be the total burden of the City of Torrance. Mr. M.A. Mason, 28627 Bridle Lane, Rancho Palos Verdes, speaking for the Torrance Pilots Association, urged approval of the Airport Commission recommendation, and pointed out noise monitoring devices available at considerably less cost than is proposed in this case. Mrs. Evelyn Eccleston, Torrance Pilots Association, 2414 West 185th Street, stated that it should be made quite clear that the pilots have no fear of having the noise levels monitored -- problems have been presented in that the subject resolution has not been fully spelled out. Such clarification was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay.

Roll call vote on Councilman Armstrong's motion to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Transportation was unanimously favorable.

OIL MATTERS:

20. ORDINANCE - Filing Notice of Oil Operations.

ORDINANCE NO. ~~2430~~ ^{2530 - SEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 1974 PAGE 1}

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 97.1.5 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO NOTICES OF OIL WELL DRILLING, ABANDONMENT AND OTHER NOTICES AND APPLICATIONS FILED WITH THE STATE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2430 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The hour being 7:30 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 5-minute recess followed at 7:32 P.M.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

21. RESOLUTION regarding 911 Emergency Telephone Network System.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGARDING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO FILE ALTERNATE TENTATIVE PLANS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 53115(a) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE PERTAINING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF A 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NETWORK SYSTEM.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-236. His motion, seconded by Mayor Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

22. SOUTH BAY IRISH CLUB request for waiver of fees for Parade Permit.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the subject request of the South Bay Irish Club for waiver of fees for Parade Permit. The 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.

PERSONNEL:

23. HIRING OF TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

Heard earlier in the meeting -- See Page 2.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2466.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 46.1.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDEFINE THE DEFINITION OF "AMBIENT NOISE" TO EXCLUDE FROM CONSIDERATION NOISES FROM ISOLATED IDENTIFIABLE SOURCES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2466 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

25. ORDINANCE re: ZC 74-13, Torrance Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. ~~2431~~ ^{2531 - SEE MINUTES OF}
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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 SOUTHERLY OF 235TH STREET, NORTH OF THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, EAST OF SAM LEVY SCHOOL AND WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 74-13.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2431 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

26. ORDINANCE re: ZC 74-14, Carriage Real Estate Group.

ORDINANCE NO. ~~2432~~ ^{2532 - SEE MINUTES OF}
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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 SOUTH SIDE OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET EAST OF YUKON AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 74-14.

(Carriage Real Estate Group, Inc.)

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2432 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz (this should be commercial property).

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

27. TT 27614, CARRIAGE REAL ESTATE GROUP, INC. Appeal of Planning Commission action on a request to subdivide one lot into six single-family parcels on property located west of Walnut Street between 234th Street and 235th Street. DENIED 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, following extensive Staff clarification by Messrs. Shartle, McKinnon, and Remelmeyer, particularly directed to the Staff-recommended condition-re: observation well conversion study, those desiring to speak on this matter were invited to do so.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Vincent Moretti noted their desire to proceed with this subdivision, minus time-consuming delays, on the desired 6-lot basis, as has been permitted on nearby properties. Mr. Moretti stated that he could see no need for another observation well.

It was the comment of City Attorney Remelmeyer that there could be approval of the subdivision by the Council, with a condition of the Final Tract Map that the developer not abandon either of the two wells that the City might need for an observation well until such time as the Council has made the decision as to whether or not to buy one of those wells, which will be made on technical findings and conclusions made by the Division of Oil and Gas.

Councilwoman Geissert, at this point, indicated her preference for the 5-lot subdivision, rather than the 6-lot subdivision, which would meet Code requirements.

Mr. Henry Nowicki, Oil Board Chairman, advised that the Oil Board, per action at a recent meeting, will submit a request to Council that Oil Consultant Babson be directed to undertake a feasibility study regarding such observation wells. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that such study is already underway.

There being no one else present 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 Uerkwitz moved to approve a six-lot subdivision for Tentative Tract 27614, subject to Staff conditions, with the stipulation recommended by the City Attorney that it be a condition of the Final Tract Map that the developer not abandon either of the two wells that the City might need for an observation well until such time as the Council has made the decision as to whether or not to buy one of those wells, per technical findings and conclusions made by qualified people. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That the Council approve the 5-lot alternative for Tentative Tract 27614 as suggested by the Planning Department, subject to Staff conditions, and the above stated stipulations regarding the oil wells. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, but FAILED TO CARRY with roll call vote as follows:

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

The main motion made by Councilman Uerkwitz carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Geissert.

HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

28. ORDINANCE granting to Standard Gas Company a franchise to construct, operate and maintain pipelines for the transportation of hydrocarbon substances in the City of Torrance (Continued Hearing)

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing for the award of the proposed pipeline franchise to Standard Gas Company. The pipes are to be installed in the ground in public right-of-way as shown on a map attached to the pipeline franchise ordinance which map is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Continuing, Mayor Miller stated that on September 24, 1974 the City Council passed Resolution No. 74-224 declaring our intention to award this franchise. The resolution provided for a hearing on this date and at this time, October 15, 1974, at 5:30 P.M., and for notice to be published in the South Bay Daily Breeze. The hearing was continued until October 29, 1974.

At Mayor Miller's question, City Clerk Coil advised that he had the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to receive and file same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard either for or against this franchise.

Mr. Henry Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, expressed his concerns regarding the aspects of safety and recent pipeline failures in the City of Torrance, and urged more rigid ordinances as to pipeline testing.

Representing Standard Gas Company, Messrs. Frank and Roncoe described the safety features and overall function of the subject pipelines.

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

Council discussion was directed to pipeline repair problems as they relate to torn-up streets, cost comparison with other cities, present financial considerations, etc. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of the subject ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2533

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO STANDARD GAS COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2533 at its first reading, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That this item be held for two weeks in order to receive Staff input as to what would be reasonable in terms of a lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the request of Mayor Miller, at this point, that future franchises be studied as to costs and fees to be charged -- what is reasonable, feasible, practical? Concurrence was indicated by the Council. Mr. Frank offered the assistance of Standard Gas Company in any research undertaken by the City.

The main motion to approve Ordinance No. 2533 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Uerkwitz, Wilson;
Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Surber.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (temporarily out of
the room).

Councilman Armstrong directed Staff review as well of the safety and line-testing concept to determine whether or not there might be some improvement along these lines.

Mr. Roncoe, Standard Gas Company, stated that every cooperation would be extended Council and Oil Board members in further understanding of this operation, including a visit of their facilities.

29. WALTERIA PRESSURE ZONE IMPROVEMENTS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 11-72-1.

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.

It was reported by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the required easement from Mr. Ken Battram, Sunnyglen Construction Company, has not yet been granted; therefore, rather than go through the procedures

outlined for this date, it was the recommendation of the City Attorney that this matter be continued for two weeks, with interim referral to the Public Works Committee for necessary review and recommendation.

Present was Mr. Phillip R. Nicholson, attorney representing Sunnyglen Construction Company, who confirmed the impasse in this matter and indicated concurrence with the above recommendation made by Mr. Remelmeyer.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue Item #29 until November 12, 1974 at 7:00 P.M.; further, that this Item be referred to the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Brewster advised that he would be out of town and, therefore, unavailable for the subject committee meeting; Mayor Miller agreed to serve on same.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that the 7-page October 29, 1974 communication from Mr. Phillip R. Nicholson to the City Council be incorporated in the official record of this matter.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:30. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$318.00 to Occidental Chemical Company for 5 gallons of a proprietary concentrated weed-killer product as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
2. \$392.40 to Pacific Turf and Engine for miscellaneous sprinkler repair parts as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
3. \$1,958.88 to Western Water Works Supply for 6,000 feet of 3/4" and 1" water pipes as requested by the Water Department.
4. \$380.12 to West Chemical Products for one drum of a chemical for cleaning transmission parts as requested by the City Garage.
5. \$1,003.22 to Ray Gaskin for parts and labor to repair a refuse body (Unit #9022) as requested by the City Garage.
6. \$386.90 to Freeway Truck Parts for one only rebuilt differential as requested by the City Garage to put Unit #8926 back into service.
7. \$2,135.90 to Ingram Paper Company for 100 cases of paper as requested by Central Services for printing requirements.
8. \$901.00 to Doberman Press of Torrance for the printing of 300 copies of a Planning booklet entitled "Safety Element", as requested by the Planning Department.
9. \$342.70 to South Bay Business Forms for printing 20,000 special register receipt forms as requested by the Recreation Department.
10. \$3,392.10 to Globe Gas, Inc. for the purchase of 18,714 gallons of propane required by the City to operate City trucks.
11. \$1,055.31 to 3M Business Products Sales, Inc. for the purchase of an infra-red transparency maker; 18 boxes of transparency film; and miscellaneous other 3M film materials as requested by the Department of Transportation.
12. \$1,382.00 to Guardian Fence Company for miscellaneous chain link fencing materials as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for (1) fence work at La Carretera Park and (2) replacement of fencing at Sea Aire Golf Course.

13. \$15,684.82 to Pacific Toro Company, Inc. for the purchase of one only replacement 7-gang power mower and two each replacement sulky type 76" power mowers as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
14. \$763.20 to A.C.I. Films for the purchase of three films as requested by the City Librarian.
15. \$533.80 to Films, Inc. for the rental of four films for one-time showings.
16. \$768.50 to Pyramid Films for the purchase of five films.
17. \$487.60 to Churchill Films for the purchase of 3 films.
18. \$328.60 to Stephen Bosuston Productions for the purchase of two films.
19. \$341.91 to Random House for 49 library books.
20. \$1,146.08 to Baker & Taylor for the purchase of 179 books.
21. \$1,239.19 to Library Associates for the purchase of 219 books.
22. \$1,461.05 to West-State Books for the purchase of 181 books.
23. \$2,083.54 to John Manville Sales Corporation for the purchase of 351 feet of 10-inch asbestos cement pipe as requested by the Street Department to complete the Spencer Sump overflow drain system.
24. \$1,174.54 to Zumar Industries for the purchase of 54 miscellaneous traffic control signs and miscellaneous sign-mounting hardware as requested by the Department of Transportation.
25. \$13,782.72 to Crown Coach of Los Angeles to furnish a new replacement diesel engine and necessary accessory equipment required to repower fire truck (Unit #109) which is now out of service.
26. \$310.07 to Tood Pipe and Supply Company for the purchase of ten miscellaneous replacement items including six Sloan restroom flush valves and two each urinals and toilets required for McMaster Park.
27. \$1,007.00 to Random House, 1975 Greenway Plan, which is a plan for sending "advanced release copies" of new books available from a publisher.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

28. \$3,052.80 to Union Ice Company c/o Norm Petersen for 72 tons of snow ice to be delivered "as requested" by the Park and Recreation Department for use in their ski classes. The City is reimbursed via fees collected from class participants.

29. \$412.00 to Chief Truck Painting Company to repair the damage to City Unit #8510 involved in an accident. The City will be reimbursed by the Allstate Insurance Company for this repair who requests that the unit be repaired by Chief Truck Painting Company.

31. SALE OF SURPLUS FIRE HOSE:

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the sale of this surplus 2½" fire hose and also accept the high bid offer for subject hose from the Fire Equipment and Supply Company in the total amount of \$834.40, including applicable sales tax.

32. REPORT AND REVISED MEDICAL STANDARDS FOR BUS OPERATOR.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve the revised Medical Standards for Bus Operators.

33. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO PRESENT LATE CLAIM OF ANTHONY R. PEREZ FOR PERSONAL DAMAGES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim be rejected. The Insurance Carrier concurs with the above action.

34. IMPROVEMENT OF ANZA AVENUE AND LENORE STREET INTERSECTION - (B74-35) JOB NO. 74135.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, S & W Electrical Contractors, Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #30, 31, 32, 33, and #34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

35. ADDITIONAL POLICE CAPTAIN POSITION.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

That Council concur in the allocation of one additional position of Police Captain to the Police Department's budget and appropriate \$17,312 for base salary and \$5,626 for other benefits, a total of \$22,938 which will cover the additional funds necessary for the remaining eight months of the fiscal year; and further authorize the City Manager to explore with the Office of Emergency Services reimbursement for 25% of that amount for the time spent as Emergency Services Coordinator.

Council Committee review of this item, prior to presentation to the full Council, was noted by Mayor Miller who commented on the dangers surrounding such procedure, and who requested that such future matters be handled by way of the full Council.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Concurrence with the above remarks by Mayor Miller was indicated by other Council members.

36. RESOLUTION re: Intruder Alarm Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE SECOND YEAR OF AN INTRUDER ALARM GRANT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-237. 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: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber. (For previously
expressed reasons).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that the Director of Transportation review traffic warrant priorities and report back to the Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

38. Efforts of the South Bay Councilmen's Association regarding the forthcoming Centennial celebration were noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the request that there be coordination by Torrance representatives.

39. The need for review of priorities for the signal at Prairie and Artesia, a very dangerous intersection, was pointed out by Councilman Wilson.

40. Councilman Wilson reviewed at length the matter of energy -- consumption, conservation, etc. (report of record) -- with the direction to Staff to research areas pertaining to solar energy, wind power, etc.

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41. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: POLICEWOMEN.

At 9:45 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, this being a proper subject matter, per Mr. Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 9:55 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the Policewomen be permitted to take the examination for Police Sergeant, without prejudice to their being removed from the list should plaintiffs lose the lawsuit, and further subject to the provision that they enter into a stipulation that they could be passed over for appointment pending a final determination of the lawsuit -- and with the request to the Civil Service Commission that they extend the examination for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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At 10:00 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 12, 1974, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance