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Adjourned at 10:40 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, November 26, 1974, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Dick Rossburg led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Charles Magnuson, Del Amo Christian Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Wilson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brewster, Surber).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz 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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Civil Service Committee:

Met on October 30th -- report forthcoming to the Council.

Finance Committee:

Met on November 25th; report will be made to Council re: selection of independent auditor.

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Fire Chief Slonecker advised that some 22 Paramedic trainees from the San Francisco Bay area/now ^{are} undergoing an internship period in the South Bay area -- five such men were present in the audience, were introduced by Chief Slonecker, and were warmly welcomed by Mayor Miller.

PRESENTATIONS:

9A. PRESENTATION TO THE HONORABLE VINCENT THOMAS.

The accomplishments of Assemblyman Thomas were lauded by Mayor Miller with the presentation of a special inscribed paperweight -- there was grateful acceptance by Mr. Thomas, with assurance of his continuing friendship for the City of Torrance.

9. PRESENTATIONS TO SOUTH HIGH 1974 CIF SOCCER CHAMPIONS.

Awards were presented to the South High School Soccer Team -- 1974 CIF Soccer Champions -- on behalf of the Council, by Councilwoman Geissert, Councilman Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller, accompanied by congratulations for this achievement.

10. RESOLUTION and presentation of plaque to Cathryn Ann Geissert expressing appreciation for her service to the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO CATHRYN ANN GEISSERT FOR HER FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND AS A MEMBER OF OTHER CITY-SPONSORED COMMITTEES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-238. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (modestly).
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Surber.

Presentation of the permaplaque was made by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council -- Councilwoman Geissert expressed her appreciation for this tribute.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. HOME AND FAMILY MONTH.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

11A. Proclamation - "Don't Let Your Friends Get Smashed" - Page 13.

REAL PROPERTY:12. RELOCATION PAYMENT, PARCEL F, SUR LA BREA PARK.RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That Council authorize a relocation payment in the amount of \$400.00 to Donald Farrow as set forth in the subject claim.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Land Management Team. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

13. RESOLUTION authorizing purchase of tax delinquent land
(Proposed Sale 98-A)RESOLUTION NO. 74-253

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 WITH THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR PURCHASE OF TAX-DEEDED LAND.
(PROPOSED SALE 98-A)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt Resolution No. 74-253; his motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Surber.

14. DONATION OF PROPERTY AT 182ND STREET AND ERMANITA.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT:

That the offer be accepted and the Grant Deed which is now in the City Clerk's Office be signed so that the City will take over ownership of the property.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Armstrong that Staff be directed to contact North High officials re: the possibility of making this property a student project.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation, and to instruct Staff to so contact North High School officials. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brewster, Surber).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

15. COUNCIL POLICY TL-12 (Street Lighting, Hollywood Riviera District)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That City Council Policy TL-12 (of record), which supplements City Council Policy TL-11, be approved.

Mr. Jerome Galuhn, president, Riviera Homeowners Association, confirmed that any street lighting proposed for the Riviera area would be reviewed on a case basis and would be done only with the approval of the affected residents.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA TAXIWAY AND TIE-DOWN FACILITIES.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AIRPORT COMMISSION, AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

That \$10,000 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings for the design and administration of the Redevelopment Area taxiway and tiedown facilities.

Director of Transportation Horkay advised, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, that no freight service will be entertained, and that before the taxiway can be used it will be necessary that an agreement be signed, and this requirement will be incorporated therein.

Mr. Dale Rodman, 23950 Madison, reported a need for a temporary taxiway -- Mayor Miller referred this matter to City Manager Ferraro.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

17. ORDINANCE re: disciplinary procedures.

ORDINANCE NO. 2534

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION, DEMOTION OR DISCHARGE OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND ADDING ARTICLE 47 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF SAID CODE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2534 at its first reading, as revised by the Civil Service Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

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

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

- 18A. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation -- See Page 8.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. GROUP AGAINST SMOKING POLLUTION (G.A.S.P.) re: NO SMOKING ordinance.

Mrs. Suzanne DeWalt, Chairman, G.A.S.P., made formal presentation of her group's findings regarding smoking pollution (of formal record), and their request that the City of Torrance adopt a NO SMOKING ordinance.

Mayor Miller directed that this matter be referred to City Manager Ferraro for review and recommendation.

20. ANNUAL REPORT OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to accept the Annual Report of the Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

21. RESOLUTION re: railroad crossing on Torrance Boulevard and Madrid Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-HALF OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADING CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE TORRANCE BOULEVARD CROSSING OF THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA, AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY TRACKS DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-21.2.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-254. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

22. PAYMENT OF PARK FEES FOR ROLLING HILLS VISTA (BATTRAM TRACT).

MAJORITY RECOMMENDATION OF PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: (Councilmen Wilson, Armstrong)

Re: Schedule of Payment:

1. Prior to recordation of the first unit of Rolling Hills Vista (Tentative Tract 31331), the developer will dedicate the parks, streets and easements of record and will pay \$18,000 in addition to the \$15,000 already paid for a total of \$33,000.

2. Prior to recordation of the second unit (Tentative Tract 31332), the developer will pay \$40,000.
3. Prior to recordation of the third unit (Tentative Tract 31333), the developer will pay \$70,000.
4. Upon letting of a contract for the construction of De Portola Park, which is expected on or about May 1, 1975, and prior to approval of any further units, the developer will pay any installments then outstanding, plus the remainder of \$57,000.
The total of the above payments is \$200,000.

MINORITY RECOMMENDATION (Councilwoman Geissert):

The following system of payment:

1. A certificate of deposit presented to the City on December 1, 1974 for one-third of the total amount due, less the \$15,000 advanced, for a total of \$52,000.
2. A certificate of deposit presented to the City on February 1, 1975 for one-third of the total amount due (\$67,000).
3. A certificate of deposit presented to the City on May 1, 1975 for one-third of the total amount due (\$66,000).

Following discussion regarding Committee findings, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the majority report of the Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

23. RESOLUTION for reimbursement for City efforts regarding Study of Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A DATE UPON WHICH THE CITY MAY BEGIN INCURRING COSTS RESULTING FROM THE PREPARATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-255, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz referred to November 21, 1974 communication from Mr. Brian J. Bell, of official record -- Mr. Uerkwitz indicated his concurrence with Mr. Bell's plea that the City of Torrance decline these funds and "be real revolutionaries, tell the entire United States that we believe there's a better way...and lead them in that direction!"

Council discussion ensued, it being the comment of Mayor Miller that were the funds rejected by the City of Torrance, such funds will simply be divided up among other South Bay cities, this being the present "system". The City's need for such monies was pointed out by Councilmen Wilson and Armstrong. Councilwoman Geissert noted Mr. Bell's vigorous opposition to the Park and Recreation Bond three years ago where there was opportunity to take care of some of these needs in that manner -- now, with pressing projects, the Council would be remiss in not applying for these funds.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 74-255 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong ("It's our money, and I want it back."); Geissert, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz ("It's my money, and I want to save it.")
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Surber.

PLANNING AND ZONING APPEAL:

24. PP 74-18 and CUP 74-55, LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (METROCARE, INC.) Appeal of Planning Commission action on a Precise Plan of Development and Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a tennis complex with related facilities and a restaurant with on-premise sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the north side of Skypark Drive approximately 500 feet east of Madison Street. PLANNING COMMISSION FAILED TO APPROVE BY A TIE VOTE.

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, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, with particular note of the recommendation that the developer provide some sort of an agreement that would hold the City harmless from any noise complaints, invited comments from the audience.

Present, representing Metrocare, were Messrs. Phil Battaglia and Earl Anderson, both of whom reviewed the merits of the proposed project and indicated concurrence with Staff conditions.

At this point, discussion was directed to Condition #30: "That the Lutheran High School Association of Southern California disclose to prospective buyers or club members the nature of the environmental climate which the project is subject to, i.e. aircraft flight frequency, noise and shadows." Mayor Miller requested that this be a condition that all future property holders be made aware of, in order that the City be protected for all times, as with CC&R's. Deputy Attorney Freeman recommended that this likely could be incorporated in a special agreement which would run with the land.

Next to speak was Mr. Robert Isman, 211 Calle de Arboles, who recommended that all pilots be held harmless as well.

Mr. Jack Salling, 22640 Juniper Avenue, stated that he has applied for membership in this tennis club and has confirmed that there would be no noise problem at this location.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous.

Mayor Miller deemed this the best possible use of this land -- valuable recreational open space use -- and completely feasible at this site in terms of minimizing the impact on this fast-growing community.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the subject appeal, subject to all Staff conditions, including Department of Transportation modifications, and further subject to the special agreement noted by the Deputy Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

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The hour being 8:45 P.M., Councilman Wilson 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 (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

18A. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: LITIGATION.

The Council returned at 8:46 P.M. to announce that they would go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a matter of litigation -- with presentation to be made by Attorney Ralph Nutter. Deputy Attorney Freeman advised that this was a proper subject matter for an Executive Session. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to recess for such purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

At 9:10 P.M., the Council returned, and Mayor Miller made the following statement, on behalf of the Council: Discussed in the Executive Session was the Policewoman lawsuit -- "The City Council has authorized the City Attorney and co-counsel, Ralph Nutter, to enter into an agreement settling the lawsuit of six Torrance Policewomen against the City. Under the agreement, the City Council will reclassify all of the women as Police Officers without requiring any physical agility and strength tests as a condition. The women may be required by the City to complete up to six months of training, including fill training for those wishing patrol duty -- the training program will not apply to Geraldine Kudokas and Penelope Koenig who are already Police Officers."

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brewster, Surber).

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HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

25. CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT (74-3), (74-4), (74-5) and (74-6).

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Chapter 27, 1911 Act (74-3), (74-4), (74-5) and (74-6) at locations indicated on sketches of record.

It was confirmed by City Engineer Weaver that notices had been mailed and posted, and that no written protests had been received. Mr. Weaver advised that one telephone communication had been received from Mr. Otani (parcel #8) requesting additional time because of current negotiations with the City re: Columbia Park.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Uerkwitz thereupon MOVED that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous. (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to overrule any objections and protests. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27, 1911 Act (74-3), (74-4), (74-5), and (74-6) at the locations indicated. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

26. HEARING ON WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1974.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. City Engineer Weaver advised that no written exceptions had been received -- telephone requests have been received from the developer at Vista Montana and Newton where development is virtually underway, and from Mrs. Thelma Russell who will arrange for the work to be done herself. Mayor Miller directed that the City Engineer follow through in these two situations.

At Mayor Miller's request, City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Mailing. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that it be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

There being no one present 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 (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 74-246.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-256. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

27. WALTERIA PRESSURE ZONE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO 11-72-1.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing of protests or objections to the improvement, the extent of the assessment district, the determination to proceed, the proposed assessment, and all matters contained in the "Report" for the improvement in Assessment District No. 11-72-1 (Walteria Pressure Zone Improvements).

It was pointed out by Deputy Attorney Freeman that only five Council members are present, and that it is necessary to have six votes to approve the subject item; the hearing, therefore, should be continued to December 10th.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue Item #27 to December 10, 1974, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brewster, Surber).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

28. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison Company for Underground Electrical Systems and appurtenances on Walteria Reservoir Site.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-257. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:29. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$826.80 to A.C.I. Films for the purchase of three films as requested by the City Librarian.
2. \$915.00 to Moodys Investor Services, Inc. for the renewal of various periodical subscriptions.
3. \$632.34 to Baker & Taylor Company for the purchase of 113 library books.
4. \$495.44 to Doubleday & Company for the purchase of 90 library books.
5. \$1,456.08 to Oranco Supply for a large miscellaneous grouping of sprinkler replacement parts as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
6. \$1,060.33 to International Harvester Company for one only Hough loader replacement steering axle as requested by the City Garage for Unit #9221.
7. \$488.77 to Korody-Colzer Corporation for miscellaneous replacement diesel engine parts as requested by the City Garage.
8. \$1,750.06 to James Jones Company for thirteen 6-inch water hydrant heads as requested by the Water Dept.
9. \$473.98 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for miscellaneous tire repair and recapping services as requested by the City Garage.
10. \$445.20 to Capital Fire Equipment Company for four sets of fire fighting turnout pants and coats as requested by the Fire Department for replacements.
11. \$15,078.51 to Bell & Howell Company-Phillipsburg Division for the purchase of one only 6-station Phillipsburg inserting machine.
12. \$445.05 to Goodyear Tire Service for the purchase of two only 11:00 x 20 14-ply tires and tubes as requested by the Fire Department.
13. \$640.05 to Federal Sign and Signal Corporation for the purchase of four special replacement police vehicle overhead flashing and emergency light assemblies as requested by the Police Department.

14. \$10,884.12 to Econolite Corporation for the purchase of two Econolite traffic signal controllers and all related hardware to be used to install new traffic signal installations at Pacific Coast Highway and Plaza Drive, and Maple and 226th Street.
15. \$3,040.08 to Flextime Corporation for the purchase of a device which records an employee work schedule as provided in the Employee Memorandum of Understanding, to be used by the Engineering Department.
16. \$2,101.98 to Brooks Products for the purchase of twelve complete water meter boxes and 24 meter box extensions.
17. \$553.61 to GMC Truck and Coach for the purchase of GMC Bus repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
18. \$1,320.76 to Ulverscroft Large Print Books for the purchase of 178 adult large print books as requested by the Library Department.
19. \$722.92 to Airport Nursery for the purchase of replacement park trees and ground cover for Osage Park.
20. \$2,573.49 to ABC Nursery for the purchase of trees and ground cover for landscaping the Artesia Boulevard median strip between Prairie and Yukon Avenue.
21. \$737.66 to Spencer's Carpet for the purchase of 110 sq. yards of indoor-outdoor carpet to be laid at Benstead Plunge as a replacement.
22. \$1,658.05 to Baker and Taylor Company for 184 library books.
23. \$568.16 to Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corp. c/o Mr. Leonard M. Bakman for 4 sets of Compton's Encyclopedia.

REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

24. \$4,581.32 to Hersey Products, Inc. for the purchase of one only 6" and 8" Hersey water meters as requested by the Water Department for the Western Automotive Sprinkler Company water service.
30. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF DATA PROCESSING MANAGER:

That Council adopt the subject Contract Amendment and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the appropriate documents.

(NOTE: Exhibit "G" should correctly state: "6 Core Storage modules, 8K bytes (total 48 bytes)." (instead of 56 bytes).

31. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - 1975 BUDGETED VEHICLES.
Ref. Bid No. B74-54 - Expenditure: \$189,953.16)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the following purchases to the low bidder of each item (per November 22nd communication):

1. That Items 1,2 a and b, 3, 4 and 5 be awarded to Ray Vane South Inc., in the total amount of \$92,369.86 including tax.
2. That Item 9 be awarded to Maurice J. Sopp & Son in the total amount of \$3,806.87 including tax.
3. That Item 6 be awarded to Whittlesey Motors, Inc. in the total amount of \$14,875.06 including tax.
4. That Items 7,8 and 10 be awarded to Earl Ike Dodge, Inc. in the total amount of \$38,895.13 including tax.
5. That Item 11 be awarded to GMC Truck and Coach in the total amount of \$40,006.24 including tax.

32. EL RETIRO PARK PARKING LOT (Job No. 74138).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/CITY LIBRARIAN/PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Mushroom Construction Company, Inc. (Final amount due contractor \$61,904.18)

33. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the subject revised class specification be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items 29, 30, 31, 32, and #33. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 11A. "DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDS GET SMASHED" - Public Education Campaign - December, 1974.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. City Manager Ferraro, on behalf of Staff, wished the Council a most HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

35. Councilman Armstrong urged that the Fashion Square Transit Station be expedited -- Director of Transportation Horkay reported on the status of this project. It was Mr. Armstrong's suggestion that Staff check into the possibility of using part of the vacant White Front property as an interim arrangement.

36. Councilman Armstrong reminded the Council that he would be at the National Cities Conference in Houston as a Council delegate, departing on Sunday, December 1st and returning on Wednesday, December 4th -- he will, therefore, be absent from the December 3rd Council meeting.

37. Councilman Uerkwitz reported on Corridor Study activities -- the draft in preparation and the formulation of a citizens committee.

38. Revised rules by the InterCities Highway Committee which would allow participation by others than elected and staff officials (such as Commissioners) was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz who urged that the Council give some official status to those people who usually attend. It was agreed to consider this matter at the next Personnel Session on appointments.

39. It was the further request of Councilman Uerkwitz that, in view of upcoming Commission vacancies, present Commissioners be advised regarding same.

40. Overall concerns regarding rapid increases in food prices was reviewed by Councilman Uerkwitz -- particularly the practice of stores in their constant markup of prices on items already stocked on their shelves -- it being his recommendation that Staff contact local concerns soliciting their cooperation on a voluntary basis, along the lines employed by Safeway Stores. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

41. Mayor Miller referred a communication re: the proposed manner to finance a funding program pertaining to the Federal off-shore oil leasing program to the City Manager for review and recommendation.

42. Mayor Miller next reported on his attendance at a meeting of the County Sanitation District representatives, it being the Mayor's recommendation that the County implement a Transfer Station in the City of Redondo Beach. There will be future meetings in this regard, and the Council will be kept advised, per Mayor Miller.

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18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:00 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for an Executive Session to discuss wages, hours, and working conditions. This being a proper subject matter for Executive Session, per Deputy Attorney Freeman, the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brewster, Surber).

The Council returned at 10:40 P.M. for formal adjournment.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

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