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Adjourned at 12:50 A.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, January 28, 1975, at 6:30 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 10:50 P.M.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Water System Manager Borgwat led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was by the Reverend Bruce Lundberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 1974 and January 2, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

No reports.

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS:9. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS:

Presentations were made by the following Commission applicants: Dwight Abbott, John Alter, Mary Ann Barry, Helen Bertram, John Bramhall, James Burger, John Christopher, Charles Clark, Joseph Clukey, William Dasher, Robert Dye, Edwin Freiberg, Elsa Stewart for Vera Grubb, Fred Mill, Charles Hosler, Dr. Henry Kirk, James Latteri, Harold Lindborg, Harry Matthews, Verna Mattox, Clinton Meadway, Warren Mascell, Vincent Moretti, Albert McBride, Jack Preijers, Donald Pyle, James Smiley, Douglas Stenhouse, Janice Untereiner, Dan Walker, Peter Whitney, Carroll Parker, and Rosalinda Zepeda.

Mrs. Meri Jo McMullen expressed her desire to serve as Inter-Cities Highway Committee representative.

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At 7:25 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session to consider Commission Appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

The Council returned at 8:15 P.M. Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, announced the following appointments:

Planning: Douglas Stenhouse
Traffic: Charles Clark
Library: Janice Untereiner
Fine Arts: Robert Dye
Disaster Commission: Jack Preijers
Human Resources: Rosalinda Zepeda, Carroll Parker
Senior Citizens: Charles Hosler, Etta Morgan
Inter-Cities Highway Committee: Meri Jo McMullen.

Mayor Miller advised that the matter of Commission reappointments and absentee records would be considered at the February 4th meeting.

10. LETTER FROM TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL RECOMMENDING CHANGE IN AGE REQUIREMENT FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS.

Following Council discussion wherein it was generally deemed that the 18 years of age requirement is a reasonable one, Councilman Armstrong MOVED that the communication be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

BID OPENING:11. OPENING OF BIDS FOR SALE OF BONDS.WALTERIA PRESSURE ZONE IMPROVEMENT (ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 11-72-1

Certificate of Mailing Notice of Sale, per Attorney F. Mackenzie Brown (of official record), was noted.

Mayor Miller inquired if there were anyone present who desired to speak. There was no response.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the list of paid and unpaid assessments as set forth in the declaration of the City Treasurer, dated January 23, 1975, be approved as a correct statement thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA
DETERMINING UNPAID ASSESSMENTS AND
ISSUING BONDS UNDER THE IMPROVEMENT
BOND ACT OF 1915.

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

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading on Resolution No. 75-15. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-15. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 75-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA
ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND MAKING AWARD
FOR SALE OF BONDS, AND PROVIDING FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REDEMPTION FUND
FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS.

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

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading on Resolution No. 75-16. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

City Treasurer Rupert reported on the results of the bid process this date: the low bidder was Municorp of California with a net interest charge of 6.5286, based on a spread of bonds ranging from 1976 to 1980 of 5.50% - 1981 to 1983, 6% - 1984 to 1986, 6¼% - 1986 to 1988, 6½% - 1989, 6.60% - 1990, 6.70%. It was the recommendation of the City Treasurer that the Council award the bid to Municorp of California, and make the appropriate changes in Section 2 of the Resolution, to read: 28th day of January, 1975, entering the words: "MUNICORP OF CALIFORNIA".

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-16, including the language for Section 2, as above stated by the City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

12. YMCA WEEK.
13. NATIONAL FILM DAY.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Storm Drain in Lomita Boulevard between Early Avenue and Garnier Street (B74-62)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Lawrence A. Gosh and Gosh Construction Corporation (JV) and all other bills be rejected.
2. That \$25,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

SANITATION MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE re: refuse receptacles.

ORDINANCE NO. 2541

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 43.2.8 TO 43.2.13 INCLUSIVE OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS FOR REFUSE RECEPTACLES, THE PLACEMENT THEREOF, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION, DUTY OF COLLECTION AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY THEREFOR.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2541 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

16. STOP SIGNS ON CALLE DE ARBOLES AND "MINI-CIRCLE ISLAND" REPORT.

Staff presentation was made by Director of Transportation Horkay -- noted was the limited notification in this matter.

Present was Mr. Paul Cardenas, 740 Calle de Arboles, who likewise commented on the lack of notification, and urged that this matter be returned to the Traffic Commission with the direction that there be full notification.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #16 back to the Traffic Commission, with the direction that there be a full hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

17. SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE - SPEED LIMITS ON ANZA AND CALLE MAYOR.

Staff presentation was made by Director of Transportation Horkay and Traffic Engineering Associate Collins.

Council discussion was directed to the considerable concerns regarding the Speed Limit Ordinance -- the formulas, weights, and latitudes therefor; enforcement problems; reasonable speed limits; specific concerns relative to the Anza/Sepulveda/Newton area, etc.

Mayor Miller recommended that there be a representative meeting with appropriate judicial members regarding the unique problems of Anza Avenue, and the obvious need for stringent enforcement of the speed laws. Mr. Richard Bowman, 22508 Anza Avenue, reported on a similar directive in 1962 which never materialized.

The matter was thereupon referred to the Transportation Committee by Mayor Miller, with the request that there be participation by Police Chief Nash, Director of Transportation Horkay, other appropriate Staff members, and homeowner representatives in a meeting on this matter to arrive at a presentation to be made to Torrance Judges.

The following residents were present to urge retention of the 25 MPH speed limit on Anza and to outline the hazards and problems of this thoroughfare: Jerry Holland, 22514 Anza; John Stallis, 22521 Anza; Earl LaVerne, 22315 Anza (who recommended that the 226th and Anza signal be made a blinking red light); Charles Reagen, 22416 Anza; and Andy Barnhouse, 22324 Anza.

Mr. Ray Brown, 221 Paseo de Granada, stated that the City's Circulation Element is really the problem -- hopefully, some

relief will be forthcoming in the future. In the meantime, per Mr. Brown, there is a need to expedite traffic on Anza and in other areas of the City.

Formal action was taken by the Council, as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the speed limit remain the same (25 MPH) on Anza between Sepulveda and Newton. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that the Transportation Committee, along with a member of the City Manager's Staff, Director of Transportation Horkay, Police Chief Nash, and two homeowner representatives, schedule a meeting for the preparation of an agenda item, to be returned to the Council, with recommendations as to how to deal with the situation on Anza Avenue and the judges and courts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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At 9:55 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 5-minute recess.

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Considered at this time, as a courtesy to those present on this matter:

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

27. V 74-9, F.A. FRENCH. Request for a Variance of the R-1 zone to permit two residential units on one lot located at 326 Via Colusa. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Miller announced that a communication had been received from the proponent advising that they were withdrawing their request for a variance.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request and file same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

The Council now returned to:

17. SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE - SPEED LIMITS ON ANZA AND CALLE MAYOR.

Council discussion was directed to the recommendations outlined on Page 2 of the Traffic Commission/Department of Transportation communication of January 21st (of record), and the following action resulted:

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MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the following Traffic Commission/Police, Transportation Department Highway recommendations: A) 35 MPH on Calle Mayor between Anza and Pacific Coast /

- B) 30 MPH on Carson Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and the East City Limits, and 35 MPH on Carson Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Palos Verdes Boulevard.
- C) 35 MPH on Van Ness Avenue between the North City Limits and 190th Street - 45 MPH on Van Ness Avenue between 190th Street and Del Amo Boulevard -- 35 MPH on Van Ness Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Dominguez Street - 25 MPH between Dominguez Street and Torrance Boulevard.
- D) 25 MPH on Arlington Avenue between Van Ness Avenue and Carson Street - 30 MPH between Carson Street and the South City Limits.
- E) 35 MPH on Anza Avenue between the North City Limits and Sepulveda Boulevard.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

MOTION: Regarding the controversial streets, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission, as follows: (NOTE: Re: (A) Anza Avenue -- See Page 5.)

- B) Palos Verdes Boulevard between Torrance Boulevard and the West City Limits and between Pacific Coast Highway and the South City Limits - 30 MPH.
- C) Henrietta Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard - 35 MPH.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That a hearing be rescheduled on the portion of Palos Verdes Boulevard between Torrance Boulevard and the West City Limits, and Henrietta Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard, pending notification of interested parties. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion to concur with the Traffic Commission on the above stated Items B and C was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW:

1. The Council concur with City Staff's recommendations and re-enact the existing Utilities Tax Ordinance at the same rate and without certain time limitations.
2. The Budget Review Committee's recommendations for quarterly budget review be concurred with. Such reviews are to be conducted by the Council Finance Committee and announced with general invitation to all interested persons and groups. Furthermore, the City Staff is to

be directed to develop recommendations for scheduling such workshops and for developing rules and procedures to govern them, and submit them for Council consideration.

Following clarification of Committee findings, Councilman Armstrong MOVED for adoption of the Committee Report recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz (member of the Ad Hoc Committee) that it was his position to support the earlier considered 5%, but further in-depth review confirms that the margin is too narrow to gamble on --hence his concurrence with the Committee report.

Mayor Miller then invited comments from Chamber representatives.

Mr. John Green, plant manager, PPG Industries, stated that there is misunderstanding by the public that the manufacturers paid no utility tax -- also noted was the review process between City Staff and Chamber representatives during the past six months, in arriving at this point. There is a difference of opinion regarding revenue projections between now and the end of this fiscal year, per Mr. Green -- it is not their request that the exemption be returned, but the tax should be reduced from 6% to 5% for all utility tax users.

There was further clarification regarding Chamber computations by Mr. Dick Rossburg, president, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce -- with specific note of those at variance with City findings. It was his opinion that the utility tax could be reduced from 6% to 5% for all users.

There was response by Finance Director Dundore, along with slide projections, in support of Staff's position and concerns relative to the financial state of the City.

Mr. Art Heiser, manager, Mobil Oil's Torrance refinery, reflected on current problems faced by industry in the preparation of their budgets in these uncertain times -- the Council should think hard and long regarding the effect of its action on industries within the City.

(Councilman Brewster arrived at this point in the meeting -- 10:50 P.M.)

Council discussion ensued. Considerations were: present and future forecasts regarding the utility users tax; the demands of the forthcoming budget, etc.

It was the specific comment of Councilman Brewster that the City must face the real issue -- the real issue being that the City has overextended itself in the services it is providing, and that the people are not going to pay any more taxes for those services. It was, therefore, Mr. Brewster's suggestion that the utility tax

be lowered by 1% across the board to 5%, find a way to cut the City services for the remainder of this year by a 1/4 million dollars, and "that you plan on cutting your City Staff by 10% for next year -- that's what it boils down to -- cut the Staff and cut the services, and hold the line on the taxes." Mayor Miller responded that these considerations were inappropriate at this time, and should be reserved for the budget workshop sessions. Councilman Brewster reaffirmed his feeling that the time is now for these considerations, acknowledging that it will take time.

It was then the direction of Mayor Miller that, at budget time, Staff report on an alternate budget reduced by 10%, with note of the area of services which would be eliminated. Councilwoman Geissert recommended that there be advance discussions, prior to the June budget sessions, regarding expendable areas which might be cut back, in the spirit of these austere times.

Roll call vote on Councilman Armstrong's motion to adopt the Committee Report was as follows:

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

Discussion returned to the matter of cutbacks and the alternatives which might be defined between now and formal budget considerations. It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that the Chamber likewise think of ways that they can help the City maximize its income revenue from some of their operations -- such as the amount of sales tax to be produced, with consideration being given the location of sales offices in the City of Torrance. Mr. Rossburg indicated concurrence, and pleasure, with the request to work closely with the City in these deliberations.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2542

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER
25 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UTILITY
USERS' TAX AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW
CHAPTER 25 THEREFOR RELATING TO THE
SAME MATTER AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE
OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2542 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2543

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 25 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UTILITY USERS' TAX AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 25 THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER; AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2542 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2543 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Noted by Mayor Miller was the January 27th communication from Joe Miles, retired Captain, Torrance Police Department, requesting consideration of an increase for retired City of Torrance employees (per S.B. 135). Mr. Miles was present to reaffirm his request.

It was the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this matter be continued for one week in order that he might check the law and study Council policy in this regard. Councilman Surber so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

19. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSIONER TAMOUSH AT LEAGE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES LABOR RELATIONS INSTITUTE, SAN FRANCISCO, FEBRUARY 5-7.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council authorize Mr. Tamoush's attendance at this Institute with appropriate expenses paid, not to exceed \$300.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out that there currently are no funds available in the Civil Service Commission budget for this purpose. Further, Mr. Ferraro questioned the applicability of a Civil Service Commissioner attending a conference which has to do primarily with labor relations because of the process established in Torrance. Concurrence was voiced by Councilman Brewster who noted that this is a collective bargaining institute, and is not a Civil Service function; therefore, such attendance is inappropriate.

It was the comment of Executive Officer Donovan that the Employee Relations Committee is a sub-committee of the Civil Service Commission, and that they are involved with representation units and like matters.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to file the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PERSONNEL:

20. CLASSIFICATION REPORT AND CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR MANPOWER SPECIALIST.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve the Classification Report and Class Specification for Manpower Specialist.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

21. ORDINANCE amending Code relating to standards for approval of landscaping plans for oil well sites.

ORDINANCE NO. 2544

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.9.25 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPING PLANS FOR OIL WELL SITES BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION AND ELIMINATING THE GRANTING OF WAIVERS BY SAID COMMISSION FOR FENCE SETBACKS ON SUCH SITES.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2544 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Present on this matter was Mr. Norman Jacoby, Oakmar Oil Company, operators of a lease at 238th and Walnut, who described the landscaping and fencing problems confronted by them at this site, and noted the need for Environmental Quality Commission authority to grant waivers in such special instances.

It was stated by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the subject ordinance has no relationship to Oakmar or any other particular operator -- the problems alluded to by Mr. Jacoby must be solved in some other manner. Mr. Remelmeyer recommended adoption of the ordinance by the Council, and indicated that he would investigate Mr. Jacoby's problem separately.

Noted by Building and Safety Director McKinnon was the reference on Page 2, Section 9 to setbacks and the compromise offered therein -- in Mr. McKinnon's opinion, there is room in this ordinance for the exercise of flexibility and judgment on the part of the Commission. In any event, there is a dire need for the subject ordinance, possibly subject to further refinement and honing of the language.

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Roll call vote on the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2544 was unanimously favorable.

Messrs. McKinnon and Remelmeyer indicated that they would further study the contents of the ordinance as well as the case presented by Mr. Jacoby.

22. OIL ACTIVITIES AND REPEAL OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE OIL CODE.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this item be referred to a Council Committee in order that a practical format may be achieved.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to refer Item #22 to the Oil Landscaping Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2538.

ORDINANCE NO. 2538

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.4.1 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS LICENSES.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2538 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Surber (neither present at first reading).

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2539.

Withdrawn by City Manager Ferraro; further Staff work necessary.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

25. RESOLUTION re: Powers, Funding and Government Elements - California Coastal Commission General Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF THE POWERS, FUNDING AND GOVERNMENT ELEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ZONE PLAN IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-17. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Surber, Uerkwitz; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson (member of Coastal
Commission).

Further Council discussion and review -- rather than complete reliance on the Staff report and presentation at the hearings on this matter -- was urged by Councilwoman Geissert, in order that there might be direct Council input. It was agreed that this item be returned to the Council on its February 11th agenda.

26. PARCEL MAP FOR DIVISION OF LOT (D 74-26), U.S. STEEL CORP.

Held for one week.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

27. V 74-9, F.A. FRENCH.

Heard earlier in the meeting - See Page 6.

28. V 74-8, AMERICAN STANDARD, INC. Request for approval of a Variance to allow the utilization of a trailer as an Amstan Credit Union Office at 360 Crenshaw Boulevard.
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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 Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

The proponent, Mr. Clarence Richardson, 2322 West 227th Street, treasurer, Amstan Credit Union, indicated their willingness to work with the City in a reasonable manner involving landscaping -- however, it was not deemed reasonable to invest a lot of money into a six-months operation.

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

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of V 74-8, subject to conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

29. CONTINUED HEARING ON APPEAL W 74-54, W 74-55 & W 74-56, ROLLING HILLS VISTA (SUNNYGLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY)
 Appeal of Planning Commission action on request to waive front and side yard setback requirements in the R-1 zone on property located on Candlewood Road and Wiffletree Lane.
 DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject continued public hearing. Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, following which comments from the audience were invited by the Mayor.

Mr. William Powell, Sunnyglen Construction Company, first requested that W 74-54 be withdrawn in that a member of their company has decided to buy that lot and finds the waiver unnecessary. Discussion was then directed to W 74-55 and W 74-56: the desired reinterpretation of side, front and rear yard setback areas; "corner lot" definition; hardship considerations; aesthetics; the importance of being able to use "standard plans" for the proponent; etc.

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.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to DENY W-74-55. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to DENY W 74-56. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for DENIAL. (The problems presented by interference with vehicular traffic were the basis for the affirmative votes by Messrs. Surber, Wilson, and Miller.)

HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING:

30. APPEAL OF DENIAL OF SIGN REQUEST by TEQC by Standard Brands Paint Company, 4300 West 190th Street.

Staff presentation was made by Environmental Officer McElroy, with specific note of the modified sign (Exhibit B) presented at this time.

Representing Standard Brands Paint Company, Mr. Jim Rosenberger reviewed the reasons for the subject appeal (per communication of record) and their attempts to conform with the Environmental Quality Commission's recommendations via the modified sign now before the Council.

Council discussion ensued, with note of the fact that this signing program is part of a Precise Plan, as well as the absence of any violation of Code requirements. The efforts to comply with the Commission's recommendations were also acknowledged.

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the Standard Brands Paint Company sign, as modified, per Exhibit B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

31. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:

1. \$2,365.92 to Sears Roebuck Company for 96 dozen heavy duty work gloves as requested by the City Garage for the Sanitation Department.
2. \$2,201.30 to Petrolane, Inc. for vehicle propane conversion equipment as requested by the City Garage.
3. \$488.66 to Engine Parts Corp. for an overhaul of a Ford Engine (#134) as requested by the City Garage.
4. \$466.65 to Park Son, Inc. for 100 each one-inch water coupling as requested by the Water Dept.
5. \$774.86 to Microfilm Corporation of America for two year subscriptions to the New York Times.
6. \$399.44 to Random House for 98 library books.
7. \$413.32 to G.P. Putnam & Sons for 58 library books.
8. \$994.28 to Viking Press for one Greenaway Plan.
9. \$920.08 to LaSalle Paper Company for 200,000 sheets of bond paper as requested by Central Services for stock.
10. \$826.80 to H.C. Lawson Company for 400 each 6-inch and 200 each 8-inch water lock rings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
11. \$483.31 to Sperry Univac for 2,000 special heavy duty file folders as requested by the Central Services Division.

- 12. \$466.32 to Columbia Ribbon Company for 60 dozen IBM ribbons as requested by the Central Services Division for stock.
- 13. Deleted.
- 14. \$391.97 to Kirst Pump and Machine Works for repairs to the main 6-inch pump at the Benstead Plunge as requested by the Building Maintenance Department.
- 15. \$730.22 to Todd Pipe & Supply for 600 feet of wrapped gas pipe and other various pipe fittings as requested by the Building Maintenance Department for repairs at Walteria Park.
- 16. \$661.91 to Associated of Los Angeles for 4 fixtures (400 watt) as requested by the Department of Transportation as replacements at the Airport.
- 17. \$671.62 to Burmah Oil and Gas Company for 9 drums of heavy duty motor oil as requested by the Fire Dept. for the fire truck fleet stock.
- 18. \$5,657.40 to Contact Cleaning Company for renewal of annual contract for window cleaning services as requested by the Custodial Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES:

- 19. \$7,587.50 to Dependable Trophy of Torrance for annual contract to supply 2,450 various type award trophies, plaques, and medals, "as requested" by the Recreation Department. The City is reimbursed for these expenditures via fees collected from team participants.
- 20. \$1,065.30 to Hersey Products for one each 2-inch and 4-inch Hersey Water Meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at D.V. Karney and Berry Guest Home. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.

32. REFUND OF FEES - HDR Construction Corporation.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the City return the original plan check fee for Phases 2,3, and 4, in the amount of \$4,314.75, not retaining any of the fee for administrative expenses in this case, because we will be more than repaid in future fees as the project progresses.

33. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 28155.

Subdivider: Union Rentals & Supply Company (Stan Wilson)

Bonding Company: The Aetna Casualty & Surety Company

<u>BOND TYPE</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	33-S-20170	\$ 5,400.00
Payment	33-S-20170	2,700.00
Inspection	33-S-20169	1,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER: That subject bonds be released.

34. CLAIM of Uiese Tausaga for property damages.
35. ****CLAIM** of Torrance Teachers Association for property damages.
36. CLAIM of Patrick J. Casey for property damages.
37. CLAIM of Gertrude A. Andrews for personal and property damages.
38. CLAIM of Ramon Alonso Maldonado for personal damages.
39. CLAIM of Pamela Sue Richards for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the claims on Items #34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and #39 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Staff recommendations on agenda items #31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and #39. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

**Councilman Armstrong ABSTAINED on Item #35.

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At 12:45 A.M. Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn for the Redevelopment Agency; motion seconded by Councilman Armstrong; approval was unanimous (Councilman Uerkwitz absent). Returned at 12:47 A.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. Councilman Wilson requested Staff investigation of children playing on the berm, per report from Walteria resident. Building and Safety Director McKinnon reported that the area is completely fenced and supervised by guards to discourage such activities.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 12:50 A.M.

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil

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

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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