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Adjourned at 11:40 P.M. to Tuesday, May 6, 1975,
at 5:30 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, April 22, 1975, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 7:08 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Librarian West led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Lloyd Newlin, First Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of the minutes of April 1, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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 Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

No reports.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUED RESOLUTION commending Torrance Firefighter/Paramedic Ronald A. Power for creation of an Emergency Burn Treatment Kit.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, provided this formal commendation to Firefighter/Paramedic Power for the valuable Emergency Burn Treatment Kit created by him -- an act "beyond the call of duty".

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the City reimburse Mr. Power for the monies spent by him in the preparation of the Emergency Burn Treatment Kit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FLOAT IN THE 1975 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE.

The president of the Torrance Rose Float Association, Mr. Ed Enrietta, presented to Mayor Miller, for the City of Torrance, the official photograph of Torrance's float in the 1975 Tournament of Roses Parade.

11. PRESENTATION OF OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE AND FLAG.

Messrs. George Post and Russell West, Bicentennial Committee representatives, made formal presentation of the Official Bicentennial Certificate and Flag to Mayor Miller, for the City of Torrance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

12. PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - April 20-26, 1975.
 13. SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH - May, 1975.
 14. CORRECT POSTURE MONTH - May, 1975.
 15. AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE WEEK - April 28-May 4, 1975.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

16. RESOLUTION authorizing Lomita Boulevard extension westerly of Anza Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF TRAFFIC/PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND STAFF:

1. Accept "future street" dedication (adopt subject resolution).
2. Maintain as Minor Arterial in the General Plan with no planned construction date.

3. Street Department provide and maintain minor drainage improvement works and general cleanup.
4. Fence off the right-of-way at the cross streets and near Palos Verdes Boulevard.
5. Reanalyze the need for and make final decision on the disposition of Lomita Boulevard upon completion of the South Bay Corridor Study.

Staff clarification was provided by City Engineer Weaver.

Mr. Mike Hertica, 4904 Mindora Drive, stated that the residents find this an acceptable solution until completion of the Corridor Study. Mr. Hertica also expressed appreciation for the cooperation received in this matter from the Council and Staff members, particularly from Messrs. Weaver and Bourbonnais.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendations #1 through #5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION
FOR STREET PURPOSES CERTAIN FUTURE STREETS
IN TRACT NO. 13028, 17965, 19108, and 19245,
AND NAMING SAID STREETS "LOMITA BOULEVARD".

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-67. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. RESOLUTION re: Prairie-Madrona, Phase II.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.
75-41 (COMPLETION OF PRAIRIE-MADRONA,
PHASE II) ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON
MARCH 11, 1975.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-68. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. GAS TAX APPROPRIATION for the construction of Skypark Drive from Madison Street to Hospital Drive.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$40,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the construction of Skypark Drive from Madison Street to Hospital Drive.

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

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:19. TEMPORARY SIGN ON PUBLIC PROPERTY - ARMED FORCES DAY.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/

CITY ENGINEER: Approval, based on precedence of prior Council action which has allowed similar signs at this location, provided that it will be so stipulated that the sign will not impede traffic visibility and will be removed at the stated date.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Building and Safety Director and the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:20. RESOLUTION RE: Case No. TH 75-1, assignment of Hangar "G" from Lee Mahoney to LeRoy Poulin.RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Adoption of subject Resolution, subject to the following conditions:

1. Reimbursement to the City in the amount of \$28.32 for preparation of the necessary documents.
2. One-hour fire wall separation from adjoining hangars, if determined necessary by the Building Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF ONE AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE OF LEE MAHONEY TO
LEROY B. POULIN.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-69, subject to above stated recommendations of the Land Management Team. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:21. RESOLUTION attesting that Torrance Transit System qualifies as an applicant for SB 325 Funds.RESOLUTION NO. 75-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-70. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT authorizing a Park-and-Ride Service from the Torrance Drive-In Theatre to Downtown Los Angeles.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-71A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A PARK-AND-RIDE SERVICE TO DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES FROM THE TORRANCE DRIVE-IN THEATRE.

Discussion was invited by Mayor Miller, prior to taking action on the Resolution.

City Manager Ferraro advised that he had learned, late this date, that apparently a variance will be required in this matter -- hence the adoption of the Resolution should be in principle only, subject to follow-through by Staff on appropriate procedures.

Mr. Wayne Wood, 20818 Christine Avenue, expressed the hope that there would be a public hearing in order that interested parties might be heard.

Council discussion was directed to the time element involved, implied approval by way of resolution adoption, interim use, etc.

Mr. Elmer Markos, Associate Planner, RTD, described the Countywide program of Park-and-Ride Services, the South Bay being the last area without such service; previous discussions regarding a site in Torrance for this operation, without success; etc.

Discussion resumed regarding the community value of the Park-and-Ride service, along with recognition of the need for homeowner input, and the need for expediting the process.

A MOTION was thereupon offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That the Resolution be held until the proper Variance procedures have taken place, same to be expedited. Further, that the Council send a letter to SCRTD supporting the concept of the Park-and-Ride Service, with an explanation of the necessary procedures -- hence holding of the resolution does not indicate a negative attitude on the project. Mrs. Geissert's motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz.

Councilmen Armstrong stated that he is in favor of the concept, but, procedurally, he must support the substitute motion. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that his "no" vote has nothing to do with the concept; he would prefer to go ahead with the Resolution subject to approval of the variance.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he would check out whether or not SCRTD, a public agency, needs a variance -- the EIR procedure, however, would still be necessary -- a report will be forthcoming.

23. STOP SIGNS AT CALLE MAYOR AND NEWTON STREETS.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: That the request for installation of THREE-WAY STOP SIGNS at the intersection of Calle Mayor and Newton Street be DENIED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTE:

It is recommended that the results of the Riviera Homeowner Association's survey of area residents opinion be referred to the Traffic Commission as soon as the report is completed.

Staff presentation was made by Director of Transportation Horkay and Associate Transportation Engineer Collins, it being Staff recommendation at this time that Item #23 be held pending completion of the Riviera Homeowner Association's survey, such survey to be reviewed by the Traffic Commission:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to hold the subject item for thirty days to permit completion of the Riviera Homeowner Association's survey. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

The following speakers reaffirmed the traffic problems in the subject area: Mr. Pravin Bhuta, 5307 Calle Mayor; Mr. Don Walker, 5139 Calle Mayor; Mr. Tom Nosek, 4422 Paseo de las Tortugas, president, Riviera Homeowners Association; and Mr. Charles Jonas, 5313 Calle Mayor.

Council discussion was directed to the water standing problem, temporary signing, a berm arrangement, etc. All concurred in the 30 day continuance, and roll call vote on Councilman Surber's motion was unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of the Council that a berm be installed, on a temporary basis, to determine the value thereof during this interim period.

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The hour being 9:00 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A ten-minute recess followed at 9:06 P.M.

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24. STOP SIGNS ON CALLE DE ARBOLES.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. That the existing FOUR-WAY STOP signs be retained at the intersection of Calle de Arboles and Via Alameda on a permanent basis.
2. That FOUR-WAY STOP signs be installed at the intersection of Calle de Arboles and Via Pasqual.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. That the petitioners' request for REMOVAL of the existing FOUR-WAY STOP signs at the intersection of Calle de Arboles and Via Alameda and the installation of YIELD signs on Via Alameda at Calle de Arboles be APPROVED.
2. That no other FOUR-WAY STOP signs be installed on Calle de Arboles west of Via Colusa at this time.

Staff presentations were provided by Director of Transportation Horkay and Associate Transportation Engineer Collins.

Mr. Paul Cardenas, 740 Calle de Arboles, reaffirmed the need for the subject four-way stop signs, noting the traffic hazards in this unique area where all foot and bike traffic must be out in the street -- pertinent statistics were likewise cited by Mr. Cardenas, as was the desire of the majority of the residents that there be such signing.

Next to speak was Mr. Leon Bastajian, 109 Via Alameda, who reported on the effectiveness of the stop signs at Calle de Arboles and Via Alameda, and urged their retention.

Mr. Tom Nosek, president, Riviera Homeowners Association, stated that this Association supports the recommendations of the Traffic Commission.

Mrs. Paul Cardenas, 740 Calle de Arboles, noted the number of small children in this area -- hence the urgent need for stop signs.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the Traffic Commission: that the existing four-way stop signs be retained at Calle de Arboles

and Via Alameda on a permanent basis; and that four-way stop signs be installed at the intersection of Calle de Arboles and Via Pasqual. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered, out of order, by the Council at this time:

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

34. RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR/DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY ON THE PRELIMINARY COASTAL PLAN - CALIFORNIA COASTAL ZONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Noted by City Manager Ferraro was the request of Mrs. Arnold Johnson that this item be referred to a Council Committee for study and evaluation as it relates to seismic safety.

Oil Board Chairman Nowicki indicated that he also desired to provide input regarding the overall plan.

An Ad Hoc Committee for this purpose was established -- its members were Councilmen Wilson (Chairman), Uerkwitz, and Councilwoman Geissert.

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TRANSPORTATION MATTERS (Cont.)

25. STOP SIGNS AND SPEED LIMITS ON OCEAN AVENUE.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the request for ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS on Ocean Avenue at 228th Place be DENIED; and
2. That ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS be installed on Ocean Avenue at 238th Street.
3. That consideration of a "realistic" speed limit on Ocean Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway be included in the next phase of speed limit ordinances to assist implementation of radar enforcement.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the request for ALL-WAY STOP signs on Ocean Avenue at 228th Place be DENIED.
2. That ALL-WAY STOP signs NOT be installed on Ocean Avenue at 238th Street.
3. That consideration of a "realistic" speed limit on Ocean Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway be included in the next phase of speed limit ordinances to assist implementation of radar enforcement.

Staff presentation was made by Director of Transportation Horkay -- Mr. Horkay indicated at this time that while Staff had

objected to the installation of a stop sign at Ocean and 238th, it does meet 76% of the warrants, and were Council action taken this date, it would be preferable to have this sign approved, but that the stop sign at Ocean and 228th be denied since this intersection meets very little of the warrants.

The president of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Bob Sussman reported the concerns of residents in this area regarding some means of controlling traffic on Ocean Avenue -- solutions presented to date do not totally solve the Ocean Avenue traffic problem. It is the desire of the homeowners that stop signs be installed at both 238th Street and 228th Place, per Mr. Sussman.

Mr. Robert Kammerer, 22903 Ocean Avenue, pointed out the importance of a stop sign at 228th Place because of the use of this intersection by school children, traffic hazards (complicated by a boat parked on Ocean Avenue), inconvenience to residents, future condominium development in this area, etc.

The following action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that a 3-Way Stop Sign be installed at 228th Place and Ocean Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, BUT FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber, Uerkwitz.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that ALL-WAY STOP signs be installed on Ocean Avenue at 238th Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

the recommendation that

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that/consideration of a "realistic" speed limit on Ocean Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway be included in the next phase of speed limit ordinances to assist implementation of radar enforcement be referred to Staff for necessary investigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The matter of the boat parked on Ocean Avenue was referred to Staff for investigation.

FISCAL MATTERS:

26. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING

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THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TORRANCE SCREEN
AND GLASS COMPANY, COBRA AUTO BODY, INC.,
AND JON ELL ENGINEERING COMPANY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-71. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. IMPOUNDMENT OF C.C.C.J. STATE ADMINISTERED FEDERAL FUNDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE/CHIEF OF POLICE:

That the office of the City Manager, in cooperation with the Police Department, prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature outlining our position on this matter to be transmitted to the Governor, Attorney General and South Bay Legislators.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Legislative Advocate and Chief of Police. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the direction of the Council that the subject letter contain the signatures of all Councilmembers and the Mayor.

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AIRPORT MATTERS:

28. POLICY FOR SUBMITTAL OF AIRPORT PROPERTY MATTERS TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.
29. POLICY REGARDING DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES.
30. INSPECTION OF CITY-OWNED FACILITIES.

It was the request of Airport Commissioner Garcelon, on behalf of the Airport Commission, that Items 28, 29, and 30 be referred to the Transportation Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the subject request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

31. RESOLUTION authorizing amendment of contract for architectural services for De Portola Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-72. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

POLICE MATTERS:

32. ADVANCED POLICE PLANNING (APPLAUDS) GRANT APPLICATION.

Questioned by Councilwoman Geissert was the use of Housing and Community Development Act contingency funds as the City's hard match funding, and whether or not it is planned for the second and third year of this program to step into the same contingency fund? Of further concern to Mrs. Geissert was the absence of any procedural guidelines and the considerable progress of the proposed program minus Council review.

Council discussion was also directed to additional personnel required; the time for such hiring - first year, second year?; Civil Service status, etc.

Additional input was forthcoming from Dennis Frandsen, who urged that the subject grant not be approved and who outlined his understanding of the procedure.

It was the ultimate consensus of the Council that there was need for further clarification and expanded material by the City Manager and Police Chief. Councilwoman Geissert so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

City Manager Ferraro advised that this item would be returned to the Council on May 6th.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. RESOLUTION authorizing additional air conditioning of Police Building with urgency.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY CONDITION EXISTS, AND DETERMINING TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BY FORCE ACCOUNT.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-73. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

34. PRELIMINARY COASTAL PLAN - CALIFORNIA COASTAL ZONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Heard earlier in the meeting -- See Page 8.

35. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF V72-13, CATHEDRAL OF LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the requested relief cannot be granted by the Council; it is necessary that the matter be processed via the Planning Commission, in that the variance has expired, and, per the Code, the Council has no authority to extend the variance.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that Item #35 be processed through the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING:

36. V 71-2 CHRIS W. CARAS. Appeal of Planning Commission action on a request for continuance of a Variance to allow a television sales and repair facility in the R-P zone at 23044 Crenshaw Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject hearing -- Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, it being noted that the Planning Commission had recommended denial; the Planning Department had recommended approval, subject to certain conditions. Further noted were Staff concerns regarding the trash enclosure -- Building Regulations Administrator Grippo advised that it is desired that the enclosure be accomplished by way of a fire-protected recessed enclosure on the south wall of the building.

Following review of the past history of V 71-2, the Mayor invited comments from the audience.

The owner of the subject property, Mr. Chris Caras, joined in recalling the background history of the site, previous up-grading efforts, difficulties in finding tenants and the substantial vacancy problems, unfounded animosity of former tenant, etc. Mr. Caras then read a communication from Mr. Horner, the tenant now desiring occupancy of the facility, requesting favorable Council action in this matter. A petition of approval was likewise presented by Mr. Caras.

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

Discussion was directed to condition #2 of the original variance -- "That this variance be reviewed by the Planning Commission upon any complaints from the residents of the neighborhood, or after a period of one year, whichever occurs first." It was pointed out that the one year has elapsed, hence moot; along with the fact that the Council may hold public hearings in the event there is non-compliance with any of the conditions imposed on the variance.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to grant the subject appeal for continuance of V 71-2, subject to all Staff conditions, with the following modifications: Deletion of condition #2 of the original variance, and specifically noting the stipulation that the trash arrangement be to the satisfaction of Staff. The motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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HEARING - OTHER THAN PLANNING.37. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1975.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

1. 4083 - 4 - 32 (Burin S/o 182nd Street)
2. 4083 - 7 - 9 (Kingsdale S/o 182nd Street)
3. 4084 -23 - 19 (E/s Hawthorne N/o 186th Street)
4. 4084 -23 - 32 (Ashley parkway N/o 186th Street)
5. 4089 -28 - 25 (Fonthill S/o 187th Street)
6. 7370 - 2 - 8 (S/s Sepulveda E/o Pennsylvania)
7. 7370 -22 - 18 (S/s 232nd Street W/o Arlington)
8. 4089 - 1 - 32 (182nd Street & Prairie)
9. 7359 - 8 - 12 & 13 (E/s Crenshaw @ Monterey)
10. 7359 -10 - 5 (E/s of Crenshaw N/o Jefferson)
11. 7368 - 2 - 1 (22931 Hawthorne Blvd. (Abegg)
12. 9340 - 7371 - 20 - 19 (2034 W. 236th Street
(Russell)).

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Mailing. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that it be received and filed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Thelma Russell, 2034 West 236th Street, referred to the above noted exception, the reason being that a portion of the land has been sold. Mrs. Henrietta Abegg indicated that she would clean her own lot, per above noted exception.

There being no one else 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-74

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. 75-59.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-74. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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14. City Council
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ROUTINE MATTERS:38. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$472.73 to Inglewood Stationers for miscellaneous stationery items as requested by the Central Services Division for stock.
2. \$302.10 to Political Research Inc. for 3 copies of Taylor's Encyclopedia of Government Officials for 1975-76.
3. \$714.12 to Needham Book Finders for 163 library books.
4. \$1,180.13 to Southern California Fence Company for miscellaneous chain link fencing materials as requested by the Park Services Division for installation at Los Conchas Racquet Club.
5. \$447.85 to C & E Lumber for 350 lodge pole pine tree stakes requested by the Street Department.
6. \$590.80 to Edgington Oil Company for 2,000 gallons of #SC-1H road oil emulsion as requested by the Street Department. There were NO BIDS from Texaco and from Standard Oil Company because of availability of product.
7. \$970.43 to Consolidated Paint Company for 70 gallons of a special paint used to repaint City equipment called Garlock paint. This is the sole L. A. outlet for "Garlock" paint. Many paints had been previously tested but none achieved the desirable results found from Garlock paint which we have now used about 4 years.
8. \$518.34 to Alexander Manufacturing Company for 80 special replacement batteries used on police portable radios as requested by the Department of Transportation.
9. \$626.95 to Crown Coach Corporation to recore a radiator on Fire Engine #2 as requested by the Fire Department. This deficiency was noticed when the truck was recently repowered.
10. \$322.88 to Standard Swiss Embroidery Corporation for 226 embroidered police badges and 138 name tags as requested by the Police Department.
11. \$629.64 to Golden State Paint for 50 gallons of a special swimming pool surface coating required for Benstead Plunge. This is material required to "finish" the job which was previously approved by Council.
12. \$4,471.72 to Ray Vane South Inc. for the purchase of one only replacement police black and white unit which is required to replace a unit involved in an accident (Ref. Unit #7177). This is an additional purchase against our previous bid contract at the low bid price.

13. \$2,009.49 to R.T.R. Office Furniture for eleven (11) complete bed and mattress sets requested by the Fire Department for new Fire Station #3.

39. FINAL ACCEPTANCE - Walteria Reservoir Tennis Complex.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work as being complete, and approve final payment and change orders so that a Notice of Completion may be filed with the County Recorder's Office.

40. RELEASE OF TIME CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (Engineering Receipt No. 10125) FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS (Mrs. Fern Fowler, 1737½ Greenwood Avenue)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council authorize the release of subject Time Certificate of Deposit to Mrs. Fern Fowler.

41. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 32231 - Subdivider: Frank Sciarrotta.
Engineer: Vincent C. Moretti Company
Location: North Side of Emerald Street n/o Hawthorne Boulevard.
No. of Lots: 1 (Condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

42. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - Electrician's Leadman.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/PERSONNEL

MANAGER: That Council approve the revised class specification of Traffic and Lighting Supervisor (formerly Electrician's Leadman) and the continued regular Civil Service standing of Raymond Schmidt in this revised class.

43. CLAIM of Richard A. Deeter for property damages.
44. CLAIM of Moises Marcus for personal damages.
45. CLAIM of Teri Van Nuffelen for property damages.
46. CLAIM of Jack Rogers (Jump'N Jack Motel) for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claims on Items #43, 44, 45, and 46 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and #46.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

47. COUNCIL APPROVAL - BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF \$300 - PRINTING GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the bid of Industrial Blueprint in the amount of \$2,610 be accepted.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Planning Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

48. RESOLUTION re: Legislative Support for Madrona Marsh.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 431 (STEVENS AND DILLS) APPROPRIATING FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION A SUM OF \$900,000 FOR ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF 54.5 ACRES MORE OR LESS OF THE AREA KNOWN AS THE MADRONA MARSH, TO BE USED AS A WILDLIFE REFUGE AND PUBLIC PARK.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-75. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

49. ORDINANCE re: Revisions in Certain Hours, Wages, and Working Conditions - Torrance Professional Park and Recreation Employees Organization.

See Page 18.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

50. It was the recommendation of Councilman Armstrong that the Torrance Boulevard center green double-line median be extended easterly to Crenshaw and westerly to Hawthorne Boulevard -- the cost would be approximately \$1000, a minimal cost for the safety and aesthetic aspects of such a median. Councilman Armstrong so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert; Mayor Miller (money
could better be spent elsewhere).

51. Councilman Wilson announced the formation of the Torrance South Bay Arts Alliance, which will be a support group to the Fine Arts Commission, and advised that the new president is Mr. Mike Roy.

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At 11:25 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions, following confirmation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that this is a proper subject matter for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 11:35 P.M., and took the following action:

ADDENDUM ITEM:

49. ORDINANCE re: Revisions in Certain Hours, Wages, and Working Conditions - Torrance Professional Park and Recreation Employees Organization.

ORDINANCE NO. 2551

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART XIII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2551 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

At 11:40 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to adjourn to Tuesday, May 6, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary