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Adjourned at 8:37 P.M. to Tuesday, September 23, 1975,
6:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. 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:

Mr. Don Marousek led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Edward Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of July 29, 1975 and August 5, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson moved that after the City Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember 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.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Meeting with School Board representatives on Thursday, September 18th, at 8:00 A.M.

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PRESENTATIONS:8. AAA PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARD PLAQUE.

Presentation by Mr. Hal Nolan, Automobile Club of Southern California, of the AAA Pedestrian Safety Award Plaque to the City of Torrance was gratefully accepted by Police Chief Nash.

9. BICENTENNIAL FLAGS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Messrs. John Jasper and Paul Clarey, American Legion Post No. 170, presented to Mayor Miller and City Librarian West, for the City of Torrance, three Bicentennial Flags for display throughout the City. Sincere appreciation was expressed by the Council.

10. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS - NATIONAL RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS.

In attendance to present the Council with Honorary Membership Cards in the National Retired Teachers Association and American Association of Retired Persons was Mr. Charles Hosler, Legislative Chairman of the Torrance Chapter -- a recognition which was most appreciated by the Council.

PROCLAMATION:11. KIWANIS CLUB OF TORRANCE DAY.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:12. REQUEST OF TORRANCE JUNIOR ALL AMERICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS USE OF NIGHT LIGHTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELDS.

City Manager Ferraro advised that the School District has requested that this matter be on the Council Committee's agenda for the September 18th meeting of City and School District officials. The background history of negotiations regarding night lighting and the School District was also related by Mr. Ferraro.

Mr. Jim Watkins, 18920 Doty Avenue, representing the Torrance Junior All American Football Association, reviewed at length the merits of their program, the extensive involvement of youth and parents, and the imperative need for night lighting at high school football fields. Mr. Watkins indicated that the desired night lighting would cost approximately \$1728.00 for a period of ten weeks, using the fields some three nights per week.

Council discussion ensued, with the merits of this activity generally acknowledged as having a positive effect on the community.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Surber: That the Council recommend to the School Board Committee that they be instructed to negotiate with the School Board; further, that the City split half of the cost, whatever it might be. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Mayor Miller indicated his reluctance to support such a motion because of the as yet undetermined total cost; further Committee discussion would be preferred by him. Concurrence with this business-like approach was indicated by Councilman Brewster.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Wilson: That the Committee be directed to actively pursue with the School Board the possibility of joint funding in a night lighting effort. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber (**changed vote to "yes", see below).

*** Uerkwitz (preferred firm direction of main motion; however, thought vote should be unanimous)

** Following further discussion regarding forthcoming meeting, Councilman Surber changed his vote to "Yes" in order that it will not appear he is against this effort; he does support at least some action being taken.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out the considerable lobbying that has gone in this matter among individual Councilmembers in an attempt to change the position of School Board members.

*** It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that the vote should be unanimous from the Council to give the Committee more strength. Further, this seems to be a point of having reached the crossroads for decision-making as to the role of the schools in City recreation programs. Programs of this nature, per Mr. Uerkwitz, are "more beneficial to more people in the City of Torrance than the whole Recreation Department's programs all put together."

Mayor Miller directed that the City Manager make an independent survey as to the cost of the subject request.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

13. RESOLUTIONS authorizing construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveways at various locations.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 171ST STREET BETWEEN PATRONELLA AVENUE AND YUKON AVENUE AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED SKETCH ENTITLED CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT 75-7 TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 236TH STREET PER THE ATTACHED SKETCHES, ENTITLED CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT 75-6 TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SANTA FE AVENUE BETWEEN ARLINGTON AVENUE AND ORANGE AVENUE AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED SKETCHES ENTITLED CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT 75-5 TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 231ST STREET BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED SKETCHES ENTITLED CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT 75-4 TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON.

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RESOLUTION NO. 75-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE EAST SIDE OF CYPRESS STREET PER THE ATTACHED SKETCHES, ENTITLED CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT 75-3 TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolutions No. 75-183, 75-184, 75-185, 75-186, and 75-187. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

14. TIME AND DATE FOR INTERVIEWING APPLICANTS FOR CITY COMMISSIONS.

The date of October 28, 1975, at 6:00 P.M. was selected by the Council for Commission interviews.

Noted was the length of service (3 years, 11 months) of Mrs. Rosalie Woodward on the Planning Commission. Councilman Armstrong MOVED to make an exception to Council policy, with 4-year honors being awarded in the case of Mrs. Woodward. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

15. ORDINANCE re: Publication Vending Machines.

ORDINANCE NO. 2600

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 74.8.16 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A METHOD OF IMPOUNDING PUBLICATION VENDING MACHINES FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2600 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

16. ORDINANCE re: Appeal to City Council from decision of Environmental Quality Hearing Officer.

ORDINANCE NO. 2601

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 12.3.8 TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO APPEAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE DECISION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HEARING OFFICER

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2601 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

17. ORDINANCE re: Bicycle Path Regulation.

ORDINANCE NO. 2602

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 62.1.13 AND 62.1.14 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE USE OF BICYCLE PATHS

Councilman Surber moved to approve Ordinance No. 2602 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT for continuation of the 25-Cent Fare Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-188

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 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A COUNTY SUBSIDY FOR THE 25-CENT FLAT FARE PROGRAM

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-188. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. RESOLUTION authorizing revision of the Torrance Transit System Fare Structure.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF FARES FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1975

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-189. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. REPLACEMENT OF CONTROLLERS AT MAPLE/SEPULVEDA AND ARLINGTON/PLAZA DEL AMO.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That an appropriation of \$28,000 be made from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for replacing the controllers at Maple/Sepulveda and Arlington/Plaza Del Amo.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation and to approve an appropriation of \$28,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DEL AMO TIRE AND BRAKE CO.; TEXLON CORP.; CENTURY SHOWER DOOR COMPANY, INC.; AND CROWN BODY AND FENDER COMPANY

Councilman Armstrong moved to adopt Resolution No. 75-190. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION:

- 22. Withdrawn.
- 23. RETENTION OF ARCHITECTS - Charles H. Wilson Park and North Torrance Fire Station.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

1. That Council authorize the negotiation of a contract between the City and POD, Inc. of Orange, California, for the preparation of the necessary plans to complete Phase I of the Charles H. Wilson Park, including general site and grading plans and construction plans and specifications for the athletic field.
2. That Council authorize the negotiation of a contract between the City and Weldon J. Fulton Associates of Santa Monica for the preparation of the plans needed to accomplish the conversion of the North Torrance Fire Station to a Community Recreation Center in accordance with the concept presented earlier in the report of September 10, 1975.
3. That Council approve the transfer of the \$5,000 allocated earlier for studying the senior citizen needs at Walteria and McMaster Parks to the \$124,000 HCD Funds to create a total project account of \$129,000 for the McMaster Park Community Recreation Center Project.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above-stated recommendations of the Park and Recreation Director. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:24. CHANGE IN TITLE FOR 19 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS.RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

That Council adopt the revised class specifications, per August 20th communication, -- further, that incumbents in the revised class specifications continue in their respective Civil Service status.

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

25. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:26. ORDINANCE NO. 2581.ORDINANCE NO. 2581

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART XI OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, AND OTHER EXEMPT EMPLOYEES AND ADDING A NEW PART XI DEALING WITH THE SAME SUBJECT

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2581 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2591.ORDINANCE NO. 2591

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING A MANPOWER PLANNING COUNCIL; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2490 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2591 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2592.

Mr. W.G. Wells, Fujita Corporation USA, was present to protest the second reading of Ordinance No. 2592 for the reasons detailed in his communication of September 16, 1975. It was the opinion of Mr. Wells that the ordinance is "grossly unreasonable, unfair, immoral and illegal", and it was his request that the second reading be continued in order to permit reappraisal of the contents of Ordinance No. 2592.

It was the opinion of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the subject ordinance was in order and properly legal.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the contents of the ordinance, the Fujita property per se, etc. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #28, Ordinance No. 2592, to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation, to be returned to the Council agenda of September 23rd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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29. ORDINANCE NO. 2596.ORDINANCE NO. 2596

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A CLAIMS BOARD AND VESTING IN THE BOARD AND IN THE CITY ATTORNEY AUTHORITY TO SETTLE CERTAIN CLAIMS, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2595 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2596 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2599.ORDINANCE NO. 2599

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTIES WHICH ARE LOCATED SOUTH OF 190TH STREET, WEST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, NORTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD, AND EAST OF LINDA DRIVE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 75-8
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2599 at its second and final reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Surber, Uerkwitz; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson (not present at hearing).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. RESOLUTION authorizing destruction of certain unneeded City records.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-191. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. RECOMMENDATIONS RE: SECRETARY OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM.RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That the City Manager and the City Council designate the Transportation Administrator, Bill Critchfield, as Secretary to the Land Management Team.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the above request be filed.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that the request be filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Mayor Miller invited comments from Airport Commissioner Marousek. Mr. Marousek pointed out the absence of communication and representation of the Land Management Team at Airport Commission meetings -- a factor which works a hardship on the Airport Commission in arriving at decisions -- hence the above stated recommendation.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that the City Manager rectify the above situation.

Roll call vote on Councilman Armstrong's motion that the request be filed was unanimously favorable.

Further formal action was taken, as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the City Manager "solve the problem" relative to Land Management Team representation at Airport Commission meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:33. SOCIAL RESOURCES ELEMENT.

Withdrawn.

34. HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR.

Withdrawn.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING:35. ZC 75-9, Charles T. Rippy, Jr. Change of zone from C-3 to C-3 PD on property located on the north side of Torrance Boulevard, approximately 300 feet west of Madrona Avenue - Proposed construction of a one-story office condominium.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Gene Voorhees, 305 Avenida Atezada, managing partner of the group who will construct the office building, was present to answer any questions. There were none.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of a change of zone from C-3 to C-3 PD. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:36. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:

1. \$1600.60 to Zumar Industries for 200 steel traffic sign posts and mounting hardware as requested by the Department of Transportation.
2. \$613.74 to Western Highway Products for 100 each wood post sign mounting brackets as requested by the Department of Transportation.
3. \$621.05 to Western Highway Products for 35 only City street name signs as requested by the Department of Transportation required as replacements.
4. \$322.24 to Torrance-Gardena Reproductions Company for the printing of "Safe School Route Maps" as requested by the Department of Transportation.
5. \$365.80 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for necessary tire repair and recapping services as required by the City.
6. \$712.07 to Western Water Works Supply for twelve each 12-inch repair clamps as requested by the Water Dept.
7. \$1574.10 to James Jones Company for 300 each 3/4-inch corp. stops, as required by the Water Department for replacements.
8. \$1,383.30 to James Jones Company for 300 each 3/4-inch angle valves, as requested by the Water Department.
9. \$997.19 to Kirst Pump and Machine Works to repair a 4-inch Fairbanks Morse pump, as requested by the Water Department.
10. \$2,273.94 to National Record Plan for the purchase of 276 phonograph records requested by the Library.
11. \$25,000.00 to Baker & Taylor Company for an annual contract to purchase books "as requested" by the City Librarian.
12. \$838.45 to Automatic Printing for the printing of library book transaction slips for library book check-out circulation as requested by the City Librarian.
13. \$1200.00 to Master Protection Enterprises for an annual contract to service City fire extinguishers at all City facilities as required by law.

37. SALE OF 13 SURPLUS POLICE SEDANS AND 1 SURPLUS STATION WAGON (BLACK-AND-WHITE)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

- A. That Council approve of the sale of 11 Police Black-and-White Sedans to the City of Rosarito of Baja, California, Mexico, in the amount of \$500.00 each unit.
- B. That Council approve of the sale of one only high mileage 1973 Police Station Wagon (Black-and-White in the amount of \$600.00.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #36 and #37. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Director of Park and Recreation Van Bellehem referred to earlier discussion on Item #12 wherein there was reference to the "doubtful value of the programs of the Park and Recreation Department", and indicated his concerns regarding the "impact of such remarks on the morale of the dedicated staff who put in long, hard hours of work with residents, serving a variety of interests".

Respect for the above position taken by Mr. Van Bellehem was indicated by Mayor Miller; Councilman Wilson indicated concurrence with the above comments in view of Torrance's recognition throughout the years as a City with outstanding recreational programs.

39. "Appropriate recognition" for Miss Dulci Ogi, 1975-76 Nisei Week Queen, was requested by Councilman Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

40. Councilman Surber noted the achievements of the Torrance Police Officers Association's "Slo-Pitch Team" and requested "appropriate recognition".

41. The outstanding community contributions of both the Recreation Department staff and dedicated private citizens in the providing of recreation for young people was reviewed by Councilman Surber who indicated his great respect for these joint efforts.

42. The apparent lack of interest in the RTD Park-and-Ride program was noted by Councilman Surber. Councilman Brewster reported on the keen observance of the program by RTD.

(Per Item #12)

43. Councilman Uerkwitz reaffirmed his personal opinion that "the value of these sports programs are worth more than the rest of the Park and Recreation put together" -- sports and youth programs are of much more value than non-sports activities, in the judgment of Mr. Uerkwitz who likewise indicated his respect for Mr. Van Bellehem's opinion.

44. "Appropriate recognition" for Boy Scout Troop 761 of Torrance, selected as South Bay representative in the Los Angeles County Fair Boy Scout Camporal, was requested by Councilman Wilson.

45. Airport Commissioner Don Marousek, 326 Camino del Campo, pointed out the new Commission policy wherein there will be an Airport Commissioner in attendance at each of the Council meetings in order to strengthen the line of communication.

Mr. Marousek also indicated sympathy for Mr. Wells (Item #28) in his objections to the proposed ordinance re: dedication of street right-of-way.

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ITEM #25 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:20 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to consider wages, hours, and working conditions (this being a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 8:35 P.M., and took the following action: (Re: TPSA)

ORDINANCE NO. 2603

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART IV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR MID-MANAGEMENT AND ADOPTING NEW PART IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2603 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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At 8:37 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Tuesday, September 23, 1975, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:

Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance