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Adjourned at 12:12 A.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 1975, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 6:05 P.M.; Councilman Surber at 6:10 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Building and Safety Director McKinnon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 1975 and August 19, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (not present at either meeting).

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Surber (had not yet arrived at the meeting).

(Note: Previously approved minutes of July 22, 1975 should be amended to reflect the following: Page 7 - Ordinance No. 2575, City Attorney's Association, should be ORDINANCE NO. 2577; Ordinance No. 2576, TPOA, should be ORDINANCE NO. 2575; and Ordinance No. 2577, Torrance Firefighters, should be ORDINANCE NO. 2576.)

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6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the City Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each 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 (Councilmen Brewster and Surber had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Will next meet on September 25th at 6:00 P.M. regarding the Fine Arts Commission.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:8. APPEAL FROM DISCHARGE - Bradley E. Parsons.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time, date and place to hear the appeal of Police Sergeant Bradley E. Parsons who was discharged by the City Manager upon recommendation by the Chief of Police and after an Administrative Hearing on May 28, 1975.

Further, per Mayor Miller, a written statement of charges containing three counts was served on Sergeant Parsons, and he filed with the City an answer denying all the charges. Sergeant Parsons then requested a hearing before the Civil Service Commission on his discharge, in accordance with the provisions of the City Code. The Civil Service Commission held a hearing in the matter commencing on July 21, 1975 and concluding on August 4, 1975. Both the City and Sergeant Parsons were represented by counsel. Testimony was taken, and the case was argued before the Commission. Following the hearing the Commission made its findings on the three counts on August 14, 1975. The Commission upheld the charges as to count two and count three, but not as to count one. The Commission then concluded as follows:

"The Civil Service Commission of the City of Torrance upholds the Appointing Authority's dismissal of Sergeant Bradley E. Parsons for the following reasons:

"1. Torrance Police Sergeant Parsons violated Torrance Police Manual, Section 3.805.20 (b), 3.805.20(c), and 3.805.20(d).

"2. Torrance Police Sergeant Parsons engaged in conduct which was detrimental to the Department, and violated the principles of the Ride-Along Program and the principles of proper Police conduct.

"The Civil Service Commission of the City of Torrance hereby certifies the findings and conclusions heretofore stated."

Next stated by Mayor Miller: On August 18, 1975, Sergeant Parsons filed an appeal from the decision of the Commission. The City Code grants the officer the right to appeal his discharge to the City Council and provides that the City Council may, by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Council, modify or reverse such decision. Thus the Council has the following alternatives:

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"a. It may find the officer not guilty on both count 2 and count 3, in which case the decision of the Commission must be reversed, and the officer reinstated to duty with full pay and allowances.

"b. It may uphold the action of the Commission finding the officer guilty on one count or both counts, in which case the Council may either (1) affirm the discharge or modify the penalty to suspend the officer for a period not to exceed sixty days.

"c. It must return the case to the Civil Service Commission for additional proceedings if, in the judgment of the Council (1) there is no substantial evidence to support the Commission's decision, or (2) new and substantial evidence has been discovered which, with the use of due diligence, could not reasonably have been presented at the hearing before the Commission."

Mayor Miller then pointed out that no evidence not previously submitted and received into evidence by the Civil Service Commission may be heard by the City Council. The hearing will be held only on the record on appeal from the Civil Service Commission and on the oral arguments of the attorneys.

The following procedures, as recommended by the City Attorney, for the conduct of the hearing were established by Mayor Miller -- first, Attorney Gerald F. Moriarty, representing Sergeant Parsons, will present the first arguments, to be followed by arguments by Attorney Leonard Black, representing the City Manager; a 10-minute rebuttal will then be permitted each attorney.

Mayor Miller advised that each Councilmember has been furnished with a Statement of Charges; the Answer to the Charges; the minutes of the Civil Service Commission hearings held on July 21st, July 30th, and August 4th, 1975; the reporter's transcript of testimony at the Civil Service Commission meetings held on the above dates. Each member of the Council confirmed that they had read, in its entirety, the above noted material.

Presentation by Mr. Moriarty was invited by Mayor Miller at this time.

Mr. Moriarty gave a summary of the facts in this case, and detailed the incident involving Sergeant Parsons and Miss Debra Green which resulted in the charges of record. Also reviewed was Sergeant Parsons' ten years of service with the Torrance Police Department and his contributions of time and energy to community efforts; his educational achievements and enthusiasm and dedication for police work; the commendable departmental evaluation reports received by Sergeant Parsons; his character references, etc.

In conclusion, it was stated by Mr. Moriarty: "A brief indiscretion should not mean a man's whole career goes by the wayside. Sergeant Parsons has always been there when the

people of Torrance needed him. I hope that we won't let him down now that he needs us."

Attorney Leonard Black, on invitation of Mayor Miller, presented his arguments in support of the dismissal of Sergeant Parsons -- the incident of record was likewise recited by him, and noted were various discrepancies in the testimony offered; the aggressive role of Sergeant Parsons, along with the evident poor judgment displayed in this instance; the "public trust" aspect; the "Code of Ethics" violation; the loss of effectiveness as a police officer; etc.

The concluding remarks by Mr. Black stated that "the judgment of Sergeant Bradley Parsons has been proven to be faulty", and his discharge must be sustained.

Rebuttal by Mr. Moriarity was directed to the fact that Sergeant Parsons had testified from memory, minus any transcript of testimony submitted; the incident represented "two human beings doing a rather foolish act over a rather short period of time"; the absence of any evidence as to ineffectiveness of Sergeant Parsons; and again noted the high level of service and dedication displayed by Sergeant Parsons in his Police Department career. Mr. Moriarity also stated that Sergeant Parsons was willing to waive "time, benefits, and rank, if necessary".

No rebuttal was made by Mr. Black.

Council discussion ensued. It was the opinion of Councilman Surber that a like situation involving a prominent citizen would not be considered an illegal, significant event.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session to consider the subject matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (The hour was 7:15 P.M.)

City Manager Ferraro requested that he be excused from the deliberations on this matter; there were no objections.

The Council returned at 7:55 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Civil Service Commission for the dismissal of Sergeant Bradley Parsons. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

At this point, Mr. Moriarity was permitted to comment: Mr. Moriarity reiterated that Bradley Parsons would be willing to waive any additional time or benefits; further, he would bring no action to recover same.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out the right of appeal to the Superior Court in this matter.

INTRODUCTION:

9. Withdrawn.

PROCLAMATION:

10. INTERNATIONAL TOASTMISTRESS MONTH.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

11. RESOLUTION NO. 75-192 congratulating Miss Dulcie Ogi, 1875-76 Nisei Week Queen.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING MISS DULCIE  
CHIYOKO OGI ON HER ELECTION AS "MISS NISEI  
WEEK QUEEN" FOR 1975-76

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-192. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

12. LANDSCAPING IN TENTATIVE TRACT 26507 (ROLLING HILLS VISTA) AND TRACT 32149 (TOTAL CONCEPTS).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

One important point to consider is that the initial installation of landscaping is done by the subdivider. This eliminates a significant financial burden upon the City and at the same time provides esthetic enhancement. It is felt that the City should capitalize on this point and elect Alternative No. 2 (per communication of September 19, 1975).

With the pace that the subdividers are pursuing the work, it is believed that not all of the landscaping will be installed during the 1975-76 fiscal year.

Our estimates are that \$2,800 would be needed from the 1975-76 budget, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus.

COMMENTS FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

The cost estimate of \$2800 for the maintenance in 1975-76 is for hiring an additional Park Caretaker during the last fiscal quarter of 75-76. Implied in this, of course, is the budget request for 76-77 will have to include this new Park

Caretaker position. At present rates of pay and fringe benefits the labor cost for 1976-77 is estimated at \$13,376.68. In addition there would be a cost of \$473 for uniforms, tools and pickup truck rental, for a grand total maintenance cost in 1976-77 of \$13,849.68.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff in the selection of Alternative #2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Councilman Brewster indicated his shock at the maintenance cost of approximately 10¢ per square foot -- and the fact that this additional cost is the result of the hiring of an additional man and attendant expenditures; this, per Mr. Brewster, appears to be the prevalent attitude "throw more money and more manpower" in the solution of problems. An obvious option, in the opinion of Councilman Brewster, would be to obtain contract bids from private firms.

Concurrence with the seemingly undue high cost was expressed by Mayor Miller. Also reviewed by the Mayor was his previously expressed views regarding the right of the people who will occupy the future homes to be heard in the matter of an Assessment District.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman clarified the time constraints related to installation of the landscaping by the developers, and indicated that different means of maintaining the landscaping once installed could be explored.

Councilman Brewster indicated that he had no objections to determining the type of landscaping desired; his objections are to committing the City to the additional expense of maintaining same.

It was the consensus of the Council that the approval of Alternate 2 would permit initiation of landscaping plans by developer, with determination of maintenance costs <sup>from</sup> outside sources to be investigated by Staff. Assistant City Manager Scharfman further noted that it would be at least six months before maintenance would have to be started.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

13. AUTOMATIC DOORS FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the City of Torrance enter into a contract with the firm of H. Wendell Mounce & Associates to prepare the plans and specifications for the automatic doors at the Main Library and the City Hall for a lump sum fee of \$2,500. No appropriation is necessary as the contract for the work will be funded from the Department of Housing & Urban Development Community Development Funds.

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

REAL PROPERTY:

14. RESOLUTION authorizing extension to a lease between the City and American-Standard for lease of American-Standard property by the City for park and recreation purposes (Pueblo Area).

RESOLUTION NO. 75-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN EXTENSION TO A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMERICAN-STANDARD FOR LEASE OF AMERICAN-STANDARD PROPERTY BY THE CITY FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-193. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE amending provisions regarding fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2604

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 97.2.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEES DESCRIBED THEREIN CONFORM TO SECTION 33.13.1 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve Ordinance No. 2604 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION ADDING VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINAL.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the subject contract amendments to the City/CSC contract (Schedule "C", Price and Payment Schedule and Schedule "G", Equipment to be Installed at Torrance) be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract amendments. No additional funding will be required.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

17. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-194

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 A CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR ON-THE-JOB  
 TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
 AND ATLAS LIGHTING CORPORATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-194. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

18. SELECTION OF SITE FOR NIGHT LIGHTED BALL DIAMOND -  
 Housing and Community Development Funds (Columbia Park)

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

That the City Council commit contingency funds from the 1975-76 Housing and Community Development act to construct a ball diamond on Columbia Park, and this site ultimately be lighted by funds already earmarked for this purpose. It is further recommended that the diamond be located in the North Central area of the park adjacent to the Edison property, which is deemed to be the most desirable place.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

The Department agrees on the need for more ball diamonds to serve the North Torrance area; The Department also would like to start some improvement on a portion of the property donated by CBS in order to meet the condition in their deed for park improvements to be made prior to June 30, 1975. The Department concurs with the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

If Council approves subject project, HCD Division Staff recommends that the following conditions be imposed:

1. An attempt be made to use CETA personnel in all phases of this land development;
2. Estimates be obtained from appropriate City Staff as to the cost of construction by the City using CETA employees;
3. Estimates be obtained from qualified outside agencies (construction companies with experience in recreational land use development);
4. Monies appropriated from the HCD Contingency Fund be commensurate with the lowest estimate from (2) and (3), per August 25th communication.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

The construction of a ball diamond at Columbia Park is an eligible activity under 570.200 (a) of the Federal Regulations; the project is located within one of the target areas approved by HUD; and the money being used has been cleared for spending at the City Council's discretion.

The contingency reserve was established to ensure adequate funding for the projects originally approved. If \$60,000 of the present \$76,000 reserve balance is diverted to a ball diamond project, only \$16,000 will be available for the original purpose.

However, it is expected that certain projects originally approved may be modified or not funded for various reasons, in which case the reserve balance would be increased.

Council discussion was directed to the status of the Contingency Reserve Funds, with the request that Staff provide a report regarding same.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above stated recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to establish Policy #2 - "That the balance of the Contingency Fund be held until the mid-year review in December at which time social service program priorities could conceivably have been determined." The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That the Council hold the Contingency Fund until there is an update report on the status of some of the projects in question, which will permit reconsideration regarding use of same. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was confirmed by the Council that the City Manager had the "go ahead" on the subject lighting and field development, with the Contingency Fund Report to be returned as soon as possible.

19. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION PRIORITIES FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT.

It was noted by City Manager Ferraro that the "City Manager's Note" on this item should be corrected to state that the total dollar amount available in the Park and Recreation Facility Fund is \$127,740 (instead of \$27,740).

Following overall review of the recommended priorities, it was the consensus of the Council that there should be Committee consideration of this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #19 to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee, to be considered at their meeting of September 25th at 5:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. ORDINANCE re: Uniform Fire Code, 1973 Edition, as amended. AND RESOLUTION

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title, but the ordinance was not adopted at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2605  
(First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 5 OF  
DIVISION 8 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING

A NEW CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 8 WHICH ADOPTS  
BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1973.  
EDITION, AS AMENDED

(No action taken at this time, per instructions from City Attorney.)

RESOLUTION NO. 75-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE "UNIFORM FIRE CODE", 1973 EDITION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-195. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

21. REPORT RE: MEETING WITH TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES.

The September 18th report, of record, from the Council Committee on Park, Recreation and Community Development re: meeting with representatives of School Board was verbally conveyed by Councilman Wilson.

Council discussion ensued. It was the recommendation of Councilwoman Geissert that night lighting costs not be taken out of existing funds in the Park and Recreation Department budget, that another method of financing be employed. Concurrence with this recommendation was generally indicated by the Council.

Next to speak was Mr. Stanley Dunn, speaking as a private citizen, who reviewed the costs to the School District where night events are concerned and the desired City support in the electrical expenditure.

Mr. Jim Watkins, 18920 Doty Avenue, president, Torrance Junior All America Football, stated that the need for night lighting is an immediate one, and urged that the Council take immediate action to effect the night lighting.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee, it being understood that the night lighting monies budgeted would not come out of the Park and Recreation Department budget, Staff to report back on same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. HOUSING AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM (PART I)

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

1. That Staff be authorized to negotiate a contract with Bank of America or City National Bank, whichever offers the greatest benefit to the community.
2. That the negotiated contract be presented for Council action as soon as possible.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendations. The 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, Uerkwitz.

Considered, out of order, at this time:

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

29. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROGRAM - Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 on the 1976-77 Housing and Community Development Program, and noted the recent Citizen Participation Programs conducted by Staff where Torrance residents have submitted their ideas regarding the allocation of these monies. The minutes of these meetings, per the Mayor, have been reviewed by the Council.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Associate Gomez, it being noted that Staff will return to the Council on October 28th with further input as to projects and budgets.

Mayor Miller invited comments from those in opposition to the program:

Mrs. Rachel Meyer, 21233 Kent Avenue: Urged that the City not apply for HCD funds, in view of dire financial problems faced by the country at this time -- however, since such funds will be sought, her preference would be for Police/Fire equipment, children-oriented programs, and an annual "anything goes" trash pickup.

The Mayor next invited comments in support of the program:

The following speakers urged development of Delthorne Park: Mrs. Patty Mock, 20339 Madison, neighborhood spokesman restated their statement of record and noted that they have presented a petition of 322 signatures in support of this request; Al Claybourne, 20515 Avis; and Joe Alerio.

Park and Recreation Director Van Bellehem reported on the current status of the Delthorne land, Phase I development - time schedule and cost. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson noted the recent opportunity whereby a grant may be obtained for "labor intensive projects" which could be applied to the development of Delthorne Park. The project likely could be underway in approximately 120 days, per City Manager Ferraro. It was the direction of the Council that Staff so proceed, deeming this park a top priority.

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City Clerk Coil advised that a letter had been received from the Mediterranean Villas Homeowners Association requesting that funds be used for the development of Delthorné Park.

Ms. Betty Schapira, 4610 Avenue C: Provided a prepared statement, of record, requesting funds for the removal of architectural barriers as related to the handicapped, improved transportation facilities, and housing assistance.

Ms. Olga Thorington, 1504 Madrid, Disabled Services: Requested support for upgraded housing and rent supplement programs. Provided a communication from Mr. E.A. Gennette of Lawndale re: his experience with rental subsidies as a landlord. Consideration of funds for the CHORE program was also requested by Ms. Thorington.

Mr. Ed Brown, Coordinator of Special Projects, Torrance Unified School District: Requested funding for the Children's Center, and for a centralized kitchen.

Ms. Sharon Guard, 5322 Asteria, representing Victor Women's Club: Approval of funding the South Bay Children's Health Center was requested.

Mr. John LaResche, 3634 - 228th Street, Torrance Heights Civic Association: Prepared statement, of record, wherein it is requested that there be approval of an environmental barrier on the south side of Sepulveda Boulevard in this area -- petitions in support of this request were also presented by Mr. La Resche.

Ms. Helen Baldwin, 3720 Emerald, South Bay Regional Fair Housing Coalition: The primary purpose of Housing and Community Development Funds is to provide low cost housing and rent supplements -- many of the requests put forth at the Citizen Participation Meetings seem to have little or no impact on moderate or low income groups. In her opinion, any projects in addition to low income housing and rent supplement programs should be projects that will have a direct impact on the downtown area and on the low income elderly and disabled.

Ms. Vivienne Jay, 205 Vista del Sol, Human Resources Commission: Reiterated their recommendation that a new position of Human Resources Coordinator be established; a Child Care Center is also favored by this group.

There were no other speakers.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue Item #29 to October 28, 1975. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 10:30 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 10-minute recess followed at 10:31 P.M.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:23. ORDINANCE NO. 2600.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 Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2600 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2601.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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2601 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2602.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 for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2602 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Considered together:

26. STUDY REPORT OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON SOCIAL RESOURCES ELEMENT.
27. STUDY REPORT OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER: SOCIAL RESOURCES COORDINATOR POSITION.
28. DISCUSSION PAPER REGARDING BACKGROUND, METHODOLOGY, DEFINITION AND ANALYSIS OF A SOCIAL RESOURCES ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN.

Staff presentation was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

There was Council discussion, prior to audience input, relative to a Social Resource Element, it being generally agreed that further input was necessary. Councilman Uerkwitz was of the opinion that "we are not ready to put this in our General Plan"; Councilman Surber noted that there has been no "great hue and cry" for such an Element. Mayor Miller was concerned regarding potential involvement of the City in the provision of social services with resultant problems, added employees, etc.

Speakers on this matter were as follows:

Mrs. Eleanor Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, Torrance Coordinating Council: The serious need for a Human Resources Coordinator was outlined by her -- "people need help sometimes, and that's what it's all about!"

Mrs. Pat Tyrrell, 19935 Redbeam Avenue, president, League of Women Voters: In a prepared statement (of record) the League finds that a Social Resources Element is a missing piece in the General Plan, and supports the concept of a Social Resources Coordinator.

Mrs. Vivienne Jay, Human Resources Commission: Their position, of record, supporting a Human Resources Coordinator was reiterated by Mrs. Jay.

Mrs. Barbara Honeycutt, 4231 Scott Street: Expressed opposition to a Human Resources Coordinator and the Social Resources Element (prepared statement, of official record).

Mrs. Betty Jones, 5509 Beran Street: In a prepared statement, of record, opposition to a Human Resources Coordinator (noted was the revised title "Social Resources Coordinator") was voiced, as was the request that Council take no further action on this matter until there is clarification regarding the new title given this position, and CETA funding.

Council discussion resumed, with the need for further input as to the Social Resources Element reaffirmed -- further, that action on a Human Resources Coordinator be deferred until all this information is at hand.

Noted by Councilwoman Geissert was her long standing concern regarding the need for a Coordinator, and deemed a delay most unfortunate.

It was the recommendation and request of Councilman Brewster that "work task flow diagrams be prepared and that the report break down costs and times for each decision point in the work process.

The following action was taken by the Council:

Item #26:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager: That the City Manager be

directed to prepare and present to the Council for consideration the recommendation as to the estimated cost, available funding and recommended timetable for the creation and adoption of a Social Resources Element into the City's General Plan. Further, that "work task flow diagrams" be provided. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Item #27: SOCIAL RESOURCES COORDINATOR.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to hold Item #27 in abeyance until the Social Resources Element report is returned to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Item #28:

Action taken on Item #26 relates to this item as well.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

29. REPORT ON LOCAL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROGRAM FOR THE 1976-77 BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.

Heard earlier in the meeting - See Page 11.

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

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$411.90 to Korody-Colyear Corporation for necessary engine repairs to vehicle #343 engine.
2. \$890.40 to Best Concrete Vault Company for one only concrete water meter vault as requested by the Water Department for the Standard Brands Paint Company water service on 190th Street.
3. \$1570.92 to Western Water Works Supply Company for water pipe branch fittings complete with valves as required by the Water Department.
4. \$508.80 to James Jones Company for 300 only water pipe coupling adapters as required by the Water Department.
5. \$879.03 to Western Fire Equipment Company for Akron water hydrant connect fittings and one hose nozzle tip as required by the Fire Department.
6. \$397.50 to Harbor Testing Laboratory for 10 cases of ansul replacement fire extinguisher charges as used by the Police Department in patrol cars.
7. \$375.03 to Pacific States Cast Iron Company for 6-inch and 12-inch pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for Tract #32149.
8. \$1600.49 to Park-Son, Inc. for 6-inch and 12-inch pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department.
9. \$1217.50 to Bell & Howell - Micro-Photo Division for a variety of periodical titles on microfilm as requested by the City Librarian.
10. \$646.92 to Zumar Industries for the purchase of traffic control and playground warning signs as requested by the Transportation Department.
11. \$312.53 to South Bay Business Form Company for Bicycle License Registration forms as requested by the License Division.
12. \$556.43 to Oranco Supply Company for the purchase of required water sprinkler system hardware requested for Hickory Park.

31. AWARD OF SIX-MONTH CONTRACT - Asphalt Plant Mix  
Expenditure: \$112,045.50.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by Industrial Asphalt Company and approve of awarding them the contract in the total amount of \$112,045.50 including tax.

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

ADDENDUM ITEM:

32. RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 2592)

RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

That the Council adopt Ordinance No. 2592 with the word "lot" substituted for the word "property" in subsection a). The City Attorney has redrafted the ordinance and it is resubmitted at this time for your approval and new first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2592

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 74.3.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE DEDICATION OF STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2592 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that there be an Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss a litigation matter.

34. An excused absence for Water Commissioner Dunbar from the September 25th Commission meeting in that he will be out of town was requested, in his behalf, by City Clerk Coil. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

35. Councilman Armstrong requested that Staff prepare a Resolution of Support for AB 121 and AB 997.

36. "Appropriate recognition" for the Skyline Mobile Park Association for their contribution of Burn packs to the Fire Department was requested by Councilman Armstrong.

37. Councilman Brewster commended the new striping in evidence on Calle Mayor, south of Pacific Coast Highway.

38. Likewise commended by Councilman Brewster was Information Item A "Evaluation - Administration Reorganization #16".

39. Councilwoman Geissert also approved of the Calle Mayor striping, and was of the opinion that it will be most successful -- she questioned, however, the fact that the striping ends short of Via Los Altos. Staff will investigate this matter.

40. There is no need for the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee to meet re: the Regional Coastal Commission's

proposed plan in that same has already been adopted by the State Commission, per Councilman Wilson -- a meeting on this subject will be held at a later date.

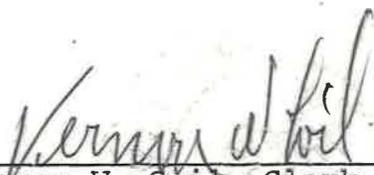
At 12:00 Midnight, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 12:10 A.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the Council concur that the City Attorney be authorized to execute Stipulation for Judgment in the Superior Court whereby the City will purchase the Cox parcel at Sur La Brea Park for the sum of \$6000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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 Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the  
 City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance