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7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee:
Wednesday, May 27, 1970, 7:30 P.M., Employees' Lounge.

Public Works Committee:
Tuesday, June 2, 1970, 4:00 P.M.

Police and Fire Committee:
Will meet every third Tuesday monthly.

8A. PRESENTATION OF CITATION TO CITY OF TORRANCE BY U.S.C.

Dean David Mars and Professor Mel LeBarron, U.S.C., at this time presented a citation to the City of Torrance in special recognition of the unusual steps taken by the City in the provision of training opportunities for its municipal employees. Certificates for employees participating in the program were presented to City Manager Ferraro for appropriate ceremony.

Councilman Wilson, on behalf of the Council, gratefully accepted the citation and expressed the appreciation of all for such recognition.

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Introduced at this time by Torrance Police Officer Al Jackson were members of the Car Club sponsored by the Torrance Police Department. Officer Jackson outlined as well the remarkable accomplishments through the years of this Car Club.

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9. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

With much pleasure, Mayor Miller announced the following Commission appointments:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:
Max Kelly

LIBRARY COMMISSION:
Mrs. Claire Crain (reappointment)

WATER COMMISSION:

Jack Brooks (reappointment)

CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER:

Harold F. Lindborg

Paul Pfahler

Bennett G. Smith

TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL:

Mark Brooks (reappointment)

William Delaney

YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION:

John Christopher (reappointment)

Harold D. Smith

TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Mrs. JoAnn Silence (reappointment).

COMMENDATIONS:

- 10. RESOLUTION commending Mr. John D. Parkhurst, Chief Engineer and General Manager, Los Angeles County Sanitation District, for his selection as one of the "Top Ten Public Works Men-of-the-Year".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING JOHN D. PARKHURST, CHIEF ENGINEER AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, FOR HIS SELECTION AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS MEN-OF-THE-YEAR.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-119. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 11. "National Safe Boating Week" - Week beginning June 28, 1970.
- 12. "Park and Recreation Month" - Month of June, 1970.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

- 13. Withdrawn.
- 14. CLAIM of William H. Denyer.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to City Attorney.

15. CLAIM of Richard H. Sylvester for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.

16. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$477.75 to A-1 Chemical for 70 cases of styrofoam cups as requested by the Custodial Department for stock. This purchase represents a special "close-out" sale. Several City departments draw from this stock for special activities.
2. \$713.95 to Brooks Products, Inc. for 63 various style water meter boxes as requested by the Water Department for stock.
3. \$1494.01 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for miscellaneous Hersey meter repair parts as requested by the Water Department for meter repair work "as needed".
4. \$958.33 to Diesel Service Center for one only rebuilt GMC bus diesel engine as requested by the City Garage as a replacement engine for Bus #332.
5. \$302.51 to ABC Nursery for 11 replacement trees as requested by the Park Department due to storm damage. Some of these trees will be paid for by property owners.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

6. \$1062.14 to Martin-Hannum, Inc. for 39 ounces of 13½K gold and 64 ounces of sterling plus silver solder as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their Jewelry Craft classes. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure by fees collected from class participants.
7. \$500.00 to Best Concrete Products to fabricate one only 6' width x 8' length x 9' diameter special water meter vault with ladder - delivered and installed as requested by the Water Department for the Reynolds Aluminum Service. Payment for this service has already been received.

C. SPECIAL ITEM:

8. \$4915.89 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 321 adult books and 652 juvenile books.

17. AWARD OF CONTRACT - ANNUAL FINE PAPER REQUIREMENTS.
(Reference Bid B70-20)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

1. That all items (stock numbers 68 through 660), with the exception of #111,112,491,518 and 526 be awarded to Nationwide Papers in the amount of \$9,390.06 including tax.

- 2. That items #111,112,491,518 and 526 be awarded to Noland Paper Company in the amount of \$253.64 including tax.

18. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - FISCAL YEAR 1970-71.

- A. ASPHALT PLANT MIX - REF. BID #70-24.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by the Sully-Miller Contracting Company and approve of the awarding of the contract to them in the amount of \$177,461.00 including applicable tax.

- B. ROAD OILS AND EMULSIONS - REF. BID #70-26.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the bid submitted by Douglas Oil Company and approve of the awarding of the contract to them in the amount of \$7,140.30 including applicable tax.

- C. CRUSHED ROCK, CRB, ROCK AND SAND - REF. BID #70-25.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

- 1. That Council accept the low bid for crushed rock and aggregate base material submitted by Azusa Western, Inc., and approve of the awarding of the contract for this material to the Azusa Western, Inc. in the amount of \$62,565.00 including applicable taxes.
- 2. It is also recommended that Council accept the low bid submitted by Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Company for washed sand in the amount of \$2,460.00 including applicable taxes.

- D. READY-MIXED CEMENT - CLASS A + B-4 - REF. BID #70-23.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bids submitted by A&A Ready Mixed Concrete Company for both items and award them the annual ready mixed concrete contract in the amount of \$19,577.25 including applicable tax.

19. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - 12-inch Water Main in Torrance Municipal Airport (B69-76) Job #70010.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1. That the work be accepted.
- 2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Mr.R. Fridrich Company, and
- 3. That \$4,000 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earlings Fund for Engineering and Water Department inspection and incidental costs.

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20. TIME EXTENSION - Tract No. 30691 (Developer: Anne B. Gooley).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That time extension of one year be granted to January 7, 1971.

21. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 23642.

Subdivider: Don Wilson Builders.

Bonding Company: American Motorists Insurance Company.

Bond No. 545111 - \$4,800.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bond be released.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that agenda items #14, 15,16,17,18,19,20, and #21 be approved as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

HEARINGS:

22. APPEAL OF CASE S70-42 - PAUL MARINKOVICH.

200 sq. ft. painted wall sign at 3116 West 182nd Street.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on this matter.

Mr. Marinkovich was present to advise that an out-of-work friend had painted the sign, it was assumed a permit had been obtained but such was not the case -- the sign exists and has been denied by the Sign Review Committee.

It was clarified by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that the subject sign was forbidden as long ago as February, 1967 -- the position of the Sign Review Committee was that it was part of the Conditional Use Permit in 1967 that it should be removed; the Sign Review Committee saw no reason for changing that decision. Further noted by Mr. Scharfman was the fact that there is also a pole sign, 45 sq. ft. in area, a sign on the front of the building, and the word "cocktails" over the door, and this was felt to be sufficient signing by the Sign Review Committee for the 35 ft. frontage possessed by Mr. Marinkovich.

Mayor Miller commented that the subject sign appears in complete violation; were approval contemplated it would result in like requests from other businesses who have had to live within the ordinance.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Sign Review Committee that the request be denied, with a 30-day limitation for removal of the painted wall sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

(Considered together:)

23. APPEAL OF D70-4 filed by Charles T. Rippy, Jr. for a division of lot into two parcels on the west side of Hickory Avenue, 200 feet north of Monterey Street. APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.
24. APPEAL OF D70-5 filed by Charles T. Rippy, Jr. for a division of lot into two parcels on property located on the east side of Juniper Avenue, 100 feet north of Monterey Street. APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for public hearing on agenda items #23 and #24.

The proponent, Mr. Rippy, was present to reiterate his request for waiver of requirements for curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, noting that the property on Hickory is the last piece there to be developed; the same is true on Juniper, except for one lot with an oil well -- most of the homes have been there in excess of five years, minus curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. To require same on the subject property represents undue hardship, as well as nonconformity with the rest of the area.

Pointed out by Councilman Johnson past Council action on February 26, 1969 affording such relief to Mr. George Hopper -- the only condition being imposed was that at such time as the entire street indicated a desire for curbs, gutters, and sidewalks that he participate. Mayor Miller noted that the Hopper case was on Eldorado Street, with sidewalks on the other side -- in the subject case, the Mayor expressed sympathy in that Staff cannot indicate any future date when these improvements can be put in.

At Councilman Surber's question, City Engineer Weaver clarified that most of the homes in this area were built prior to the enactment of the ordinance; the only time the requirement of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks can be imposed is in cases where a division of lot is requested -- it is not a requirement when a building permit is involved. Mr. Weaver added that installation of these improvements for the existing homes would depend upon the property owners getting together, circulating a petition, or by themselves to obtain a contractor to put them in; the City itself would not put them in, deeming this the responsibility of the property owners -- it is a matter of policy established by the Council 8 to 10 years ago.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed on agenda items #23 and #24. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of City Engineer Weaver that if deletion of the curb is approved, that the street trees also be deleted, since the curb is necessary for their protection.

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Concern as to the effect on street lights was voiced by Councilman Uerkwitz. City Traffic Engineer Horkay reported his understanding that in this area Edison will put in the work poles (for which there is no charge) and at some future date if the property owners do want to install the curb, gutter, and sidewalk it will also include the decorative street lighting with the underground conduit at that time.

Councilman Brewster noted that if by waiving the curb, gutter, and sidewalk, any trees would be endangered, then, in a sense, the Council is further waiving the planting of trees -- then, to Mr. Rippy, Councilman Brewster inquired if he would still buy that tree for placement by the City where needed. Mr. Rippy indicated his willingness to do so.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on D70-4 and D70-5, for approval subject to conditions, with relief granted on condition #1 in both cases re: street improvements; subject to the further condition that the trees be given to the City by the proponent to be placed elsewhere. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. APPEAL OF D70-6 filed by Charles T. Rippy, Jr. and George Kurtz for a division of lot into four parcels on the west side of Pennsylvania Avenue between 229th Place and 230th Street.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for hearing of the appeal of D70-6.

Mr. Rippy stated that he was agreeable to putting in the curb, gutter, and sidewalk around Parcels 3 and 4, but due to the fact that there is still an oil operation on Parcels 1 and 2, it is his feeling that the curb, gutter, and sidewalk would be incompatible with that operation with equipment going in and out to service the wells -- further, it is not known at this time where the approach should be located. Mr. Rippy also indicated his willingness to tear down the corrugated metal and plastic materials around the wells and tanks, as well as providing additional landscaping around the well on 229th Place.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that he cannot see any compromise in this situation -- the subject area is one that the City is trying to develop, with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks required in every possible instance -- concessions will only hinder the development of Southeast Torrance. The Mayor would not be in favor of granting such relief. Mr. Rippy then stated that he would be willing to go along with the fact that before a building permit would be issued on Lots 1 and 2 that curbs, gutters, and sidewalks must be installed.

While he has been outspoken against unwieldy oil operations, it was stated by Councilman Johnson, he feels this one has been a reasonable one. Mr. Johnson would agree that finished curbs, gutters

and sidewalks would be broken up, and it seems reasonable to Mr. Johnson that these improvements be installed around Lots 3 and 4, which are buildable, and that a berm curb be put around Lots 1 and 2, with the stipulation that at the time of issuance of a building permit that the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks must be put in on Lots 1 and 2.

Mr. Rippy then outlined the past history of the subject property involving the deeds and dedications thereof, and the fact that it would be possible to lot split the one parcel, and forget about the two parcels to the north -- they are trying to do this in a one parcel map deal, but why the hardship on the oil operation?

Noted by Councilman Uerkwitz was the fact that the only unfinished portion of 229th Place in this vicinity is the subject area -- Mr. Uerkwitz added that it appears it will be some time before the 4-lot split will be developed into residential, and he cannot see any validity in the argument that a location for the driveway cannot be determined -- with the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks the street would be completed and the area enhanced.

Next to speak was Mr. W.D. Brugger, 2348 West 230th Street, representing the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, who stated that the position of the Association is that they are interested areawide in developing street improvements, and they would be very much against any concession on the part of the City Council which would result in delaying the progress in this direction. Further, according to Mr. Brugger, a beautiful drainage system is coming in and the gutters are extremely important to this system.

Mrs. Sharon Allen, 2330 West 230th Place, pointed out the fact that the subject street is heavily trafficked by school children to the three nearby schools, and the high school, with even more traffic anticipated when the library goes in. Photographs were then distributed by Mrs. Allen showing a house recently hit by a car; curbs and sidewalks might have prevented this -- it seems to her like protection should be desired for the proponent's oil wells.

Mr. William Delaney, 2456 West 228th Street, stated that there is an oil well operation on his street, with sidewalk, curb, and driveway -- certainly the same should be required of the subject property.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of D70-6, subject to all conditions, and that the appeal for relief of conditions pertaining to curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and landscaping be DENIED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.
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At 8:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as Redevelopment Agency. Motion seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; approval unanimous. A recess followed at 8:06 PM.

PLANNING MATTERS:

26. RESOLUTION approving a Variance to construct an addition to a single-family residence in an R-2 zone without the required two-car garage. Case No. V70-7 - Wells.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that under Section 4, Condition 1, the following should be added: "and that this condition be recorded".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY DANIEL R. AND PATRICIA W. WELLS IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V70-7.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-120 as above amended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change Case 70-3. Change of zone from C-2 and A-1 to R-1 and C-3 PP on property located between Hawthorne Boulevard and Madison Street, south of 227th Street. Torrance Planning Commission, Petitioner.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2084

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND MADISON STREET, SOUTH OF 227TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-3.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2084 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

28. ORDINANCE for Zone Change Case No. 70-2, NORIYOSHI MATSUI, et al. Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3 on property located on the west side of Hawthorne, midway between 236th Street and 238th Street! (First reading May 12, 1970, at which time it was given number 2080.)

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2080

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY

THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED
ON THE WEST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
MIDWAY BETWEEN 236TH STREET AND 238TH
STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-2.
(Noriyoshi Matsui, et al)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2080 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was noted that the ordinance had been revised. Planning Director Shartle advised that the proponents are aware of this and are in agreement with same -- Mr. Shartle further explained that the zone change preceded the precise plan, and on the zone change the Master Plan for that area called for the alley to be along the rear of the property. Subsequently a precise plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission, with three property owners appearing at the same time which made it possible to work out the alley as described in this ordinance.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer/that this would constitute the first reading of Ordinance No. 2080, in view of the revision.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

29. Residence Requirement Provisions.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject matter be referred to the Council Civil Service Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Attorney Richard Knickerbocker, 440 Union Bank Building, was present to request that he be notified regarding such meetings inasmuch as represents two employees affected by the residence requirement. Mayor Miller requested that Mr. Knickerbocker be so advised.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

30. WIDTH OF 228TH STREET BETWEEN MARTHA AVENUE AND ATCHISON, TOPEKA, & SANTA FE RAILROAD.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the width of 228th Street between Martha Avenue and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad be established at 33 feet.

Councilman Uerkwitz inquired if it would be possible, were the dedication not continued, to return the property involved in Lots 5, 6, and 7. Councilman Johnson added his understanding that if the dedication was one of the City's requirements for remodeling a home, and the street is not to be widened, it certainly should be returned to the few people who so dedicated in good faith.

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It was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer that all the City can do is vacate anything they have and let the chips fall where they may -- the only time the City can do otherwise is if it is owned in fee. Councilman Johnson suggested that it be sold back to these people for \$1.00, then it is owned in fee.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, that the width of 228th Street between Martha Avenue and the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe railroad be established at 33 feet, and that it be noted that it is the intent of the Council that the property discussed be returned to the adjacent property owners.

Discussion returned to the recommended return of property: City Engineer Weaver stated that rededication could be received as a condition of the building permit; there will be easements, and a resolution can be returned in the very near future setting a hearing to vacate these three parcels -- Mr. Weaver could see no problems, and noted the resolution would be returned in 30 days.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. PROPOSED VACATION OF ALLEY SOUTHERLY OF NEW HORIZONS
(Between 229th Place and Maple Avenue)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council approve and adopt the subject Resolution declaring its intention to vacate (with conditions) a portion of the alley southerly of New Horizons and setting a date for a public hearing thereon.

Present, representing New Horizons, was Mr. G.W. Webb who outlined the history of the subject alley, and their desire for vacation of the entire alley, noting the objections of the Engineering Department. Mayor Miller pointed out that the subject resolution will set a hearing date, with these determinations to be made at that time.

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

** RESOLUTION NO. 70-121

** (Withdrawn -
See Page 13)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN 229TH PLACE AND MAPLE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-121. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

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Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion was directed to the wording of the resolution. Councilman Brewster pointed out that the resolution should reflect the understanding that the entire alley is to be vacated; Councilman Johnson further noted that also to be included is the 1 ft. that the wall sits on, i.e. from the outside of the wall all the way through to the New Horizons building.

In view of the above, it was agreed to refer the subject resolution back to the City Engineer for further clarification. City Engineer Weaver indicated that there was a need as well for clarification from the City Attorney as to proper procedure.

Councilman Uerkwitz thereupon withdrew his motion, as did Councilman Johnson his second.

City Engineer Weaver advised that the resolution would be returned on June 9th. Councilman Brewster requested that the Council have the benefit of the Planning Commission minutes on this matter..

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that Staff has indicated that at some future time there may be a need for an opening in the wall, and there should be some provision for negotiating with New Horizons in order to provide such an opening should it become necessary.

REAL PROPERTY:

32. ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR FLOOD CONTROL STORM DRAIN PROJECT #8101 ON 235TH PLACE BETWEEN WALNUT STREET AND CABRILLO AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER AND BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

1. That Council approve relocation of oil well facilities out of future right-of-way and onto private property, per subject exhibit; and
2. That posting of property within 300 ft. be waived inasmuch as the above-mentioned relocation is at the request of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

City Engineer Weaver displayed the storm drain plan, and explained the need for acquiring certain drainage easements; at the conclusion of those negotiations, if successful, the storm drain will be as indicated; if unsuccessful in making satisfactory arrangements with the oil operators, then the only alternative for the Flood Control District is to route the storm drain on the north side of the street.

Mr. Weaver further explained that Mr. Robinett has indicated approval of the proposed arrangement; however, before he consummates his agreement with the Flood Control District, he has asked for assurance from the City that he can relocate his oil facilities

on his lot and that said relocation be approved in advance by the City.

Councilman Johnson inquired as to the legality of the tanks relative to the foam requirement and the relocation of the tanks; Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that the sketch provided with the material on this item will completely comply with all City and Oil Code conditions. Mr. McKinnon added that since it is a governmental agency in need of the easement it is possible for the Council to waive the condition of actually going to a public hearing.

Mr. George Kurtz, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, was present on this matter and stated that there is a relationship between agenda items 32 and 33 -- item #32 has come up because it is felt that the only way they can be sure that the City is going to go along with the storm control is to get the agreement in writing with Council. This becomes significant, Mr. Kurtz continued, in terms of item #33, because they thought they had an agreement with the City on #33; negotiations were conducted over a long period of time, but unfortunately the matters were not in writing, the whole negotiation then changed, other factors entered in, which, in his opinion, were detrimental to the City as a whole and to the people in the area.

Continuing, Mr. Kurtz stated, in reference to item #32, that it is desired to have the City's assurance, in writing, that they can relocate those tanks in the manner indicated on the exhibit. Once that is known then they can go ahead with the County and give them the dedication for their purposes and know that when the money is given them by the County for the relocation of the tanks, the relocation can then be accomplished.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with recommendations #1 and #2 of the City Engineer on agenda item #32. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was the further comment of Mr. Kurtz that his letter to Mr. Weaver indicates that the agreements reached at the meeting at City Hall, is the agreement as they understood it, and they concur in it.

Mr. Lou Sismondo, 1974 West 235th Place, noted that there might be access difficulties to the foam lines, in view of adjacent tanks on the two properties; for the purpose of safety it was his suggestion that the foam line be routed near the street -- otherwise in his opinion, Mr. Robinett's proposal is acceptable.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Dan Robinett, 2305 West 230th Street, who stated that he owns the piece of property from 235th Place to 236th Street; he has already assured the Fire Department regarding access to the foam line.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion was unanimously favorable.

- 33. REQUEST OF MR. GEORGE KURTZ for reconsideration of proposals for dedication of 232nd Street westerly of Arlington Avenue (Robinett); Demolition of house on 233rd Street; and tank storeroom on 231st Street.

Mr. George Kurtz reiterated his feeling that there is a relationship between agenda items #32 and #33 inasmuch as a deal was worked out in #32 with the County for relocation, with Council to follow the recommendations of Staff. This represents cooperation by Mr. Robinett which has resulted in some benefit to the City, Mr. Kurtz continued; he then outlined the offer of Mr. Robinett of dedication of rights of way for street and highway purposes on 235th Street and 232nd Street, subject to certain conditions outlined in his letter of May 18, 1970, along with a resume of past negotiations.

The absence of Staff recommendations was noted by Mayor Miller. A need for clarification for the two new uninitiated Councilmen was pointed out by one of same, Mr. Brewster.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that this matter be referred back to Staff for study and recommendation, to be returned to the June 9th Council agenda. (Mr. Kurtz indicated that he would concur with the motion.) The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

- 34. WITHDRAWN.

- 35. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of Agreement for purchase of Parcel 27 required for the widening of Del Amo Boulevard (Maria Chakinis).

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Senior Deputy City Attorney that a settlement in the amount of \$2350.00 be allocated (Gas Tax Funds). The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, 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. 70-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 27 REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.
(Maria Chakinis).

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-121. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

- 36. RESOLUTION authorizing an encroachment permit for sign at 2155 Torrance Boulevard (AVCO Financial), J.R. Klink, Owner.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-122

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 ENCROACHMENT PERMIT BETWEEN THE CITY AND J.R. KLINK.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-122. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 9:25 P.M. a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

- 37. RESOLUTIONS re: Redondo Beach Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

- 1. Adoption of subject resolution consenting to establishment of a portion of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue as part of the system of County Highways of the County of Los Angeles.
- 2. Adoption of the subject resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an agreement between the County of Los Angeles, City of Lawndale and City of Torrance for the modification of traffic signals at the intersection of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.
- 3. Appropriation of \$4,000 from Gas Tax Funds to cover the City's share of the improvement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD AND PRAIRIE AVENUE WITHIN

SAID CITY AS PART OF THE SYSTEM OF
COUNTY HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-123. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, 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. 70-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND
ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR
MODIFICATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL
BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-124. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations #1, #2, and #3 of the City Traffic Engineer, including the appropriation described therein. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

- 38. LANDSCAPING - TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND WESTERN AVENUE.
Request from Torrance Beautiful Commission to finish landscaping.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council refer this to Staff for evaluation.

The Council indicated its approval of the concept of the subject request. MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections and it was so ordered.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 39. RESOLUTION urging the Board of Trustees of El Camino College to enforce all Board policies and all provisions of the Education Code.

The three alternate versions of the Resolution were reviewed by the Council (it was noted by Mayor Miller that "Alternate A" bearing his name was not prepared at his request). At the Mayor's request, for the benefit of the audience, titles of the three versions were read aloud by City Clerk Coil.

Discussion was launched with the comment of Councilman Wilson that he, as previously stated, is not opposed to law and order on the campus; certainly there has to be some control and a certain decorum insofar as faculty and students are concerned. His concern, Dr. Wilson continued, is regarding the appropriateness of this Council taking action prior to the students actually going to the president and the trustees with their complaints; further, the City Attorney has advised that the Council has no jurisdiction over the college. It further appears to Councilman Wilson that this Council would object were someone from the outside to present a resolution to the El Camino College Board stating that the City Council should enforce all laws; it seems inappropriate for this Council to be telling another body, with laws which they do enforce to enforce them -- they must be enforced, there is a State Code, and many laws, and El Camino is very mindful of its responsibilities -- for another body to come in and say that they do not think El Camino is obeying the laws is extremely ill advised, in the opinion of Councilman Wilson.

At Mayor Miller's question as to whom had been contacted in this matter, spokesman Dave Bert, 3720 Emerald Street, advised that the trustees have not been contacted, only the college president; further, that this is not a Student Council action but an individual one.

Disagreement with the above comments of Councilman Wilson was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz. It is his understanding that the resolution's intent is to support those students who want to attend school classes, and it is designed to express the Council's feeling to discourage those other students who desire to strike and disrupt and do everything except go through the process of learning at the college -- obviously there is no control over the Board's actions, but it is imperative that someone stand up and express an opinion in favor of the people who want to enforce the law. Mr. Uerkwitz added that the publicity all goes to one side with no contest of this particular problem -- he, for one, feels the people now before the Council have the right idea, that they must stand up and be heard so that the other side of the story receives some attention. Councilman Uerkwitz thereupon MOVED that the resolution be adopted as originally presented. At Mayor Miller's comment that Councilman Uerkwitz had otherwise indicated to him--Mr. Uerkwitz felt the El Camino Board should at least have the opportunity to hear these proponents because it is their responsibility -- Councilman Uerkwitz stated that he does so feel, the Board of Trustees should listen to the statements of all, but these efforts should be recognized.

Councilman Surber expressed his lack of desire to "take anybody on" but it appears that something must be done, and cited recent events which indicate the seriousness of the situation -- he feels it important that the advocates in this case know that they have the Council's support, that the community is behind them -- Mr. Surber feels that it is necessary, as responsible people, to speak up; if the Council should be acting in error and making improper decisions, they will hear about it. He strongly supports the motion and seconded same.

Councilman Johnson stated that the wording of any one of the three resolutions was acceptable -- the intent being the same in each one. Mr. Johnson echoes the sentiments expressed by Councilmen Surber and Uerkwitz; admittedly the Council has no jurisdiction over the college, but it should stand up and be counted so that the Board will be aware of this Council's concern for the students who seek an education. Certainly both sides should be heard, Councilman Johnson continued, but at the present time only the militants are being heard -- this appears to be an attempt to have someone listen to the other side of the story; he intends to support them, and would vote for any one of the resolutions.

It was reported by Mayor Miller that he had had a conversation with one of the El Camino College Board members who was completely uninformed as to these efforts by the students -- the Mayor is completely in favor of keeping the schools open, but he does not approve of "emotional games" on the basis of the appearance of a few students requesting Council's support of a resolution without first having the Board of Trustees side of the matter.

Councilman Sciarrotta reiterated the fact that he is 100% in sympathy with what the proponents propose -- adoption of the proposed resolution would, in a sense, commend these boys for starting an organization which is actually a demonstration against the demonstrators. But Mr. Sciarrotta would not in any manner criticize a governing body of a college.

Mr. Bert returned to comment that there is no intent by way of the resolution to do other than lend support to the Board of Trustees and the administration, which was highly praised by Mr. Bert and concurred in by student Peter Conway.

Discussion was then directed to appropriate wording for the resolution, and, at Councilman Brewster's suggestion, the word "support" was substituted for "urge" throughout resolution "B", with concurrence by the Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EL CAMINO COLLEGE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN BOARD POLICIES AND PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION CODE.

The revised SECTION 1. was read aloud as well by City Clerk Coil: "That it hereby supports the Board of Trustees of El Camino College in their efforts to strictly enforce, or cause to be enforced, all state and local laws and ordinances, as well as all Board policies and all provisions of the Education Code relating to campus conduct, maintenance of an academic atmosphere, and protection of the

public's property, and further supports the Administration and the Board of Trustees of said College to fully discharge their duties and responsibilities in this regard in behalf of the students and taxpayers of the El Camino College District."

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-125, as revised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

40. Submittal of proposed City Charter of the City of Torrance by Chairman of Torrance Charter Review Committee.

In attendance, representing the Charter Review Committee, was Mr. Bill Poser, 4930 Marion Avenue, who stated that the Council has been furnished with a copy of a proposed City Charter which was drafted by the official and unofficial Charter Review Committee, representing considerable time and effort. It is the recommendation of the Committee that a Council Ad Hoc Committee be formed to study this proposed Charter, noting that 4 members of the Committee would be willing to sit in for any needed advice or clarification; it was further recommended that public hearings be held to obtain the views of the citizens relative to the proposed Charter. It is further proposed that the Charter be reviewed and analyzed, and possibly rewritten, by a Charter expert. Also proposed is that the Charter be submitted to the electorate as an organized Charter with or without controversial items.

Mr. Poser added that it is recognized that there are some controversial items in the Charter as proposed by the Charter Review Committee; it should be made clear to the Council that those items are there only as proposals, the Council has the right to accept or reject them and to rewrite or restructure those items in any manner desired.

Further proposed by the Charter Review Committee, Mr. Poser continued, is that the Council call an election, if so desired, to decide the question of drafting a Charter by a Board of Freeholders. Lastly requested was that consideration be given to appointing a standing committee to review the Charter evolved by the Charter Review Committee, whether it be the present Charter or whether it be a new Charter, to recommend to the Council certain things to upgrade that Charter and avoid the Charter reaching a stage of obsolescence as it is today.

Mr. Poser's concluding remarks were that it is the basic responsibility of the Council to direct its attention to Charter change, and they have high hopes that the new Council will direct its efforts in this way; the Charter Review Committee is not selling a product, but providing something that they feel will give the people better government without costing the citizens a cent -- today that is a mighty fine bargain.

Discussion followed on the above recommendations, as well as the composition of an Ad Hoc Committee and Mayor Miller named Councilman Wilson to serve as chairman with Councilmen Brewster and Uerkwitz as committee members; there were no objections.

Mrs. James Pierson, 5620 Bartlett Drive, representing the League of Women Voters, commended the Council for this action, and offered the assistance of the League in whatever manner they might serve.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

41. ORDINANCE NO. 2081.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2081

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.5.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2081 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

42. ORDINANCE NO. 2082.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2082

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.3.8, ARTICLE 3, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADDING SECTION 14.5.3, ARTICLE 5, AND SECTION 14.6.3, ARTICLE 6, TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO PROBATIONARY PERIODS FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2082 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

43. City Clerk Coil advised the Council of the vacancy on the Parking Place Commission and the need for appointment thereto. Mayor Miller appointed Councilman Sciarrotta to so serve, and there were no objections.

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44. Relative to the Streets and Highways Commission, City Clerk Coil reported that such a commission has been established by ordinance. It was agreed to review this matter at the Council meeting of June 9th, with the meeting to convene at 6:00 P.M. for this purpose.

45. City Manager Ferraro reported that the Southern California Edison Company cannot finance the proposed trip for viewing of certain of their installations in Phoenix, Arizona. However, it has been learned from them that there is a similar installation in the Los Gatos area -- it was agreed that Councilmen Johnson, Surber, and Uerkwitz would make the trip; the date selected was Sunday, June 7th.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to approve the subject trip, with appropriation of the necessary funds from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

46. Next reported by City Manager Ferraro was the fact that the Redevelopment Agency is displacing the Le Touche' bar on Pacific Coast Highway, and negotiations are now underway -- the new location is to be 25565 Hawthorne Boulevard. It is requested by the Agency staff that the Council waive the \$125.00 fee required for a Conditional Use Permit, this being part of the relocation negotiations.

Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

47. In view of the forthcoming seminar at Denver, Colorado, at which most of the Councilmen will be present, City Manager Ferraro requested approval that the Council be dark on June 16th.. Councilman Sciarrotta so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

48. City Manager Ferraro referred to Information Item E, a communication from Dr. Ronald T. Piccirillo indicating a joint program with Little Company of Mary Hospital and Goodhew Ambulance for training in emergency cases -- Mr. Ferraro stated that the Fire Department has no objections to this and deem it a very excellent program.

Councilman Uerkwitz requested that some reference be made to the ambulance sirens and what he feels is excessive noise.

49. It was reported by Councilman Wilson that the North High Girls' Softball Team won first place in the Bay League; Dr. Wilson feels this a most worthy achievement and MOVED that an appropriate resolution be prepared. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

50. The recognition afforded the Thiem Industries, Inc., Torrance on being named Subcontractor of the Year by the Small Business Administration, Washington, D.C. was reported by Councilman Wilson, this being the first time a West Coast firm has won this award. Councilman Wilson thereupon MOVED that a resolution be prepared commending the Thiem Industries for this accomplishment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

51. The death of former Torrance Mayor, Mr. Scott Ludlow, was regretfully reported by Mayor Miller, with the request that a letter of sympathy go forward to his family.

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At 10:35 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for Executive Session. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous.

The Council returned at 11:40 P.M. at which time Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 2, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Vernon W. Coil

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

APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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