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Adjourned at 8:00 P.M. to Monday, June 8, 1970 at 3:30 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING - TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 1970, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Leon Taylor, at Mayor Miller's request, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend R. Wally Kornegay, Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

An incredible error was noted in the minutes of May 14, 1970 by Councilman Brewster: Page 1 - ROLL CALL: "Responding to roll call..... Mayor Isen." Apologies were extended Mayor Miller, very much present on May 14th, and he proved himself a very forgiving type of Mayor.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 1970 and May 14, 1970 (with the above noted correction) as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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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, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Noted.

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33. INSURANCE:

A presentation was made at this time relative to the Insurance Program for the City of Torrance. Enlightening discussion followed with contributions by Mr. William Brady, Deputy Attorney Jack Allen, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Manager Ferraro.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the matter of the City's insurance program be referred to the Council Finance Committee for study and recommendation to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Building and Safety Director McKinnon referred to the requirement regarding professional liability insurance in view of the unlikelihood of a building collapsing or a healthy earthquake; it seems unreasonable to place such a lengthy, expensive responsibility on a person on small projects, in the \$150,000 range, built of common materials and not exotic construction. It was agreed that this would be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Sciarrotta who MOVED that the general liability premium be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz, at the time of his "yes" vote, that this is a terribly high premium to pay, but every city in the South Bay has the same problem.

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At 5:45 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. It was pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the hour for the Redevelopment Agency must be 6:00 P.M. or later. Councilman Sciarrotta then rescinded the above motion, as did Councilman Wilson his second.

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COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION NO. 70-118 commending the Torrance Jaycees on being named the outstanding local in the State at the State Jaycees Convention held in Palm Springs.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE TORRANCE JAYCEES ON BEING NAMED THE OUTSTANDING LOCAL IN THE STATE AT THE STATE JAYCEE CONVENTION HELD IN PALM SPRINGS.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-118, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Several Jaycee representatives were present, including president-elect John Dunbar. Mr. Dunbar described the prize-winning activities of the Torrance Jaycees, and the congratulations of the Council were extended to them.

10. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Larry Bowman for his faithful and diligent service to the City of Torrance as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO LARRY BOWMAN FOR HIS FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-128, to be permaplaqued. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

11. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Mrs. Rose Craig for her faithful and diligent service to the City of Torrance as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MRS. ROSE CRAIG FOR HER FAITHFUL AND

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DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-126, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 12. RESOLUTION NO. 70-126 commending Thiem Industries, Inc., on being named Subcontractor of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THIEM INDUSTRIES, INC. ON BEING NAMED THE NATION'S SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR BY THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-126. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Considered at this time:

ADDENDUM ITEM:

- 32. RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. Donald E. Banker.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING MR. DONALD E. BANKER ON HIS ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 4-L3.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-127, to be permaplaqued. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Banker was present to receive this recognition from Councilman Johnson, on behalf of the Council, with congratulations. Fellow Lions were in the audience and were introduced as well by Mr. Banker.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:13. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1848.16 to Automatic Printing of Torrance for the printing of 750,000 library book checkout transaction slips as requested by the City Library.
2. \$613.62 to C.B. Van Vorst Company for 12 innerspring mattresses with box springs as requested by the Fire Department as replacements.
3. \$492.17 to Santa Monica Bus Line for 320 brake-lining shoes for GM buses as requested by the City Garage. This lining has become surplus to Santa Monica.
4. \$750.96 to American Pipe and Construction Company for 80 feet of 16" water pipe as requested by the Water Department for the Del Amo Boulevard Improvement Project.
5. \$891.45 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for two water meters (1 only 2" and 1 only 6") as requested by the Water Department for the Central Library Service.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

6. \$655.20 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one only 3" water meter as requested by the Water Department for the Glendale Federal Service.

C. SPECIAL:

7. \$1769.05 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 217 adult books.
8. \$525.00 to Rowman and Littlefield for two sets of World Bibliographies 1970.
9. \$308.87 to Combined Book Exhibit, Inc. for one set of bibliography for Teachers of Mathematics 1970.

14. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STATIONERY SUPPLIES (REFERENCE BID #B70-19) FISCAL YEAR 1970-71.RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following award of contracts (per Description pages on subject Stationery Supplies):

1. That a contract in the amount of \$3,138.50 (including tax) be awarded to Bayless Stationers, Inc. to supply Stock Items 22-28, 32, 55, 76-95, 148, 154-160, 203, 235, 236, 245-247, 251, 260-278, 290-295, 318-320, 379, 675, 735-740, 664, 745-748, 765, 770, 789, 791-799, 830-833, 859 and 860.

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2. That a contract in the amount of \$2,384.74 (including tax) be awarded to Inglewood Book & Stationery Company to supply Stock Items 30, 31, 33-39, 60-62, 122, 135, 136-140, 149, 207, 209-225, 240-244, 255-257, 285, 286, 298-313, 355, 370-377, 415, 550-583, 604, 608, 730, 781 and 815.
3. That a contract in the amount of \$2,854.45 (including tax) be awarded to Pioneer Stationers, Inc. to supply Stock Items 63-75, 100-120, 131, 132, 170-195, 230, 231, 250, 280-282, 288, 335-351, 364-369, 380, 425-561, 572, 595-600, 609-668, 725, 726, 733, 744, 755-760, 775, 780, 788, 810-813, 820-828, 842-858 and 866-868.

15. AWARD OF CONTRACT - SPORTING EQUIPMENT (REF. BID #B70-21).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following award of contracts (per Description pages on subject Sporting Equipment):

1. That \$1,218.11 (including tax) be awarded to Hammatt and Sons for Items 60-62, 78, 100, 101 and 105.
2. That \$434.81 (including tax) be awarded to Hugh Rich Archery, Inc. for Items 83, 85-88, 91-93, 97 and 107.
3. That \$3473.11 (including tax) be awarded to Affiliated Sports Dealer Association Corp. for Items 1-8, 11-13, 28, 29, 36-38, 42, 45, 49, 50, 55, 56, 65, 67-69, 77, 89, 94, 95, 98 and 106.
4. That \$12,146.80 (including tax) be awarded to Torrance Cycle & Sport Shop for Items 9, 10, 14-27, 30-35, 39-41, 43, 44, 46-48, 51-54, 57-59, 63, 64, 66, 70-76, 79-82, 84, 90, 96, 99 and 102-104.

16. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE ON DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

1. That Council accept the work; and
2. That final payment in the amounts described in memo of May 27th be made to the contractor, Valley Loader Service, Inc.

17. BOND RELEASE - Tract No. 30596 (Developer: Robert H. Dunn).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the sum of \$1,560 be accepted from Mr. Dunn in full payment of his obligation to provide public works improvements in 232nd Street.

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MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve agenda items #13, 14, 15, 16, and #17 as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

18. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 22526, STAN WILSON.
Request for approval of a tentative tract map on property located between 227th and 229th Streets, east of Crenshaw Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation for approval, subject to conditions, including that of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

19. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an Encroachment Permit for awning at 1505 Cabrillo (Schwartz Men's Store).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-130

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 CORA M. SCHWARTZ.
(Schwartz Men's Store)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-130. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

20. ROBERT MARKS, DBA Marks Motors, request for lowering of City's Public Liability Limits for property he is occupying under a permit dated March 5, 1970. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendations for approval.

Deputy City Attorney Allen pointed out that this is a case where the City is the landlord with a tenant who wishes to reduce his liability limits because he feels "that the chance of any accident occurring on my premises that would approach this high coverage is so remote that it is hardly worth considering." Were

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there
/such a small chance of any accident, the \$1,000,000 insurance could be obtained for a very nominal fee, but apparently the proponent's insurance company did not feel him that good a risk. In the opinion of Mr. Allen the liabilities are present; were they small, the insurance rate would be small.

It was the request of Airport Manager Egan that this matter be left within the context of the study proposed by the Council Finance Committee, with the decision ultimately made there to be applied to this particular problem. Mr. Egan then stated that he now has the minimum insurance for this tenant, but that he will demand the \$100,000/\$300,000/\$100,000 for the present until the matter is resolved by the Council.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Marks, 26016 Oak Bay Road, Torrance, on behalf of her husband, stated that the \$100,000 referred to by Mr. Egan is being written into the policy -- Mrs. Marks added that they have no machinery, no car repairs are made, the cars are moved only when desired by a customer there being no outside employees who do move the automobiles. She added that 20 cars, or less, are parked on the lot, with generally only one customer at a time; no one has ever been struck by an automobile since they have been there.

A general discussion ensued on liability experience, the needs of the City in this area, and the ramifications of the subject request. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Airport Manager's recommendation that the City accept Bodily Injury and Property Damage Insurance from Mr. Marks in the amounts of \$100,000/\$300,000/\$100,000, subject to review by the Council Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:10 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 5-minute recess followed at 6:12 P.M.

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21. Withdrawn.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

22. Construction of sidewalks by City forces to insure a Safe School Route for children, and removal of two crossing guards.

Mr. Conrad James, 23006 Andreo Avenue, stated that the crossing guards are needed for the protection of some 200 children who will still be crossing Arlington at 235th and 237th Streets for the 1970 school year. Mr. James went on to describe the School Board action adopting Arlington Avenue as the new boundary line, and explained that very few children

will transfer, hence the problems remain and retention of the crossing guards is imperative.

Councilman Wilson recalled similar cases when he was a member of the School Board, and the fact that such boundary cases do present emotional situations, ^{but} they are eventually solved quietly and to the satisfaction of all, with the transition very smooth and harmonious. The problems of the School Board in trying to equalize the population must be recognized, Dr. Wilson continued, and this can only be accomplished by adjusting the boundary. A further consideration is the salary saving represented by the elimination of two crossing guards, plus the established fact that children learn to accept responsibility without the assistance of Crossing Guards on streets where practical, was also noted by Councilman Wilson.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the Staff recommendation, the heavy Arlington traffic particularly noted, as was the apparent lack of cooperation relative to the school boundary changes on the part of the parents.

Sergeant Tom Wooldridge, Torrance Police Department, reviewed the traffic experience on Arlington Avenue and the desire to eliminate pedestrian movement therefrom; it is felt by him that the proposed temporary sidewalks, along with the school boundary change, will result in a truly safe school route for children cooperating in this effort. Sergeant Wooldridge advised, at Councilman Brewster's question, that the annual salary for a Crossing Guard is approximately \$2300.00.

A MOTION was then offered by Councilman Wilson: That the Council concur with the recommendation of the Traffic and Lighting Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Miller returned to comment that if indeed some 200 children will still be crossing Arlington, some type of protection must be provided, with further review of the inherent problems. The following action resulted:

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Uerkwitz: That approval be granted for construction of the temporary sidewalks, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department, but that the matter of the Crossing Guards be referred to the Council Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

23. City Manager's Preliminary Budget for 1970-71 Fiscal Year.

Budget Workshop Sessions were selected - from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. starting Monday, June 8th (Alternative II). Councilman Uerkwitz so MOVED; his motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved. Mayor Miller directed the City Manager to make copies of the Preliminary Budget and the Capital Improvement Program available to interested parties.

AIRPORT MATTERS:24. ACCESS ROAD ON TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (Informal Bid)RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/ASST. AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. That the single bid be rejected;
2. That the City forces accomplish the work; and
3. That the City Council appropriate \$3300.00 to cover the cost of the necessary work from Airport Fund Retained Earnings.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Engineer and Assistant Airport Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. ORDINANCE repealing Section 51.2.8 of the Torrance Municipal Code and adding Article 3 to Chapter 1 of Division 5 of said Code providing for the application of the Vehicle Code of the State of California to the Torrance Municipal Airport with additional regulations.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2085

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 51.2.8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 5 OF SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE VEHICLE CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WITH ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2085 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:26. PETITION of 41 residents of 236th Place requesting the City Council to examine the matter of the opening of 236th Place to through traffic from Arlington Avenue.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the petition be referred to Staff for study and report.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

27. RECOMMENDATION from Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Commission to include the Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.) as a project for the Capital Improvement Program, with choice of site at the Airport (Surplus Nike Bunker) or within the Civic Center Complex.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the subject communication be referred to Staff for consideration during discussions on Capital Project proposals.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. Request from Chairman Salling to be excused from June 8th Civil Service Commission meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request of Mr. Salling. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

29. Request from Airport Commission to have Commissioner Marousek's attendance at special meeting counted as attendance at Airport Commission meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request of the Airport Commission; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2080.

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

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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2080 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2084.

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2084 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

32. Resolution for Mr. Donald Banker - earlier in the meeting.
33. Insurance Program - earlier in the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested an Executive Session at the end of this meeting to discuss litigation and salary negotiations. The need to finally adjourn this meeting to 4:00 P.M. June 8th for Budget Workshop Sessions was pointed out as well.
35. City Treasurer Rupert reminded all present of the Retirement and Appreciation Dinner for Councilman Beasley on Friday, June 5th.
36. Councilman Brewster referred to Information Item A - Recommended Amendments to County Beach Ordinance - and inquired how they match to local ordinances. A report will be furnished by the City Attorney on this.
37. The need for Citizens' Advisory Committee interviews was pointed out by Councilman Brewster -- it was agreed to meet at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, June 8th, prior to the budget consideration for the purpose of these interviews.
38. Councilman Brewster referred to the May 28th memo from City Clerk Coil regarding permaplaque resolutions for Commissioners Gitschier and Morgan, and MOVED that appropriate permaplaque resolutions be prepared for Messrs. Gitschier and Morgan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.
39. Permission to be excused from Council meetings of June 30th, July 7th, and July 14th was requested by Councilman Johnson -- he will be on vacation at that time. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the subject request, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and unanimously approved.

40. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that a member of Staff, together with City Librarian West, contact the artist in downtown Torrance (at the old Edison sales office near the Post Office) with many paintings of early Torrance -- he has indicated agreement with placing some in the new Central Library.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta next reported, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, that President Nixon, many members of Congress, and several Cabinet members have recognized the merits of "revenue sharing" -- "revenue sharing" being a fiscal plan by which the Federal Government would provide local governments a portion of the Federal income tax receipts with minimum restriction on the use of the funds. This, Mr. Sciarrotta continued, will allow local officials to exercise maximum discretion in the provision of public service and would provide immediate relief to hard pressed local governments.

Further, the amounts to be shared would be based on a specific percentage of the personal income tax base and on the population of each entity.

Councilman Sciarrotta went on to outline the merits of "revenue sharing" and the equities represented thereby as compared with existing inequities.

It was further stated by Councilman Sciarrotta that the City of Torrance is large enough and important enough to help bring about "revenue sharing" by:

1. Organized groups and organizations should write to members of Congress in both houses;
2. Press State Assemblymen and State Senators, as well as Governor Reagan, to do likewise;
3. Be sure that "revenue sharing" becomes a political, but non-partisan issue, and that candidates for public office (especially for Congress) actively support "revenue sharing";
4. The most important means to give impetus to this movement is to personally go to Washington to present sound and logical arguments to some Congressmen as to why this should be accomplished this year;
5. Congressmen need to know that the City of Torrance knows that 93% of all income taxes is collected by the Federal Government, and that as income rises so does the amount collected by the Federal Government, and this without a single change in the Federal tax rate. On the other hand, local governments have exhausted their fiscal resources.

Noted by Councilman Sciarrotta as well was the fact that "revenue sharing" must not be confused with grants in aid -- the latter helps to finance specific programs and has strings attached; the former has no strings attached.

Proposed by Councilman Sciarrotta was that management, together with the Finance Director and City Treasurer, make a complete study of this issue, then meet with the Council Finance Committee so that it may be determined what action, if any, should be taken. Mr. Sciarrotta so MOVED, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

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42. The need for a permaplaque resolution for former Park and Recreation Commissioner Schindler was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz. It was agreed that his name be added to the earlier requests for permaplaques.

43. Councilman Wilson advised the Council of the events to date relative to the Goals Committee and the Council Committee on Goals, in an attempt to keep the Council informed, with periodic reports to be made from time to time.

Appreciation to the Goals Committee for their diligent efforts the past year was expressed by Dr. Wilson as well.

44. Extra copies of the Charter Review Committee's Proposed Charter, if so desired by the Council when the distribution is determined, will be furnished gratis by Mr. Stanley Dunn, according to City Attorney Remelmeyer. It was the consensus of the Council that extra copies will be necessary, but that Mr. Dunn should be invited to bill the City; the exact number to be determined after the Council Charter Review Committee meets, with direction to be provided the City Attorney by Chairman Wilson.

45. Mayor Miller requested that a permaplaque resolution be prepared for the Jones-Miletich team on "Johnny Lightning" at the Indianapolis 500 in view of the resultant favorable publicity for Torrance.

46. Mr. Ed Clement, representing Pastor Hooper White, Torrance Foursquare Crusaders, stated that in previous years they have had a permit to operate a fireworks stand -- however, last year while accepted for a license, they were unable to obtain a lot, and, because of this, inoperation it is not possible to have a license this year. Permission from the Council to operate a fireworks stand this year was respectfully requested by Mr. Clement. The unique circumstances in this case were acknowledged by Mr. Scharfman.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a fireworks stand permit be granted to the Foursquare Crusaders. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

47. Mr. Jim Davidson, Torrance Area Youth Band, extended an invitation to all present to a youth concert at El Camino College on June 4, 1970, and expressed appreciation of the support evidenced by this Council.

48. Mrs. James Pierson, League of Women Voters, reminded the Council of their request for cost figures for a study on park and recreation needs of the City for presentation at the meeting scheduled for June 22nd on this matter. Mayor Miller advised that such information will be available at that meeting.

At 7:30 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and there were no objections. Mayor Miller advised that the Council will return merely to adjourn; no further business will be conducted.

The Council reconvened at 8:00 P.M.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon MOVED to adjourn at this hour, 8:00 P.M., to Monday, June 8th, 1970, at 3:30 P.M. for the purpose of Citizens' Advisory Committee interviews, to be followed by the Budget Workshop Session.

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

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance