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Adjourned at 9:40 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 an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 1970, at 6:00 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Mr. Ernie Wilbanks led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the Council meetings of June 23 and June 30, 1970, as recorded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Johnson abstained in the approval of the June 30th minutes inasmuch as he was not present at that meeting.)

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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

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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.

Councilman Brewster reported that the Public Works Committee has been meeting on a somewhat regular basis; another session is scheduled for Monday, July 20th, at 4:30 P.M. to continue their discussion on a water problem and the Traffic Commission.

Further noted by Councilman Uerkwitz was a Police and Fire Committee meeting slated for Tuesday, July 21st, at 4:30 P.M.

A trip this date to San Francisco to confer with United Artists representatives was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta -- it seems that some progress has been made relative to the consolidation of the three businesses with one common parking space; a lengthy written report to the Council will follow.

The July 15th meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission relative to the General Obligation Bond was pointed out by Councilman Wilson, it being noted that Mayor Miller and Councilmen Surber and Wilson will be present to represent the Council.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

9. Amendment to 1970-76 Capital Improvement Program.

Presentations were made by Finance Director Dundore and Budget Officer Ng in reference to the 1970-76 Capital Improvement Program, and the recommended amendments thereto, per the City Manager's memorandum of July 9, 1970.

Clarification regarding the problems confronting the Council in reference to future needs for a sanitary landfill site was furnished by City Manager Ferraro, with review of the alternatives offered, i.e. (1) Construct City's own refuse transfer station; (2) Use future County transfer station where available; or (3) Haul refuse direct to County dump site in the Santa Monica Mountains with use of larger capacity refuse trucks. Mr. Ferraro reiterated that this represents a future decision which must be made by the Council.

Based on the assumptions that there will be a Citywide Bond Election, employment of an outside consultant who would make a study of capital improvements is contemplated, and the fact that there will be no Tipplers Tax after July 1st, the following Amendments to the 1970-76 Capital Improvement Program were recommended by City Manager Ferraro:

1. Authorize an advance of \$142,000 from the Alcoholic Beverage Tax collected to date for Meadow Park Redevelopment Area projects to be paid back through tax increments.

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2. Approve in principle gasoline tax and utility enterprise fund financed projects.
3. Postpone adoption of policy regarding assessment district financed projects pending recommendation from the Public Works Committee of the Council.
4. Postpone all other project recommendations until a report on City's capital improvement and financing needs is completed by a special consultant.

Specifically reviewed by the Council was the situation surrounding the repeal of the Tipplers Tax and the possible use of the funds on hand, the proposed General Obligation Bond, and established priorities -- it was the consensus of the Council, in reference to Sur La Brea Park, that this project should not be delayed or tied into a bond issue.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve, in principle, the above four recommendations of the City Manager, excluding those items designated as top priority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. It was the request of Mayor Miller that the City Manager return with a list of what would be deemed top priority items, long under consideration, in addition to Sur La Brea Park. There were no objections to Councilman Sciarrotta's "in principle" motion.

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The hour being 7:05 P.M. a recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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On resumption of the meeting, at 7:25 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections. The Council returned to its agenda at 7:26 P.M.

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10. Presentation from Miss Casey Johnston, student coordinator for Project Park, regarding the progress on Regina Park.

The accomplishments and status of Project Park to date was reported by Miss Johnston -- hopefully, the opening date for Project Park is September 1, 1970. A copy of the official Project Park Notebook was presented to the City Council by Miss Johnston.

PRESENTATION - AWARD:

11. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Ernie Wilbanks.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 70-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ERNIE WILBANKS OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS PROMOTION TO DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LONG BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-160. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Formal presentation, on behalf of the Council, was made by Mayor Miller who expressed their sincere appreciation for the commendable community contribution made by Mr. Wilbanks while Manager of Membership and Public Relations for the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Like gratitude for his pleasant association with Torrance citizens was expressed by Mr. Wilbanks; appropriate regret at his departure were voiced by Mr. J. Walker Owens.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

12. ZONE CHANGE 70-7, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Change of Zone from C-2 and R-1 to R-3 on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard, south of the Dominguez Channel. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF R-3 (PP).

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 public hearing on ZC 70-7, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller indicated his concern for the frontage on Crenshaw which is being used for other than R-3 -- this will result in a nonconforming use and may necessitate relocation by the property owners. Planning Director Shartle confirmed that this would be a possibility of the Council ordering abatement at a future date; should abatement be ordered they would have the right to apply for a zone change or a variance.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that his office is working on a new nonconforming use ordinance, with use of the word "exception", and it is hoped to present this ordinance to the Council this fall. One of the things built into this ordinance, according to Mr. Remelmeyer, is an "exception" program to probably take care of cases like this where the Council would feel that

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the use would be compatible with the area, without necessarily having to go through a rezoning.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 70-7 to R-3 Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ZONE CHANGE 70-14, CHANDLER'S SAND AND GRAVEL CO.  
Change of zone from A-1 and R-1 to R-3 on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway.  
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO R-1.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 70-14, and asked the proponent to first present his case.

Speaking on behalf of the proponent, Mr. Don Davis, E.L. Pearson and Associates, reiterated the past history of the mobile park home, as recited at the Planning Commission meeting, as well as the circumstances necessitating the subject zone change request. The hue and cry at the Planning Commission hearings from residents concerned about R-3 zoning resulted in the recommended R-1 zoning.

Mr. Davis stated that it is not the intent of the proponent to build apartments; they desire to expand and to utilize the existing facilities of the Skyline Mobile Home Park for use as a mobile home park, and have no objection to R-1 zoning. The need for appropriately revising the ordinance to accommodate mobile homes in R-1 zones was noted by Mr. Davis; they would concur that mobile homes are a single home use.

It was the further comment of Mr. Davis that there would be merit in making it possible to provide flexible design and utilization of the conditional use permit ordinance to allow a mobile home park in areas that are recognized as transitional -- i.e. areas that are not now reasonable for other types of development but are now reasonable for mobile home parks.

In conclusion Mr. Davis indicated their desire to become conforming, as well as their desire to have a better and expanded facility in the existing area, and requested that the Council initiate a change in ordinance allowing mobile home parks in the R-1 zone.

Attention was directed to the signal recommended by the Traffic and Lighting Department; Planning Director Shartle pointed out that the Planning Commission had not concurred in this requirement and so did not incorporate it in the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Shartle added that the City is now working with the leaseholder of the Rolling Hills Plaza property regarding a street pattern on that property, with such street to intersect Pacific Coast Highway, it being hoped that a signal would result

and that it would be possible to tie the driveways of the mobile home park into that signal system.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Max Grabelja, 25829½ Appian Way, Lomita, who presented a map of the subject area and the street alignment and described the traffic problems at this location, recommending Hillsworth for the signal.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay reported on the extensive negotiating, past and present, with Mr. Leavitt, Rolling Hills Plaza, and reiterated his opinion that the conditions in this case relative to the alignment of the mobile home park entrance and the installation of a traffic signal should remain.

It was the comment of Mr. Davis, in regard to the proposed signalization, that the mobile home park has been there for six years and putting the same number of cars out on the highway, with an increase of a small amount proposed; however, the extensive drainage system which carries all the storm drain from the hill down to the park should not have to be relocated at the whim of the developer across the street, if he does not wish to align his driveway with a driveway that has existed for six years. Mr. Richard Minney reiterated these objections.

It is the further opinion of Mr. Davis that the traffic signal is really caused by the introduction of a street for the convenience of the shopping center -- it is not, therefore, proper to place even 25% of the cost of a signal onto property that has been there for six years. They are strongly opposed either to having to relocate their driveway to the random position of "B" Street or having to participate in a signal that is not of their doing.

A lengthy discussion ensued relative to the pros and cons of the subject conditions, particularly as to the financial arrangement for signalization and the location of such a street. Mr. Minney indicated that there would be no objection to paying a portion of the signal if there were some assurance that the new street would line up with the existing driveway of the mobile home park. There was general concurrence by the Council that this would appear to be an equitable arrangement.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Planning Commission Recommendation #1: Approval of ZC 70-14 for a change of zone to R-1 on the present A-1 property, leaving the R-1 piece intact, subject to Staff conditions:

1. That an avigation easement be granted to the City.
2. That the entire property be subject to a Precise Plan. (CUP 70-21 may be substituted for this **Precise Plan requirement. Any development on the subject property other than that described**

in CUP 70-21 would require Precise Plan approval); and

3. That Skyline Mobile Home Park is to pay for 25% of the cost of installing a traffic signal at their entrance at Plaza Circle Drive and Pacific Coast Highway, subject to the further condition that there will be no reconstruction or realigning of their entrance at Pacific Coast Highway -- cost to be estimated by City Traffic Engineer Horkay.

\*\* (Note below).

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with Planning Commission Recommendation #2: That the City Code be amended to allow the Conditional Use Permit application for a mobile home park in an R-1 and R-2 zone, in addition to the R-3 zone. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Planning Director Shartle referred to the above action and stated that the Conditional Use Permit in this matter is not being heard at all at this time -- the comments at this meeting will be \*\* treated as a condition of the zone change, and the necessary bond will be obtained prior to the issuance of a permit.

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14. ZONE CHANGE 69-31, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Change of Zone from M-1 and C-5 to M-L and C-4 between Hawthorne Boulevard and Madison Street and between 234th Street and Skypark Drive.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 69-31.

Mr. Jim Rahmann, 4722 Laurette Street, property owner in the subject area, stated that he realizes the zone change from C-5 to C-4 will limit the use of that area -- however, perhaps that will contribute to the upgrading of the area. Further, the minimum requirement of 15,000 sq. ft. parcels will eliminate some of the problems arising from the small size of the lots. It is hoped by Mr. Rahmann that this zone change will not necessitate the extension of the building moratorium that is presently imposed, expiring December, 1970 -- it is further hoped that this will speed up the 1911 Improvement Act.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission: Approval of ZC 69-31 from M-1 and C-5 to M-L and C-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. Communication from the Planning Commission regarding recommended amendments to the C-4 (Shopping Center District) zone and the M-L (Limited Manufacturing District) zone.

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

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The hour being 8:30 P.M. a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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16. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 70-6, Sheldon Appel Construction Company.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2112

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 AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND 238TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-6.

(Sheldon Appel Construction Company)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2112 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, City Engineer Weaver pointed out a need for a sanitary sewer easement, an irrevocable offer of dedication for an alley, plus some street widening for 238th Street. It was Mr. Weaver's recommendation that such conditions be imposed in connection with the subject ordinance.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That this matter be tabled until such time as Council receives back from Staff a recommendation concerning this property. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

17. APPEAL OF MAKEUP PAVING POLICY - Tracts No. 29156 (Don Wilson) and 30638 (5520 West 190th Street Corporation - C.N. Cake).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That appeal be denied.

In view of the late hour in receiving the material, it was the consensus of the Council that the matter should be held, to permit further review. Mr. Wilson was present and indicated that this would be satisfactory with him.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject Appeal of Makeup Paving Policy be postponed for two weeks. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

18. APPEAL OF HDA 70-4, GASKINS, GALDNER, MEISTER AND DIETRICH, INC. to construct a 60-unit apartment building on 46,000 square feet of lot area..  
DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Miller read aloud a communication from the proponents requesting that "HDA 70-4 be deleted from the Council agenda; the owners of this project wish to void their appeal of the Torrance Planning Commission decision and will not attempt to renew this appeal at any future time."

So entered in the record.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

19. RESOLUTION declaring City's intention regarding use of TOPICS funds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-161

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ELECTING TO USE THE "TOPICS" FUNDS APPORTIONED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,408.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1969-70 TO BE ACCUMULATED WITH 1970-71 ALLOCATION FOR A SINGLE LARGE PROJECT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-161. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

20. RESOLUTION to extend the assessment amounts in Street Lighting District #15.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC & LIGHTING ENGINEER: CONFIRMING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN SAID REPORT; OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 69-156; ORDERING THE WORK AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICE NECESSARY TO

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INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND ILLUMINATE BY ELECTRIC ENERGY THE STREET LIGHTS AS SHOWN ON SAID DIAGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1969, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1972; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND EMPOWERING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTIONS FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDING.  
(STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 15)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-162. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. SOCIAL SECURITY for Members of the City Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE THE REQUIRED APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PERFORM ALL OTHER INCIDENTAL ACTS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ON A DIVIDED BASIS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-163.

There was discussion prior to a second on the motion. It was ascertained by Councilman Surber that future Councilmen would be required to take Social Security mandatorily, and he deemed this unfair. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he had not understood that this was to happen.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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PARK AND RECREATION:

22. Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission that Council officially adopt the name of "Columbia Park" to designate the site located at 190th and Prairie, and that the County of Los Angeles be so advised.

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated his preference that the park be given a Spanish name, or a Torrance-related name. An INDIAN name was proposed by Councilman Sciarrotta -- ISUERKOJO -- (Isen-Uerkwitz-Johnson).

The donation of the subject land by Columbia Broadcasting System was recalled, and the name "Columbia Park" was felt quite appropriate. It was the comment of Mayor Miller that in fairness to former Mayor Isen, who suggested the name, that it should be named "Columbia Park".

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission that Council officially adopt the name of "Columbia Park". The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,  
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (he wants to see Torrance's  
name in it).

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

23. Request from City Librarian to pay additional charges from Computer Planning Corporation from 1969-70 Library budget savings.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That Computer Planning Corporation be paid \$1,728 from this budget surplus.

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

24. RESOLUTION of record destruction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY  
RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE  
GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-164. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. ORDINANCE setting forth the hours, wages and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance City Attorneys' Association

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2113

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART XII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2113 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2111 RE: Definition of Apartment Utility Area.

It was the request of Councilman Johnson, as a point of personal privilege, that the Second Reading on Ordinance No. 2111 be delayed for two weeks so that he might have time to thoroughly study it. There were no objections, and it was so ordered by Mayor Miller.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

27. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1052.57 to Constructors Supply for 55 cases of flash-light batteries as requested by the Police, Fire, and City Garage departments. Delivery will be "as needed". This quantity represents the annual requirement for these departments.

2. \$2059.36 to Constructors Supply for 64 gross of 20-minute flares as requested by the Police and Fire Departments. Delivery will also be "as requested"; this quantity also represents annual requirement.
  3. \$624.18 to Western Highway Products for 18 traffic control speed signs and 100 traffic sign mounting posts as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
  4. \$326.89 to Jamison, Inc. for one only 10-foot slide and miscellaneous repair parts as requested by the Recreation Department. The slide will be used at the La Carretera Park. It should be noted that a donation of \$250.00 was received by the City from the local Dog Obedience Club of Torrance to purchase a piece of playground equipment.
  5. \$465.26 to Neptune Meter Company for miscellaneous needed meter repair parts to repair old neptune meters as requested by the Water Department.
  6. \$442.89 to Felker Manufacturing Company for two 14" asphalt and concrete cutting saw blades as requested by the Water Department as replacement items.
  7. \$414.95 to Kemp Yorke Equipment Company for 4 only replacement gutter brooms for mobile street sweepers as requested by the City Garage.
  8. \$2458.72 to Walker Coating Company to furnish and install raised pavement markers on City streets (Prairie, Crenshaw, and Sepulveda Boulevards) as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
  9. \$1695.30 to McKenzie Company for 20,500 Salvograph Ditto Masters, 15,000 sheets of special compatible copy paper and 12 gallons of copy fluid as requested by the City Librarian.
  10. \$381.44 to Automatic Printing for 1,000 each of "Purchase Order Change Notices" and "Request for Quotation" forms as requested by the Purchasing Division for use "as needed".
- B. REIMBURSABLE:
11. \$1370.45 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for three only 6-inch Hersey Sparling water meters to Los Angeles City's design as requested by the Water Department. Two meters are for installation at the new New Horizons Shopping Center and one is for Superior Scaffold Company. Payment has been received from Superior Scaffold, and payment is in process from New Horizons Shopping Center.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY BOOKS:

12. \$5798.79 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 824 adult books and 84 juvenile books.

28. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 12-INCH MAIN ALONG CARSON STREET FROM TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL TO WESTERN AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That Council approve the subject appropriation.

29. IMPROVEMENT OF ANZA AVENUE FROM HALISON STREET TO CALLE MAYOR (B69-41)

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSOCIATE TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

1. That Council accept the project; and
2. That final payment be made to the Contractor.

30. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28020.

SUBDIVIDER: Walter O. Lindley

ENGINEER: E.L. Pearson and Associates

LOCATION: Between 230th Place and 231st Street, w/o  
Arlington.

NO. OF LOTS: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

31. TIME EXTENSION - TRACT NO. 28738 (DAN BUTCHER, DEVELOPER):

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That a time extension of one year be granted in which to record Tentative Tract No. 28738.

32. TIME EXTENSION OF SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND BOND REDUCTION IN TRACT NO. 29143 (Homer and Hubert Rogers).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That a time extension of one year be granted;
2. That the subdivision bond be reduced from \$4,400 to \$1,300.

33. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 85.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Sewer Reimbursement District No. 85, with a connection charge of \$4.86 per assessable front foot for Zone A (direct benefit) and \$0.97 per assessable front foot for Zone B (indirect benefit) be established.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #27 through #33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:34. VACATION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT IN LOT 16,  
MEADOW PARK TRACT.RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Council deny the request for waiver of the \$100 fee.
2. That the City Council approve and adopt the subject Resolution declaring its intention to vacate a portion of a sanitary sewer easement in Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract, and setting a date for a public hearing thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF A CERTAIN SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT IN LOT 16 OF THE MEADOW PARK TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-165. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer that Council deny the request of Torino Construction Corp. for waiver of the \$100 fee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. RESOLUTION re: more revenue for support of public education in California.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ADOPT TAX REFORM LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE MORE REVENUE FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-166. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

36. ENCROACHMENT PERMITS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council pass a motion authorizing the City Engineer to grant encroachment permits. The motion would be formalized later by an ordinance. In the meantime, the motion would be sufficient to authorize the City Engineer to grant such permits.

There was a verbal presentation by City Attorney Remelmeyer outlining the merits of the above recommended action, specifically noting that the right of appeal to Council would remain.

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

37. NONCONFORMING OIL USE PROBLEM IN SOUTHEAST TORRANCE.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Administrative Assistant Menard advised that the trip to AiResearch for the purpose of viewing the setup proposed by Aeronca will be Wednesday, July 15th, at 12:25 P.M.

39. Councilman Sciarrotta pointed out the conflict in dates relative to the Water Tour and the League of California Cities Convention - October 23rd and 24th. Water System Manager Borgwat stated that he would so advise Mr. Ben Haggott.

40. The presence of the illustrious School Board member, Mr. Stanley Dunn, was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, and he was properly introduced to those present.

41. A problem at Lago Seco Park with the blacktop and handball courts under water was brought to the attention of Director of Recreation Van Bellehem by Councilman Uerkwitz.

42. The possibility of changing the name of Vista Montana to Anza Avenue, in view of the connection at Newton, was suggested by Councilman Uerkwitz -- it was the consensus that this suggestion would meet with little, if any, enthusiasm on the part of Riviera residents.

43. Announced by Mayor Miller was the appointment of Mr. Jack Schmidt and Mr. Kenny Uyeda to the Joint Powers Committee by Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Chace.

37. NONCONFORMING OIL USE PROBLEM IN SOUTHEAST TORRANCE.

Mr. David Bowie, president, Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, read his letter of July 14, 1970 (a matter of record) on the above subject. Specifically requested by his organization is that Council amend the Oil Code to conform to the City's Official Land Use Plan; it was further requested that the oil wells in their R-1 district be processed as nonconforming land uses and that Council ban all oil well drilling in Southeast Torrance in connection with the City's "Environmental Quality Program" for 1970-71.

Various remedies were described by City Attorney Remelmeyer, as were the problems confronted by the Council -- Mr. Remelmeyer advised that he is presently at work on the necessary legal framework in this regard, and a report will be forthcoming. Mr. Remelmeyer indicated that he could furnish a report on the abolition of future drilling in approximately one month. Councilman Sciarrotta so <sup>MOVED</sup>; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

City Attorney Remelmeyer also advised that when his findings and recommendations are returned to the agenda, all interested parties will be notified.

Pending legislation at Sacramento in this regard was reviewed as well, and the possible effect on action taken by the City.

44. Miss Wilma Schreiber, 2550 Pacific Coast Highway, expressed her displeasure at being notified to clean up certain of her properties -- such is not the case, she stated, and she urged that the City acquire a more positive approach in these matters. City Engineer Weaver stated that he would investigate Miss Schreiber's complaint. Mayor Miller indicated that he would <sup>like</sup> further information on how this came about.

Mrs. Arnold Johnson, 2278 West 232nd Street, stated that the problem could be for the reason that old assessment rolls are being used.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

APPROVED BY:

Ken Miller  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil

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

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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