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Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 1970, at 5:30 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, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Mrs. Tyrell led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Milton Sippel, First Christian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the Council minutes of June 20, June 22, July 7, and July 14, 1970, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous. (Councilman Johnson abstained from approval of the July 7th meeting inasmuch as he was not present.)

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, 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 agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and

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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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Brewster reported that the Public Works Committee met on July 20th, with an item from this meeting slated for the July 28th Council agenda. The Committee is continuing its work on the Traffic Commission problem and other problems, according to Mr. Brewster; the next meeting to be August 11.

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE: It was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz that this committee has met on both the oil problem and court overtime. This Committee will again meet on August 4th to further consider the matter of court overtime.

A report was furnished by Councilman Wilson relative to the joint meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission Expanded Committee, the Mayor, Councilman Surber and himself -- it is the thinking at the present time, regarding the bond issue, that the Committee will wait until the Consultant is hired before making decisions as to the projects to be included or instituting any activity on the bond campaign. Councilman Wilson indicated that reports to Council will be made from time to time to provide information as well as Council concurrence in the activities of the Bond Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. Return of Fee Paid for WAIVER 70-33 (Kanozsai).

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT:

That Council authorize a refund to Endre S. and Ilona R. Kanozsai, 5211 Zakon Road, of the \$25.00 waiver application fee paid by them.

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

10. EMERGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCES regarding moratorium on the occupancy of property located on the northeast corner of Carson Street and Maple Avenue (Humble Oil Station).

Questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz was the 120 day period of time, instead of the usual 90 days; it seemed an unnecessary extension to him. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that this length of time was deemed necessary to permit the total processing of the matter.

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2114

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON
THE OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE
NORTHEAST CORNER OF CARSON STREET AND
MAPLE AVENUE AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE
OF AN EMERGENCY.
(Humble Oil Station)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2114 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarriatta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2115

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON
THE OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE
NORTHEAST CORNER OF CARSON STREET AND
MAPLE AVENUE AND REPEALING EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE NO. 2114 RELATING TO THE SAME
MATTER.
(Humble Oil Station)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2115 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

11. 1970-76 Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

That Council take the following actions relative to the 1970-71 Capital Improvement Program:

- A. Appropriate \$105,000 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund and \$105,000 from the General Fund Civic Center Reserve for additional land acquisition at SurLaBrea Park; and \$26,313 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund for the final payment on the Hickory Park land acquisition.

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- B. Authorize an advance of \$142,000 from the Alcoholic Beverage Consumption Tax Fund for Meadow Park Redevelopment Area improvements. It is estimated that \$240,000 will be available from the "Tipplers' Tax" and that the money can be repaid from tax increments within three years.
- C. Approve, in principle, the gasoline tax and utility enterprise fund finance projects with management returning for specific appropriations as projects are ready to commence.
- D. Postpone adoption of policy regarding assessment district financed projects pending recommendation from the Public Works Committee of the Council.
- E. Postpone all other project recommendations until a report on the City's capital improvement and financing needs is completed by a special consultant.

There was discussion pertaining to Fire Station No. 3; City Manager Ferraro clarified that the plans for this building are now being drawn, and that postponement of the appropriation for the first half of the construction cost will not slow down the project -- Mr. Ferraro reemphasized that there is no request to eliminate the project, but it is felt that it should be viewed by the Consultant.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the above recommendations A,B,C,D, and E of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, at the time of his vote, that he voted "yes" with the understanding that this action apparently is not postponing the completion and occupation of Fire Station #3. Councilmen Johnson and Uerkwitz indicated that their "yes" votes were based on the same understanding.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

12. Data Processing Indoctrination.

Data Processing Manager Sharp introduced Mr. Dave Evarard, Minneapolis Honeywell Corporation, 444 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, who indicated that it would be possible to provide a seminar at Torrance City Hall.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the subject seminar be held at Torrance City Hall, with arrangements to be made by Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. RESOLUTION of record destruction.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 70-168

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 Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-168. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. ORDINANCE to change the use of vehicle plates to vehicle identification tags on vehicles used incidental to a business.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2116

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AMENDING SECTION 33.17.5 OF ARTICLE 17, CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, SUBSTITUTING THE WORDS "VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION TAGS" FOR THE FORMER WORDS "VEHICLE PLATES".

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2116 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE re: Amendment to Salary Ordinance No. 2102, setting compensation for certain other employees, adding Senior Systems Analyst to list of class titles with class specifications.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2117

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.41.2 OF PART IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THE CLASS OF SENIOR SYSTEMS ANALYST TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2117 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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16. Testing Contract Proposals for fiscal year 1970-71 with recommendation of Civil Service Commission that contract be awarded to Cooperative Personnel Services.

Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson requested that this item be returned to the agenda when Personnel Director Donovan is back from vacation. Mr. Jackson further requested authority, through the Personnel Department, to contract on a test-to-test basis with Cooperative Personnel Services in the interim.

Concurrence was indicated in the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to grant authority for the above requested test-to-test basis with Cooperative Personnel Service as an interim measure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that agenda item #16 be held until the Council meeting of August 11th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2113.

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

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 Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2113 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

18. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following expenditures:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$470.57 to Walker Coating Company for labor and materials as required to furnish and install street pavement markers on Sepulveda Boulevard between Madrona and Eriel Avenue as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

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2. \$458.27 to Industrial Electric for 36 only 1000-watt bloodlamps with 4500 hour guaranteed life as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for City parks replacement stock.
 3. \$788.09 to Consolidated Electric Distributors for six 400-watt and six 175-watt mercury luminair street light ballasts complete with replacement lenses as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
 4. \$480.89 to Action Specialty for 1,000 Recreation staff and Recreation volunteer badges as requested by the Recreation Department for identification purposes.
 5. \$753.27 to Park-Son Incorporated for twelve only large water line repair clamps as requested by the Water Department as replacements.
 6. \$460.51 to Constructors Supply for 375 fluorescent traffic cones as requested by the Police and Traffic and Lighting Departments for emergency traffic control.
 7. \$1014.07 to IBM for two IBM typewriters as requested by the City Clerk and Recreation Departments (one each) as replacement units.
 8. \$4974.33 to Cushman Electronics, c/o Kennedy Engineering, for the following radio test equipment: one only Cushman Communications monitor complete; one oscilloscope; one broad band mixer; and one RF Proselector unit as requested by the Communications Division.
 9. \$385.08 to Bennett-Bowen Company, Inc. for one only electrically powered respiratory protection helmet and filter system complete with face shield and hose as requested by the Airport.
 10. \$2183.85 to Econolite Corporation, c/o Roy Fielding, for one only complete Mobile Radar Speed Unit complete with recorder and antennas as requested by the Police Department for use in radar control of vehicle speed on City streets.
 11. \$532.62 to Victor Comptometer Corporation for one only Victor Calculator as requested by the Engineering Department.
 12. \$604.09 to Filbert Company for one only 16MM sound RCA movie projector as requested by the Recreation Department.
- B. REIMBURSABLE.
13. \$3183.25 to Dependable Trophy to supply trophies for Recreation Department field sports activities as requested by the Recreation Department. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure through fees which are collected from team participants.

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C. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY:

14. \$345.60 to Crowell-Collier Educational Corp. for 5 juvenile and 2 adult reference books.
15. \$316.97 to Field Enterprise Educational Corp. for 4 sets of juvenile reference books.
16. \$670.05 to Grolier Educational Corp. for 5 sets of juvenile reference books.
17. \$3703.04 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 248 juvenile books and 290 adult books.
18. \$331.50 to E.M. Hale and Company for 96 juvenile books.
19. (Considered separately).
20. CLAIM of Faith H. Sabel for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

21. TIME EXTENSIONS on Subdivision Agreements for Tracts Nos. 23517 and 30602. Subdivider: Gall-A-Reto Design and Construction, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That time extensions be granted to May 22, 1971.

22. EXPENDITURE FROM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$1,500 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the construction of a catch basin and connector pipe to an existing storm drain in Madison Street south of 230th Street.

23. SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN SAMUEL STREET AND 227TH PLACE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$4,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for sanitary sewer construction as referenced.

24. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - TRACT NO. 24934.
Subdivider: Bradford Investment Company.
Bonding Company: The Travelers Indemnity Company
Performance Bond No. 1575724 - Amount: \$7200.00
Inspection Bond No. 1575725 - Amount: \$1000.00
Labor and Materials Bond No. 1575724 - \$3600.00

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bonds be released.

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25. IMPROVEMENT OF CARSON STREET FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL - GAS TAX APPROPRIATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$10,000 in State Gas Tax be appropriated in order to begin design of the referenced improvement.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that agenda items #18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and #25 be approved as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

19. CONTROL TOWER AIR CONDITIONER REPAIRS.

Airport Manager Egan, at Councilman Uerkwitz' request, clarified the merits of the requested expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That Council appropriate \$2300 out of Airport retained earnings for continuing emergency repairs to the control tower air conditioning system.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. Clarification was requested by City Manager Ferraro as to the intent of the action taken by Council on July 7th relative to agenda item #23, Ordinance No. 2107 establishing a moratorium on the Inglewood Farms property in the Delthorne area, and the direction that the Planning Department study R-3 zoning in addition to the M-L zoning. Mr. Ferraro then reported the fact that the Planning Commission has already turned down R-3 zoning for this property, and a confirmation as to procedure is sought at this time.

The matter was reviewed by the Council, and a poll indicated that R-3 zoning should not be included in the subject study -- the comments follow:

Councilman Brewster could see no reason to voluntarily open up the R-3 issue again -- the proponent has the right to do it, if he wishes to initiate it.

Councilman Johnson stated that while he was absent on July 7th, and did not participate in any of the discussion at that time, he would have no objections to consideration by the Planning Commission and Department, at the time of the study and the public hearings, of the possibility of R-3 zoning, together with M-L.

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It was the recollection of Councilman Sciarrotta that it was not the intent of the Council to open the study to R-3 -- Mr. Sciarrotta expressed concern as to the feelings of the residents to M-L zoning, and this is of great interest to him.

Councilman Surber stated his understanding that the zoning was not to be reopened to consideration of R-3.

Councilman Uerkwitz was of the opinion that R-3 should be included in the decision made before the Council -- and the advertising requirement should be met so that a final decision can be made on the case, a case that has bounced around too long now. Mr. Uerkwitz added that he is not stating an opinion either for or against R-3 but all zones should be covered to permit a final decision.

In the opinion of Councilman Wilson, the R-3 has been heard, hence his vote is "no".

Mayor Miller indicated a "no" vote as well, stating that by voluntarily reopening this matter of R-3, it would encourage the proponent to think such might be attainable -- the Planning Commission has already rejected such zoning, with an indication at that time that the Council was not in support of it. It is possible for the proponent to wait the necessary time, then present their case, and they will be heard. Mayor Miller cannot be a party to such encouragement.

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The hour being 6:20 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

The Council returned to its agenda at 6:22 P.M.

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27. Councilman Brewster reported his concern relative to the pending status of the Utility Ordinance and the necessity for prompt action to get it on the books as soon as possible or else instruct Staff to delay processing any further applications until this is indeed a fact. The adoption of an Emergency Ordinance at the time of the Second Reading was suggested by Mr. Brewster.

Concern was acknowledged by Mayor Miller as well -- the possible 35% variance in allowable units seemed extremely high to him; it would seem to him that the formula should be applied but with a limit not to exceed 10% or 15% in allowable units, and still provide the needed incentive.

Discussion followed on the Utility Formula per se, as well as multi-unit development in general. Mayor Miller requested that the City Attorney present two ordinances at the July 28th meeting -- one per the original instructions, another one with a percentage ~~not to be exceeded~~ -- it was the suggestion of Planning Director

Shartle that a better alternative might be along the lines of dwelling units per acre, with a percentage increase by way of the formula, or a third alternative suggested by the City Manager would be a formula starting with 30 or 35 units per acre (instead of 43 units per acre) and go up to, say, 47 units which would result in building in the incentive at a lower density. Mayor Miller indicated that the third alternative appeared to reflect what he had in mind.

Councilman Brewster reiterated his original concern -- the need for prompt action on the Utility Ordinance, and his feeling that the operation under such an ordinance should begin immediately, either through the medium of an Emergency Ordinance or else by instructing Staff to withhold such matters from the agenda until the ordinance is a fact.

In disagreement was Councilman Johnson who pointed out the situation involving hard-to-get loans; he is of the opinion there should be consideration of an interim arrangement to accomodate those caught in such a trap, as has been done in the past.

Discussion was directed to appropriate action -- City Attorney Remelmeyer had the necessary legislation at hand to permit immediate Council action, if desired. A protest was registered by Councilman Johnson who reminded the Council of the two week study period promised him; Mayor Miller concurred that this was the case, and that it should be adhered to.

It was then clarified by Planning Director Shartle that the intent of the Council is now that the original Utility Ordinance be returned on July 28th, and, if adopted, proceed on possible amendments thereto, along the lines discussed above.

28. Councilman Johnson reminded the Council of the Independent Cities meeting on July 22nd at 6:30 P.M.

29. Noted by Councilman Johnson were the most commendable efforts of the young people in this community in such activities as cleaning up the Del Amo area, etc., as reflected in the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of July 8th.

30. Questioned by Councilman Sciarrotta was the possible poor planning evident at Torrance and Madrona with the service station situated as it is -- Mr. Sciarrotta acknowledged the beauty of the development, but recommended that this might serve as an example of what not to do on future developments with service stations.

31. Councilman Uerkwitz, in the interest of maintaining reasonable agendas, suggested that the agenda items be limited to 30 or 40 and that matters be scheduled accordingly.

It was pointed out by City Manager Ferraro that difficulties are presented by the Council policy of scheduling public hearings only at 7:00 P.M. meetings. Discussion followed, and it was agreed, on a trial basis, to schedule public hearings at the end of the

agenda for 5:30 P.M. meetings, it being understood that the advertised time would have to be at least 6:30 P.M.

Also discussed was the occasional fifth meeting of the Council in months containing 5 Tuesdays and the possible elimination thereof -- this idea was promptly rejected by the Council.

32. Mayor Miller announced that Employee Service Awards will be made at the August 4th Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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

APPROVED BY:
Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance