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Adjourned at 7:30 P.M. to Tuesday, September 15, 1970,  
5:30 P.M.

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Ava Cripe  
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, September 1, 1970, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Surber. (vacation).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary, Deputy Attorney Allen, City Treasurer Rupert, and Deputy City Clerk Moss. Absent: Vacationing Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Clerk Coil, and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Water System Manager Borgwat led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Father Wolfe, St. James Catholic Church, following which there was one minute of silence to the memory of Ruben Salazar, a victim of the East Los Angeles riot on August 29th.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of August 11th and August 18th, 1970 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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, Uerkwitz,  
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

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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 (Councilman Surber absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Works Committee: Councilman Brewster advised that the committee had met this date, and that a report is forthcoming on their findings relative to the Streets and Traffic Commission. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 14th, at 4:30 P. to continue the discussion on the makeup paving policy, as well as the problem at 182nd Street and the San Diego Freeway.

Police-Fire Committee: It was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz that this committee will meet at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 15th to discuss "time off for employee activities".

PRESENTATION:

9. Award of tile plaque to Swayne A. Johnson, Lieutenant retired from the Torrance Police Department.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, expressed grateful appreciation to Lieutenant Johnson for his twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance. Mayor Miller introduced Mrs. Johnson as well, and extended the good wishes of all for a most happy retirement.

10. Presentation to the Joslyn Center by Del Amo Fashion Square Merchants Association.

In sincere appreciation for a community project well done, Mr. Howard Weichsel, Del Amo Fashion Square Merchants Association, presented a plaque denoting their gratitude for the artistic fence project. The plaque was graciously accepted by Director of Recreation Van Bellehem, noting that the acceptance truly should be made by Mrs. Erica Grubb for her outstanding role in this project.

11. League of Women Voters presentation of framed first-day cover sheet of Commemorative Woman Suffrage Stamp to the City Council.

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. James Pearson made the presentation, along with an explanation of the history of the League of Women Voters which came into being in 1920, the year Women's Suffrage was written into the Constitution. The appreciation of the Council was conveyed by Mayor Miller.

PROCLAMATION:

12. Union Label Week - September 7th through 13th, 1970.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

13. A. ORDINANCE adopting and amending the "Uniform Building Code and Appendix, 1970 Edition, Volume 1."  
 B. Communication from Council Finance Committee regarding Encroachment Permits.

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

Deputy City Clerk Moss presented an Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that such Affidavit be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

At the request of Mayor Miller, Building and Safety Director McKinnon furnished clarification regarding this action, for the benefit of those present.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Mayor Miller inquired if the City Clerk has three copies of the Code on file in his office as required by law; Deputy City Clerk Moss responded in the affirmative.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to introduce and read the title of said ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

In compliance, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2131

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 7; SECTION 81.1.1; AND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 81.1.1 AND ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 8, WHICH ADOPT AND AMEND THE "UNIFORM BUILDING CODE AND APPENDIX, 1970 EDITION, VOLUME 1."

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2131 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

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As to 13B - Encroachment Permits:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. That Council adopt a policy that all persons who desire to encroach upon City property apply for a permit to do so and that a condition of the permit be that the applicant agrees to hold the City harmless and that the City be named as an additional insured.
2. That the City Manager and City Attorney be directed to develop a procedure whereby the Director of the Building and Safety Department may issue such permit on forms approved by the City Attorney and that such permits need not be referred to City Council unless exceptional circumstances exist.
3. That the City Attorney be directed to prepare and submit to Council the required ordinances to effectuate this policy.
4. That the City Clerk be named the custodian of the encroachment permits and have the duty of insuring that the certificates of insurance are current.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the above policy recommended by the Council Finance Committee be adopted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. Establishment of Policy regarding Removal of Street Trees.

It was the recommendation of City Manager Ferraro that this item be referred to the Torrance Beautiful Commission inasmuch as they are preparing a like policy. Councilman Johnson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

15. Reduction in Conditional Use Permit Active Time after discontinuance of the use which it governs.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and order that the necessary amendments be prepared for Council action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

16. ORDINANCE re: Zone Change Case No. 70-8.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2139

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

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IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF  
 REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, 200 FEET  
 WEST OF YUKON AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED  
 IN ZONE CHANGE 70-8.  
 (Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2139 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

17. ORDINANCE re: Zone Change Case 70-9.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2140

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 SOUTH SIDE OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD,  
 WEST OF THORNBURGH AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED  
 IN ZONE CHANGE 70-9.

(Initiated by Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2140 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

18. ORDINANCE re: Zone Change Case 70-10.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2141

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 SOUTH SIDE OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD  
 AND THE WEST SIDE OF THE DOMINGUEZ FLOOD  
 CONTROL CHANNEL, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE  
 CHANGE 70-10.

(Initiated by Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2141 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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19. ORDINANCE re: Zone Change Case 70-11.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2142

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 CHERRY AVENUE AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-11.

(Initiated by Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2142 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Surber).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

20. APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CITY HALL ADDITION.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the subject plans and specifications and advise the Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Commission that you wish to proceed with the construction as soon as possible.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

21. Withdrawn.
22. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with the Board of Supervisors.  
City Engineer recommends acquisition of certain parcels for park and street purposes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-196. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

23. Programs for Senior Citizens.

In view of the fact that Councilman Johnson had initiated the report at hand, Mayor Miller asked that he provide the background for the benefit of the large audience present on this matter.

Councilman Johnson reported that Staff was requested to explore the possibility of an expanded program for Senior Citizens which would encompass either free or substantially reduced rates in riding City buses, and to make meals at reduced cost from major restaurants in Torrance available to Senior Citizens.

Findings from Staff indicated, Mr. Johnson continued, that neither aspects of such a program were completely economically feasible. Councilman Johnson is of the opinion that where the Senior Citizens are concerned pure economic feasibility is not sought, but, rather, something that would assist them in view of their fixed incomes.

Councilman Johnson added that while Staff did a most creditable job, the end result that he hopes can be achieved is not in the Staff recommendation. Mr. Johnson indicated that he proposed to request a 90-day continuance on this matter in order that he may further pursue these programs.

Difficulty with the Staff report relative to the bus situation was indicated by Councilman Uerkwitz; he is cognizant of the pathetic situation surrounding the bus operation, but with the absence of bus passengers at this time, Mr. Uerkwitz cannot see any cost involved to have the Senior Citizens riding the empty buses. Councilman Uerkwitz would recommend that such an opportunity be provided these people, certainly in the off hours and to provide transportation from one center to the other in order to participate in recreation activities planned for the Senior Citizens.

There should be further information, in Councilman Sciarrotta's opinion, relative to the type of people who actually ride the buses, particularly as to age groups -- there should be investigation as well of possible State contributions to such Senior Citizen programs -- also, what are the merits, if any, of a minibus arrangement for transportation from center to center for recreation purposes?

Questioned by Councilman Wilson were whether or not the present bus routes and schedules are appropriate to best accommodate the Senior Citizens? Further, are Senior Citizens presently riding the buses?

Mayor Miller referred to the Transportation Committee study as to the likely future of the bus line itself, let alone such service for Senior Citizens. In further study of this matter the

Mayor recommended that thought be given to the ultimate future of the bus lines, and the possible elimination of certain lines; any study of bus service for Senior Citizens must include consideration of the fate of the bus system per se.

Mr. Jack Bliss, 826 Kornblum, reported on the findings of a spot study conducted by Acting Bus Superintendent Wheeler wherein it was learned, among other things, that 70 Senior Citizens ride the buses per day -- with a 5¢ fare, the loss to the City would be \$7,665 per year; free transportation would represent a loss of \$8,892.

At variance with the Staff report, according to Mr. Bliss, was the advice from RTD that they do not know how many Senior Citizens ride their buses, contrary statistics relative to maximum use of recreation centers at the present time, etc. It was also ascertained by Mr. Bliss that the average income for Senior Citizens in the low income group is \$1255 per year; medium income, \$2070; and the high income is \$4360. per year, which would seem to indicate that our Senior Citizens are our poverty pocket.

It was the opinion of Mr. Bliss that to wait 90 days for a study is too long, what with inclement weather approaching which adds to the difficulty of getting around by the Senior Citizens.

Mr. Larry Crisco, State President of 290 Senior Citizen clubs, 4302 Albury Avenue, Lakewood, described his extensive experience involving both Senior Citizens and transportation and matching funds therefor. Mr. Crisco further commented that the Senior Citizen, in most places, is in his own private ghetto and transportation has great bearing on the situation -- the Senior Citizen programs greatly enrich their life and are a very necessary contribution to the some 25 million Senior Citizens in the United States at present.

Councilman Johnson clarified that his request for a 90-day continuance is based on a pending State examination faced by him which has completely absorbed his time -- it is his desire to be completely involved in the development of the subject Senior Citizens program, hence the requested delay.

Discussion was then directed to the 90-day continuance, it ultimately being decided that a 30-day period would serve the necessary purpose -- of primary concern is a report on the true cost relative to the bus aspect. It was further requested that the Bus Department tabulate the number of Senior Citizens riding the buses within this 30-day period, to be incorporated in the report

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that Item #23 be delayed for 30 days, with the City Manager to conduct a study as to the economic impact of the program on the City's financial position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent.)

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The hour being 6:37 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent). A general recess followed at 6:39 P.M.

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24. ORDINANCE re: rules of conduct upon the beach within the City of Torrance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2143

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 4, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 4 THEREFOR PERTAINING TO RULES OF CONDUCT UPON THE BEACH WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2143 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he would like to delete the reference to dogs which prohibits them from the beaches -- he can see nothing objectionable about a dog on a leash on the beach. Mayor Miller noted that the primary purpose of this ordinance is to make it uniform with other cities, and to make exceptions presents problems.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. Request for a Minute Secretary for the Youth Welfare Commission.

Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson advised that the proponent of the subject request, Mrs. Ethel Kovach, had telephoned that she would be unable to be present at this meeting -- she indicated concurrence with the Assistant City Manager's recommendation, and, additionally, that she meant no derogatory comments towards the present secretary assisting the Youth Welfare Commission.

The Chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission, Mrs. Jackie Burdick, 2263 1/2 Marjorie Avenue, was present to describe the present minute-taking setup, a duty performed by one of the Commissioners in draft form, which is then turned over to Finance Department Secretary, Mrs. Doris Erikson, to be put in final form.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that he felt it appropriate that the Youth Welfare Commission be assigned a Minute Secretary during their investigation of Project Quest and preparation of a report back to Council -- Mr. Johnson added that he deemed it unfair to impose upon Mrs. Erikson, a Project Quest supporter, by subjecting her to discussions regarding this controversial matter in a secretarial capacity. Councilman Johnson thereupon MOVED that during the process of the Project Quest investigation that the Youth Welfare Commission be furnished a Minute Secretary.

Discussion returned to the present procedure of the Commission, the coordination of the City Manager's office by way of Sr. Administrative Assistant Menard, it being pointed out by Mayor Miller that the subject request has come not from the Commission, but a private citizen, and that this is an item for review at budget time.

MOTION: Commissioner Sciarrotta moved that the subject letter be filed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,  
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (he feels it grossly unfair)  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

Comments at the time of their "yes" votes were: Councilman Sciarrotta stated that one of the Commissioners takes minutes on action only, minutes of discussion are unnecessary -- further, the Commission subsequently approves the minutes at the following meeting, and should they approve something that did not happen, then there should be some change in the Commission.

Councilman Brewster commented that Mrs. Kovach's letter is specifically concerned with the fact that Mrs. Erikson is interested and involved in Project Quest that this might somehow bias her interpretation of the notes that were taken at the meeting. Mr. Brewster also reported his understanding that Mrs. Erikson is no longer involved in this typing assignment which would seem to resolve the problem. Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson responded that there likely is some misunderstanding -- the duties are still assigned to the Finance Department, and in view of the Council action to file Mrs. Kovach's letter, the present procedure doubtless will be maintained.

Mayor Miller was of the opinion that the issue is not regarding the assignment of Mrs. Erikson but whether or not to assign a Minute Secretary to the Youth Welfare Commission -- it is not important who types the minutes; if the Commission does not like what they see, then the minutes should be rejected.

A further MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the Park and Recreation Commission be assigned to the Project Quest study, with the Youth Welfare Commission report to be referred to them. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

At Councilman Brewster's request for clarification regarding the above motion, Councilman Johnson advised that it is for the reason that part of the consideration centers around the continued free use by Project Quest of the Recreation Center -- the Park and Recreation Commission usually has a voice in these matters. It has been learned by Councilman Johnson that the Park and Recreation Commission is not fully aware of what has been given in terms of this building; the Park and Recreation Commission likewise should have an opportunity to make a recommendation to Council regarding a facility that they ordinarily govern.

In the opinion of Councilman Sciarrotta this is definitely a Youth Welfare Commission function -- they are the originators of the matter, -- the Park and Recreation Commission's only involvement is that they allowed use of the building and this represents their only function in the entire setup.

Councilman Brewster ascertained that the intent of the motion would be directed to the <sup>free</sup> use of the Recreation building by a specific group -- in view of this fact, he cannot support the motion.

The motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Uerkwitz.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson, and  
Mayor Miller.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

26. Request to retain Wyle Laboratories to make a preliminary acoustical survey and report for the proposed Noise Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. That the City Council authorize the Staff to retain Wyle Laboratories to make a preliminary acoustical survey and report of land use/noise levels in the City, subject to the City Attorney's approval of contract and insurance requirements.
2. That the City Council authorize expenditure of \$2000.00 from the Environmental Pollution Control Fund to pay Wyle Laboratories upon completion of the necessary work.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

27. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES COMMITTEE - 220 KV POWER TRANSMISSION LINES.

RECOMMENDATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY COMMITTEE:

That Council meet one hour earlier at the September 22, 1970 meeting for a presentation of the Underground Utility Committee of their recommendation regarding the 220 KV transmission lines.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above request of the Underground Utility Committee, with Council to convene at 6:00 P.M. on September 22, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Surber).

28. League of California Cities Resolutions, to be considered at the October conference.

Mayor Miller requested that the report be filed, and there were no objections.

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29. Council Finance Committee Report and Recommendation for license fee for handbill distribution. (American Postal Corporation request.)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the present daily fee now in the ordinance be retained and that the Code of the City of Torrance regarding license fees for the distribution of handbills be amended to establish a maximum fee of \$2000 per year -- this may be either be paid in a lump sum at the beginning of the calendar year or may be paid on a daily basis with the annual license being paid in full when the cumulative total of daily license fees reaches \$2000.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Council Finance Committee. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

30. League of California Cities request to designate a voting representative and an alternate voting representative for the business sessions at the Annual League Conference in San Diego, October 25-28, 1970.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to appoint Mayor Miller as voting representative at the subject Annual League Conference, with Mayor ProTem Johnson to serve as alternate voting representative. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

31. Insurance Benefits for the Mayor and Councilmen.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING A PLAN OF  
INSURANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 90-197. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

32. LEAVE OF ABSENCE ORDINANCE:

The Council indicated they desired additional time to study the subject material, and requested that it be placed on the September 15th agenda.

33. Administrative Reorganization #14 regarding grading permit function - Engineering Department.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council concur in the proposed reorganization to be effective concurrently with the effective date of the ordinance adopting the 1970 Uniform Housing Code; concur with the three proposals outlined in the memorandum of August 27, 1970, to be effective on the same date; and appropriate \$1100 from the General Fund for the incurred cost of the proposed reorganization during the remainder of the 1970-71 fiscal year.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Clarification of what is proposed was furnished by Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson, at the request of Councilman Johnson who questioned the added cost.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

34. ORDINANCE NO. 2137.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2137

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 12.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY DUPLICATE CITY RECORDS NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRED.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2137 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

35. ORDINANCE NO. 2138.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2138

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 45.6.21 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT OPERATING VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER.

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Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2138 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

36. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$365.75 to Safeway Sign Company for 24 traffic control signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Dept.
2. \$664.65 to Neptune Meter Company for 100 water meter registers as requested by the Water Department.
3. \$2147.98 to Communications Company, Inc. of Florida for three Comco VHF ground mobile radios for 12V.DC operation and one Comco VHF ground station radio for 117V.AC operation as requested by Airport for their requirements.
4. \$348.15 to Alex Thompson for 10,000 rounds of .45 caliber reloaded ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use on the target range.
5. \$3635.42 to Motorola Communications & Electronics for one only Motorola mobile radio and two each Motorola motorcycle radios as requested by the Police Department as replacement units.
6. \$369.59 to Kings Gallery for 15 deluxe artists easels complete with paints and brushes sold as a set, as requested by the Recreation Department for their Arts and Crafts classes.
7. \$344.83 to Downey Mower and Saw Company for one only 8-horsepower airbroom as requested by the Park Dept.
8. \$757.49 to Halprin Supply Company for two gas driven smoke ejectors as requested by the Fire Department for use in their operation.
9. \$790.72 to Dearth Machinery Company for two rubber street sweeper hopper chains as requested by the Garage as repair parts.

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B. REIMBURSABLE:

10. \$332.33 to Airport Nursery of Torrance for 17 various type 15-gallon size trees as requested by the Park Department as replacements. These trees were paid for by citizens and insurance claims.
11. \$2527.78 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one only 8" Hersey water meter complete with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines as requested by the Water Department. Payment has already been received from Torrance Memorial Hospital for this service.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

12. \$1310.59 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 151 adult books and 41 juvenile books.
37. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Microfilming Service - Reference Bid #B70-45.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the awarding of the annual microfilming contract to the Delta Microfilm Company. The contract expenditure is expected to be \$5000.00 annually.

38. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Construction of Underground Communications Network on Civic Center.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the award of the subject contract be given to Kelbey Construction, Inc., the lowest bidder for the project, and that an appropriation for the work be made from the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 which will provide a 10% contingency.

39. LAGO SECO PARK GAME COURT.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That Council approve the appropriation of \$2,875 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund for the purpose of resurfacing the game court and constructing a French drain in connection therewith on Lago Seco Park.

40. CLAIM of Anthony F. Zwinak, Jr. for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

41. CLAIM of Woo, Inc. for refund of ABC (Tipplers) Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

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42. CLAIM of The Raintree for refund of ABC (Tipplers) Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

43. CLAIM of Lama Room for refund of ABC (Tipplers) Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of agenda items #36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and #43 as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Surber).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

44. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an Amended Cooperation Agreement between the City of Torrance and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED LOCAL GRANT-IN-AID AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-198; his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Councilman Surber absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

45. Councilman Brewster <sup>noted</sup> recent considerations pointing up to a possible need for study of the City's Commission structure with an eye to modernization -- in view of the fact that the Council has passed a resolution commending the Chamber of Commerce for their Governmental Efficiency Committee, it might be well to look to them to tackle this problem, as an independent body making an independent study. It was the consensus of the Council that the City Manager, on behalf of the Council, direct a letter to the Chamber of Commerce conveying the above suggestion.

46. The achievements at the County Archery Tournament and County Swim Meet, as outlined by the Director of Recreation in Information Items B and C, was specifically noted by Councilman Johnson, with much pleasure.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta reminded the Council of the Revenue Sharing luncheon slated for Thursday, September 3rd, at the Indian Village, with representatives from 14 cities scheduled to be present.

48. Councilman Wilson reported on his attendance at the graduation exercises of three Torrance police officers from the Academy -- a ceremony he found very impressive. It was Dr. Wilson's recommendation that this group and future graduates be presented to the Council so that an appropriate welcome and congratulations could be extended. The Council concurred that this was a very good idea.

49. A report from the Goals Steering Committee has been furnished each Councilman, according to Dr. Wilson, and he urged serious study of the material, requesting that any differences of opinion be aired now rather than implying agreement to the Committee.

50. Mayor Miller announced that General John Ryan, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, has accepted the invitation to be the Grand Marshal on Armed Forces Day, May 14-15, 1971. The Chamber of Commerce and City Staff are to complimented, Mayor Miller added, on obtaining such distinguished representation for this event.

At 7:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to 5:30 P.M., September 15, 1970. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Surber).

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*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVED BY:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Minute Secretary

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