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Adjourned at 8:00 P.M. to Tuesday, November 10, 1970,  
at 7:00 P.M.

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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, October 20, 1970, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Mr. Jim Armstrong led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

City Clerk Coil gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 1970 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, 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 Brewster, carried as follows:

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

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, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Works Committee: Councilman Brewster reported that this committee had met this date regarding the Scott Street problems, and a written report will be forthcoming.

The next scheduled meeting of this committee, according to Councilman Brewster, is Tuesday, November 3rd, at 4:30 P.M. with the agenda encompassing such subjects as the Sign Review Committee, the License Review Board, the makeup paving problems, the matter of the Streets and Highways Commission, along with a progress report on 182nd Street underpass.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety Committee: It was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz that a meeting was held this date as well, with additional input from TPOA and other organizations -- a workshop session has been scheduled for November 17th at 4:30 P.M. to further digest this material.

Charter Review Committee: Councilman Uerkwitz advised that because of the South Bay Councilmen's meeting scheduled for October 22nd, he will be unable to attend the Charter Review meeting on that night. Councilman Sciarrotta indicated that he would serve as an alternate at the Charter Review Committee meeting.

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At 5:15 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

The Council returned at 5:30 P.M.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. TORRANCE LIONS CLUB - DONATION FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY.

On behalf of the Torrance Lions Club, Mr. Giles Stadler, its president, presented a check to the City in the amount of \$713.93 for the purchase of special equipment for the sight-handicapped, for use in a special section of the new Central Library.

There was grateful acceptance on behalf of the Library by Library Commissioner Naomi Leavitt.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Toastmistress Week"

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

Present, representing the Toastmistress Club, was Mrs. Patterson, 2312 West 180th Place, who outlined the history of their organization, as well as their activities -- an invitation was extended the Council to attend their Proclamation Dinner on October 29th.

11. "American Education Week" - October 21st.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with acceptance of the Proclamation by Political Science teacher James Armstrong, from Torrance High School.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

- 12A. Permission to Construct a Cable Television Head-In and Antenna.
- 12B. Letter from Cablecom-General listing locations investigated for an adequate cable television antenna receiving site.
- 12C. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 70-35, CABLECOM-GENERAL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Withdrawn from the agenda by the proponent.

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Considered by the Council at this time:

27. FREEWAY ROUTE

In view of the overflow audience present on the ORANGE FREEWAY ROUTE, Mayor Miller invited discussion at this time. City Manager Ferraro, at the request of the Mayor, reported on the status of the proposed route, gleaned primarily from the newspaper reports on this matter.

Comments were forthcoming from the Councilmen, starting with Councilman Sciarrotta who emphatically stated that he does not want the Orange Route at all.

Mayor Miller recalled earlier agonies regarding the freeway route -- the idea that the City of Lomita can indicate to the South Bay area that they may have a freeway but that Lomita be excluded by designation of the Orange Route is incongruous. It was further stated by the Mayor that the majority of the Council would object to any change of the freeway route; further, with concurrence of the Council, Mayor Miller stated that he would refuse to sign any document that would move the freeway to the Orange Route, on the basis of closing off surface streets.

The very best suggestion, according to Councilman Uerkwitz, is that there not be a freeway at all -- a suggestion loudly applauded by the audience.

Councilman Johnson advised that his home is directly in the path of the Orange Route, further commenting that he has been outspoken against any freeway system in Torrance, and especially opposed to any freeway route that would be substantially within the City boundaries. It has ever been of concern to Mr. Johnson that people along a freeway route must be uprooted, and land taken

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off the tax rolls for, in his opinion, no justifiable reason. Councilman Johnson further advised that he has consulted with the City Attorney as to any possible conflict of interest by his remarks at this time; the City Attorney has responded that such would not be the case in that he is merely restating his former public expression. To verify this, Councilman Johnson added, he stated publicly, under orals, on December 30, 1969 his very great concern for the problems that a freeway through this area would generate -- additionally, Mr. Johnson has written three rather extensive letters to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, two to Senator Ralph Dills, one to Assemblyman Robert Beverly, one to Senator Robert Stevens, one to Assemblyman Larry Townsend, and one to former Lomita Mayor Clyde Bernhardt, all reflecting his opposition to proposed loop freeway system through Torrance, and outlining alternative suggestions for consideration and discussion with the State Division of Highways.

In each of the above communications, Councilman Johnson continued, he has always prefaced his remarks by stating that the views presented are his as an individual Councilman and do not necessarily reflect the views of his Council colleagues, especially those in the majority vote when the Red Route was adopted by the former City Council. Mr. Johnson added that he will always stand on 4 votes of the Council even though he may oppose the action, a feeling shared by other Council members.

It was Councilman Johnson's suggestion, in the above referred to communications, that the State Division of Highways should go back to the drawing board to engineer a better way of constructing freeways or traffic patterns through cities.

One of Councilman Johnson's proposals was to tunnel underground to the Red Route in such a way as to not upset the surfaces -- another was the hope that the State Division of Highways, who favor an expenditure of approximately two million dollars per mile for approximately 5+ miles the Red Route would take through Torrance, surely would be able to work with the City of Torrance and all the neighboring cities to allow between 1/2 and 3/4 of the dollars they would expend for freeway, for the proper widening, computerization of signals, and the taking of other efficiency measures to insure the optimum traffic flow to the City of Torrance along its east-west, north-south major thoroughfares. It is the firm opinion of Councilman Johnson that were such a plan adopted most of the traffic problems could be eliminated, and yet allow the people who need to travel on Torrance streets to go to their desired destinations while at the same time eliminating the need for any freeways through Torrance and the resulting upsetting of its people as well as the removal of additional lands from the tax rolls.

Continuing, Mr. Johnson added that it has always been his position that if a freeway is absolutely necessary, and if tunnelling under the City of Torrance is an engineering impracticability, then most certainly any convenience freeway which must be constructed to this area should be shared insofar as practicable by all cities. Mr. Johnson then urged that this Council insist that if a freeway is to go through Torrance alone that it be undergrounded, or substantially undergrounded, as a first priority alternative. It is further recommended that this Council go on

record as favoring that the State divert from 50% to 75% of the funds intended for the construction of a freeway system through Torrance to a program of improving major corridors through Torrance and neighboring cities to achieve the greatest degree of traffic efficiency on those streets -- in lieu of any freeway through this area. If a freeway through the area is an absolute must, then Council should urge the State Division of Highways to construct such a freeway in a manner that will as nearly as possible split the boundary lines of Torrance with all of the contiguous neighboring cities.

There may be some merit, Councilman Johnson added, in extending the southerly most leg of such a freeway route into and through appropriate locations in Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, and San Pedro in order to more nearly convenience the people on the hill, for whose primary purpose the freeway is being constructed. This would mean, according to Mr. Johnson, that the southerly most leg would actually follow a pattern south of the Torrance boundary line. The idea is justifiable because if the concept of splitting the contiguous boundary lines with Torrance's neighboring cities to the west is adopted, Torrance and Redondo Beach will already have given up a substantial amount of land to the cause; it is estimated that the amount of land to be given up by the hill communities under this concept would approximately equal that given up by Torrance and Redondo Beach.

Councilman Johnson urged Council support of the above concepts.

His first knowledge of the Orange Route, according to Councilman Brewster, came to light at the October 8th meeting of the South Bay Intercity Highway Committee; apparently there was a subcommittee of that group working with State Division #7 Highway people on this alignment, with representation by other cities, but, a grave oversight, not Torrance. Mr. Brewster added that Torrance has since been invited to assume a seat of membership on the subcommittee, but a meeting has not yet been held.

Councilman Uerkwitz recommended that debate be withheld until the time of public hearing on the proposed route -- he specifically noted that ecological viewpoints will be expressed, and, further, that new inputs regarding any route should be considered. Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his opposition to all freeway routes, regardless of color designated.

At this time, at Mayor Miller's request, City Clerk Coil read a communication from absentee Councilman Surber indicating his displeasure with the fact that the City of Lomita has been able to persuade legislators and the State Division of Highways to move the southeast leg of the Red Route from Lomita into Torrance. Councilman Surber further wrote that not only does he oppose any freeway in Torrance, he is doubly opposed to the City having to pay the cost of all the land and upsetting of its people to provide a convenient freeway system for the people on the hill and those desiring to save 15 to 30 minutes time getting from the airport to various points along the way.

The communication from Councilman Surber further stated his understanding that the purpose of the proposed freeway in this area is almost entirely for the benefit of the beach cities and the residents on the hill -- if this is so, why then should Torrance accept the whole cost when its benefits are so few and the problems generated by a freeway will be so many. Continuing, Mr. Surber wrote that Torrance is relatively free of smog, dust, and noise; the proposed freeway would most certainly generate all of these, as well as add to the congestion of Torrance streets in the on and off ramp areas.

In conclusion, Councilman Surber wrote: "In view of my avowed opposition to any additional freeway going through Torrance, I, as a new Councilman, believe that this new Council is entitled to a public hearing, calling for rejustification by the State Division of Highways as to why a freeway through this area is necessary, and especially how they can possibly justify moving the freeway out of one city into another as they are proposing in their most recent change affecting the Southeast Torrance area. Therefore, I, as a new Councilman, one who was not a party to the prior made agreement on the Red Route, and one who has not had the benefit of a full-blown hearing, move that this City Council call for a full-blown hearing by the State Division of Highways on the entire freeway through Torrance, to be held in Torrance within one month from now."

Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience at this time.

First to speak was Mr. Raymond Blinn, 24116 Huber, a teacher at Narbonne High School, who pointed out that the proposed Orange Route would affect five schools: Harbor Elementary, President Avenue School, Narbonne High School, Wood Elementary, and Adams Elementary School. In his opinion, this is sufficient justification for elimination of the Orange Route.

Mrs. David Lyman, 1922 West 237th Street, voiced her opposition to the proposed Orange Route -- an opposition shared by her comembers on the SETHA Board, Adams PTA, etc. Opposition to the Orange Route, Mrs. Lyman added, comes not only from residents who will lose their homes in the path of the freeway, residents whose homes will be devaluated beside the freeway, residents whose children attend nearby schools which will be adversely affected by noise, pollution, and safety hazards, but from the many residents scattered throughout Southeast Torrance who have been deeply involved and dedicated a great deal of their time in the difficult task of finding solutions to the complex problems involved in making the dwindling oil operation compatible with the rapidly changing valuable residential nature of the area.

In conclusion, it was stated by Mrs. Lyman that Southeast Torrance is suffering enough already, but progress is being made and results are becoming evident -- please do not inflict this area with yet another burdensome problem which will be a blow to their hopes and a setback to their progress. It is requested that Council oppose the Orange Route of the proposed freeway -- please, no noise, pollution, and financial loss in addition to the existing burdens in Southeast Torrance.

Mrs. Lowell Hardison, 2024 West 236th Street, presented a petition bearing approximately 350 signatures in protest of the Orange Route. A second petition was presented by Mrs. Hardison signed by Staff members of John Adams School voicing their protest; a third petition, signed by John Adams Elementary School students, opposing the freeway was presented as well by Mrs. Hardison.

Next to speak was Mr. Ed Shelton, 23747 Falena, who stated that he had checked out the fact that from his front door to the on-ramp of the San Diego Freeway on Western Avenue is exactly two miles -- from his home to the on-ramp on Sepulveda of the Harbor Freeway it is 1.2 miles -- representing a time period of five minutes to either freeway. The proposed Orange Route is simply without reason, in his opinion.

Mr. Robert Phillipot, 2062 West 233rd Street, stated that his home is not directly on the proposed freeway route, but he, as many other people, the vast silent majority in the South Bay area, is concerned with air pollution and the ecology of this area -- an area with an established reputation for clean, fresh air. A freeway would create tremendous pollution, in Mr. Phillipot's opinion, from the increased automobile traffic.

Further noted by Mr. Phillipot was that the "bump" on the the Orange Route will create a 90° turn at the top, with another 90° turn created at the south to go east to Long Beach -- are there any freeways in existence with two 90° turns within four or five miles?

Opposition to the Orange Route was also expressed by Mrs. Nagy, 23742 Falena, who added that she is further opposed to any freeway route through Torrance. She would concur with Councilman's Johnson earlier comments -- that the State, in order to facilitate traffic through the South Bay area, spend the same money to widen the streets, rather than tear up many homes, remove them from the tax rolls, and put in a freeway which no one wants.

Mr. Sam Skelah, 2350 West 238th Street, noted that the Red Route would generally parallel the San Diego Freeway, only some five miles away -- there is no other area in Greater Los Angeles where this condition exists. A freeway would add to the present nitrogen oxide problem in Torrance, in his opinion.

Mr. Steve Skemeta, 2344 238th Street, reported his gratification that for the first time in 14 years there is a Council which cares enough to ask what the citizens want, and it is appreciated. (Much applause). It is his opinion that if there must be a freeway then the total sharing of a peripheral route makes sense; he is personally opposed to any freeway route inasmuch as he does not feel it a necessity and would serve the purpose of many other cities rather than the South Bay area.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Vernon Coil, 2366 237th Street, who indicated that he did not favor any freeway in Torrance, and suggested that this matter be put to a vote of the citizens of Torrance to make this decision.

City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that Mr. Coil's suggestion would not be up to the City Council, in that the City Council merely makes a recommendation to the State Highway Commission, with the determination as to the location of a freeway up to the Highway Commission.

Mr. Skemeta spoke again, pointing out that there have been numerous freeways abandoned by the State within the last six months, including the Beverly Hills freeway. Should the citizens vote "no freeway" it could happen that the State would say Torrance doesn't want it, Redondo doesn't want it, Palos Verdes doesn't want it -- if a freeway is to be shoved down somebody's throat, the chances of making it a total sharing are far greater if Torrance has the courage to take the same stand as that of other cities.

Mrs. Genevieve Burchfield, 24017 Huber Avenue, referred to the large audience and the fact that opposition to the Orange Route had prompted such a turn-out -- she urged that if the opposition is to all freeways that there be such attendance at all meetings regarding freeways. The freeway in Torrance, according to Mrs. Burchfield, is desired by the Del Amo Financial Center, and this will be achieved by them unless the residents come out again and again and again.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council go on record opposing the Orange Route. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

In response to Councilman Johnson's question relative to the manner of requesting a new public hearing on the freeway, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that a new Councilman, or one who voted with the prevailing side, could make such a motion.

Mayor Miller expressed his strong sentiments at the time of the original freeway hearings, as well as his concern at this most recent action involving the Orange Route -- it is his feeling, at this time that the Council should call upon its representatives to request removal of the route, in view of the absence of cooperation from other cities. The Mayor added that he is not, however, stating that Torrance does not need a freeway, but he would be willing to again listen to the pros and cons regarding a freeway.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that the Council request the State Division of Highways for another public hearing on the freeway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

City Manager Ferraro confirmed that letters should go forward to the appropriate Assemblymen and Senators relative to the above action taken by the Council.

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The hour being 6:45 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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REAL PROPERTY:

13. LANDSCAPING AND UPGRADING OF EASEMENT BETWEEN BINDEWALD AND VANDERHILL ROADS, AND INSTALLATION OF WATER CONNECTION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council approve the proposed landscaping and upgrading of the subject easement and the installation of the water connection between the two deadend water lines on Bindewald and Vanderhill Roads, and that the City Council appropriate \$2,000 from the General Fund and \$6,000 from the Water Revenue Fund to cover the expenses.

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

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At 7:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency; his motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved (Councilman Surber absent). The Council returned to its regular agenda at 7:01 P.M.

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TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

14. Petition of 40 residents requesting the City to close off to vehicles the street of Halison (from Norton to Linda) due to unnecessary reckless and fast driving.

Present on this matter was Mr. Andy Pollastrini, 19603 Linda Drive, who expressed the consternation of the residents in the subject area relative to the fast, reckless driving taking place, and the need for remedial action.

It was the consensus of the Council that an investigation should be made in order that a reasonable decision might be made. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the subject matter be referred to Staff for investigation and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and there were no objections. Traffic Engineer Horkay indicated that a report on this could be returned to the Council on November 10th, and that he would meet with the interested parties, to the end that it might otherwise be resolved.

Added by Mr. Roger Gohl, 19510 Linda Drive, was the fact that most of the people involved in the racing will not pay any attention to signs -- putting in stop signs, in his opinion, would not cure the problem.

Mr. Robert Abbey, 5536 Norton, chairman of the Northwest Homeowners Association, expressed concurrence with the above comments, and asked to be included in the proposed meeting.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:15. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1970.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-213. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

(Note: Per Council action later in the meeting - Page 18 - declaring November 3rd dark, SECTION 3, Page 4, was amended to read: "That the 10th day of November, 1970, at 5:30 P.M.....")

PERSONNEL MATTERS:16. 1970-71 TESTING CONTRACT.RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

1. That the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Committee to award the 1970-71 testing contract to Cooperative Personnel Services of the California State Personnel Board.
2. That the City not conduct at this time any of its own written examinations.
3. That the contract be drafted in such a way to allow for a possible pilot program at sometime in the future.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Civil Service Committee. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF PERSONNEL FUNCTION OF THE CITY.RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

That Council approve the following, with the ideas expressed to serve as guidelines for the implementation of the reorganization plan:

1. The functional operations of the Personnel Department as presently known to be split into two distinct organizations; the Personnel Department and its operations be responsible as a department to the City Manager, and a new Staff organization be created under the direct assignment of the Civil Service Commission.

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2. The Personnel Department to retain its present duties minus those duties directly associated with the operation of the Civil Service Commission. It shall also assume new and changing duties as may be determined by the City Manager.  
The organization to remain as a separate major department responsible to the City Manager but not as a part of the City Manager's staff operation. The head of the department to retain his present Director status and salary commensurate with his operation.
3. Create a new organization in a Staff capacity to serve the needs of the Civil Service Commission in its proper operation of the Civil Service System. The operation to be manned and salaries to be paid to the personnel commensurate with their duties and responsibilities as may regularly be determined for any other major level department. The head of the new Staff organization to carry a title and a salary commensurate with his duties and responsibilities and carry the force and effect of a major department.
4. The head of the new Staff organization to be hired by the City Council in accordance with the rule of three as selected by the Civil Service Commission from appropriate Civil Service examinations. Substantial weight to be given by Council to the single individual which the Commission believes will be the better of the three applicants selected by the Civil Service Commission for Council's approval.
5. The present Director of Personnel be given his choice as to which organization he desires to head, the Personnel Department or the new Civil Service Staff organization.
6. The City Manager in conjunction with the City Attorney, the Director of Personnel and the Civil Service Commission to develop an implementation plan for submittal to and approval of the City Council.
7. Upon approval of the plan, the necessary Civil Service ordinances, resolutions and rules be changed in accordance with the plan adopted.
8. The City Council adopt the Committee's recommendations in principle and direct the Staff to proceed to develop the implementation plan in accordance with the above noted recommendations.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Civil Service Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller invited discussion.

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Representing TPOA, Officer Phillip Joseph, reiterated their opposition of the proposed reorganization -- he added that this will not solve the problem between the City Manager and Mr. Donovan.

It was noted by Councilman Johnson that personalities were not the prime consideration of the committee; the stated rules are very clear, and while this has operated as a joint system, our forbearers some time ago saw the need for two separate organizations.

At Officer Joseph's question regarding the legality of the reorganization, City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged that there is a Charter problem, as it now exists -- if this is put into effect, there would still be a Charter problem because of the ambiguities therein. It would be his recommendation, Mr. Remelmeyer continued, that if the Council does adopt the Committee recommendation that the differentiation between departments, the method of hiring the new executive officer of the Commission be memorialized in the proposed new Charter amendment so that there would be no question in the future.

Disagreement was evidenced by Councilman Johnson who reiterated his opinion that there is nothing in the Charter which would prevent this action -- moreover, Civil Service rules that were written years ago foresaw this problem.

City Attorney Remelmeyer then stated that it may be that the correct interpretation of the Charter as it now exists is that every single function performed by Mr. Donovan, in his dual capacity, is under the City Manager -- not jointly under the City Manager and the Commission.

The problem with the recommendation, Mr. Remelmeyer continued, is that it creates two officers instead of one, and the duties that are assigned to the executive officer of the Commission are the duties of the Commission under the ordinance, but under the Charter those duties of the Commission may belong to the City Manager.

Councilman Johnson commented that these problems had been discussed at some length by the Committee, without an end solution to all of them, but the Committee is recommending that the Council adopt the plan in principle, with the understanding that these details must be worked out.

Added by Councilman Sciarrotta was the fact that Civil Service is not being changed one bit; it is merely proposed to create another job.

Mr. Remelmeyer then stated that within the existing system, this is the best possible solution -- his point being that because of the ambiguity in the Charter, if the Council does vote for this, that when the proposed changes in the Charter come before the electorate, that this differentiation be memorialized in the Charter.

A need for clarification regarding the proposed appointments, and the fact that Mr. Donovan will be given his choice, was pointed out by Councilman Brewster in reference to recommendations #2, #4, and #5 -- it should be understood that whatever is vacated will be done by the rule of three.

As to Item #6, the implementation plan, it was the request of Councilman Brewster that the specifics of cost, numbers, etc. be incorporated.

Councilman Wilson noted that the Council in essence would be authorizing another executive officer at a substantial salary, which will result in two people working where in the past there has only been one -- is there that much work for two people? It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that were the Personnel Department truly performing the many assignments needed by the City Manager, the work load would be considerable.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion to concur with the Committee recommendations was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

A time limit for the decision by Mr. Donovan relative to his choice of position was recommended by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson. In view of the fact that Mr. Donovan was out of the City at a convention, Mayor Miller requested that such date be held in abeyance until his return.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18. ORDINANCE NO. 2155.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2155

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 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (SKYLINE MOBILE HOME PARK) AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-14.

(Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Co.)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2155 at its second and final reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Dick Meine, 1825 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, spoke to confirm his understanding that there is a 30-day period following this second reading before the ordinance actually becomes legal, and adding that some difficulties have been encountered relative to grading of the hill and the placement of drainage structures. Relief was requested by Mr. Meine in that they be permitted to go ahead with their construction, without waiting the thirty days.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that any action that Mr. Meine would be permitted to take when this ordinance becomes effective thirty days hence, he could take tomorrow with Council permission; Mr. Meine simply runs the risk that during that 30-day period that there might be a referendum which would nullify the action of the Council. Mr. Remelmeyer added that in years gone by the Council has given this kind of relief to nearly all builders.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to grant the requested relief, subject to the conditions spelled out by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Roll call vote on the adoption of Ordinance No. 2155 was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2156.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2156

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 33.18.38 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE

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AN EXEMPTION FROM CITY LICENSE TAXES FOR  
INTERCITY MOTOR CARRIERS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2156 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2157.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2157

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 216.2.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE SECRET SERVICE ACCOUNT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2157 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2158.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2158

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 ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES FOR CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2158 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated that his "no" vote was for the reason that the educational requirements were too strict.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1447.98 to Centerline Products Company for 100 gallons of green street marking paint and 250 gallons of red street marking paint as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use in marking City streets.
2. \$548.60 to Albro Fire Equipment Company for 4 eductors (suction devices) as requested by the Fire Department as replacements.
3. \$635.64 to Hearne Brothers for four maps of Greater South Los Angeles and one only California State Map as requested by the City Librarian for use at the various libraries.
4. \$695.77 to Osborne-Kemper Thomas, Inc. for 100 City of Torrance logo pins; tie tacks and 150 pairs of cuff links as requested by the City Clerk's office.
5. \$717.95 to M. Johnson Supply Company for 24 only 8" and 12 only 6" water pipe service saddles as requested by the Water Department for stock.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

6. \$627.87 to Taylor Jett Company, Inc. for two 6" and two 4" water valves and one 6" and one 4" tapping sleeves as requested by the Water Department for use at the Glendale Federal Savings service. Payment for this expenditure has already been received.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

7. \$600.00 to Institute for Business Planning, Inc. for one each reference book on tax planning, mutual funds and real estate investments.
8. \$873.60 to H.W. Wilson Company for 42 various periodicals for the various library branches.
9. \$944.80 to R.R. Bowker Company for 42 various periodicals for the various library branches.
10. \$918.22 to West State Books for 168 adult books.
11. \$4524.38 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 467 adult books and 310 juvenile books.

12. \$415.00 to Moodys Investor Service, Inc. for Moodys Special Library Service Review beginning January 1, 1971 through December 31, 1971.

23. CLAIM of Lee Spencer Martin for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Police Motorcycles.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by Harley Davidson of Lomita and approve of the awarding of the contract to them for the 5 Police Motorcycles in the amount of \$11,863.48 including tax.

25. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Catch Basin in Madison Street N/O Lomita Blvd. (Job #72009).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted, and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Herb Smeltzer.

26. IMPROVEMENT OF 190TH STREET AND BERYL STREET AT WESTERLY CITY LIMITS (Job #70039)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to McAmis Engineering and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of agenda items #22, 23, 24, 25, and #26, as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ADDENDUM ITEM:

27. FREEWAY ROUTE.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. City Manager Ferraro advised the Council that the Walteria Homeowners Association will be meeting on October 21st relative to the proposed building of apartments by Scott Watt Company on the gravel pit site. It has been requested that public officials attend this meeting, according to Mr. Ferraro; he has instructed his Staff not to attend the meeting inasmuch as nothing has

officially been filed with the City which would permit evaluation.

It was further stated by Mr. Ferraro that the City Attorney has indicated that elected public officials should likewise refrain from attending the meeting in that in the event of a formal application such officials could be accused of having pre-information, etc.

29. The Council-authorized contract with the Chamber of Commerce regarding expenditures not to exceed \$10,500 was noted by City Manager Ferraro -- there is a desire by the Chamber president to further review the philosophy surrounding such expenditures and possibly work out a new agreement. It was agreed that this be made a regular agenda item.

However, according to Mr. Ferraro, the annual Rose Parade Float is a current consideration, and payment has become necessary. There was review of the fund-raising results of Airport Days; Mayor Miller requested a full financial report on the Airport Days event.

City Treasurer Rupert advised that, in order that they may proceed with the Float, a check has been issued in the amount of the first installment - \$6250.00. A need for concurrence was indicated by Mr. Ferraro, which resulted in the following unique MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the City Manager did the right thing, and that he does better in the future. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and approval was unanimous.

30. City Attorney Remelmeyer questioned the legality of a Council meeting on November 3rd, Election Day. Discussion followed on the matter of rescheduling, resulting in the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that Council go dark on Tuesday, November 3rd, because of Election Day. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta,  
Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson (would like to ascertain  
legality).  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

City Manager Ferraro requested permission to accordingly reschedule the Weed Abatement Hearing (agenda item #15) to November 10th, which was granted, without objection.

The need to correct the earlier action relative to adjournment of the Redevelopment Agency was noted as well -- Councilman Sciarrot moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent). (The hour 7:50 P.M.)

Council Oral Communications resumed at 7:51 P.M.

31. In view of the foregoing action, Councilman Brewster requested that the Public Works Committee meeting, currently scheduled for November 3rd, be rescheduled for Friday, November 6th, at 4:30 P.M. There were no objections.

32. Councilman Johnson reported that City Attorney Remelmeyer is now privileged to practice before the Supreme Court -- congratulations were extended.

33. It was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz that at the time the plaques are presented to the Valor Award winners that they be accompanied by City of Torrance tie tacks and cuff links -- Mr. Uerkwitz so moved; his motion was seconded by Mayor Miller; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. Councilman Uerkwitz inquired as to the status of the Defensive Driving Course, and was advised by City Manager Ferraro that this is incorporated in the Personnel Reorganization, with initiation before the end of the fiscal year.

35. Problems between Council members and Administration were noted by Councilman Wilson; it was his suggestion that an ad hoc committee be established to study the roles and functions of the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Mayor appoint a committee to go into this matter and set rules and regulations pertaining thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

Mayor Miller appointed Councilmen Wilson (to serve as Chairman), Johnson, and Sciarrotta.

36. Mayor Miller referred to a recent communication from Mr. Whittlesey regarding the consensus of the Council as to their support of the incorporation of another city in the Palos Verdes area.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council not become involved in this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

At 8:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 10, 1970, at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

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Minute Secretary

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*Vernon W. Coil*

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City Of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance