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Adjourned at 9:55 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, November 10, 1970, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

Mayor Miller deemed the first order of business a:

PROCLAMATION:

15A. "PRISONER OF WAR WEEK" - November 11, 1970.

Mayor Miller so proclaimed, following acknowledgment of the sad fate of some 1,600 members of the Armed Forces either missing in action or prisoners-of-war in Southeast Asia, and the anguish of their families because of this. The prayer for this meeting, conducted by Reverend Francis Rath, will be directed to this cause.

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It was the request of Mayor Miller that one minute of silence to the memory of Torrance High School student Randy King, an outstanding youth killed in a tragic accident, follow the invocation.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. John Mosley, at the request of Mayor Miller, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation reflecting the concern for our Prisoners-of-War was given by Reverend Francis Rath, Seaside Community United Church of Christ. One minute of silence for Randy King followed.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of October 13th and October 20th, and the special meeting of October 23, 1970 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Police/Fire Committee: Councilman Uerkwitz advised that another workshop session on the matter of Time Off has been scheduled for November 17th.

Public Works Committee: This committee met on November 6th to further discuss the makeup paving policy, according to Councilman Brewster, with another meeting on this matter slated on December 1st.

Councilman Brewster added that another meeting of the Public Works Committee has been set for November 24th at 6:00 P.M. to pursue the continuing discussion on the Streets and Highway Commission and the Sign Review process.

Recommendations relative to the License Review Board process have been completed, Mr. Brewster added, and should be available for the November 17th Council meeting.

Legislative Liaison Committee: Councilman Sciarrotta advised that this committee met this date, and will again meet on November 20th at 2:30 P.M. for further study.

Park, Recreation, Community Development Committee: It was the report of Councilman Wilson that this committee met this date regarding a need for clarification of the contract between the Chamber of Commerce and the City; a revised agreement will be presented to the Council.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Tartar Troubadours of Torrance High School - presentation of musical selections.

The Troubadours were not present; held for later hour or date.

10. AWARD OF PLAQUE to Officer Gerald L. Butler, Torrance Police Department, congratulating him as a Gold Medal Winner at the National Police Olympics in Phoenix, Arizona.

The unusual talents of Officer Butler were eloquently described by Officer Phillip Joseph; presentation of the plaque, on behalf of the Council, was made by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Officer Gerald Butler.

11. AWARD OF PLAQUE honoring Sergeant Lloyd W. Woller, Los Angeles Police Department, for his peerless courage in the saving of another man's life and responding without hesitation in the face of personal danger.

12. AWARD OF PLAQUE honoring Sergeant Dean Thomas, Los Angeles Police Department, for his outstanding bravery and disregard for his own personal safety in the apprehension of a dangerous criminal.

At the request of Mayor Miller, Councilman Surber made the presentations to Sergeant Woller and Sergeant Thomas, following a graphic description of the feats of bravery of these two gentlemen.

13. AWARD OF PERMAPLAQUE expressing appreciation to Councilman George W. Brewster for his faithful and diligent service to the City of Torrance as a member and Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta, at the Mayor's request and on behalf of the Council, conveyed their gratitude for Mr. Brewster's outstanding contributions to the City as a member of the Planning Commission.

COMMENDATIONS:

14. RESOLUTION NO. 70-214 commending Albert Isen for fifteen years of dedicated public service as Mayor of Torrance.

It was the request of Councilman Johnson that the subject resolution be read in its entirety. Mayor Miller so directed City Clerk/Coil to assign a number and read the contents contained therein:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING ALBERT ISEN FOR HIS DYNAMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE DURING HIS FIFTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS MAYOR OF TORRANCE.

WHEREAS, Albert Isen moved to Torrance in 1913 at the age of five when the town had 300 people, was educated in Torrance schools, was Student Body President of Torrance High School and in 1933 opened his law office in downtown Torrance and has practiced in Torrance ever since; and

WHEREAS, in 1954 Albert Isen entered public life as a member of the Torrance City Council; in 1955 was appointed Mayor by fellow Councilmen and served until 1958 when a charter change made the office elective; and was then elected by the people, reelected in 1962 and 1966; and

WHEREAS, by working untiringly to bring industries and businesses to Torrance he helped create a climate for development which enabled Torrance to grow from 54,000 people in 1954 to 136,000 in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Isen provided leadership that enabled the City to lower its property tax rate yet provide new public facilities to serve the needs of the City, including a civic center complex (City Hall, Police Station, Municipal Plunge, Recreation Building, Joslyn Center, Central Library) a municipal library system, fire stations and parks and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Isen brought government close to the people by creating lay commissions to advise the Council on matters of great public interest -- Youth Welfare Commission, Torrance Safety Council, Torrance Beautiful Commission, Civil Defense and Disaster Commission, Citizens Advisory Commission -- and by encouraging citizens of all ages to participate in government (he created Junior Citizens Day in Torrance); and

WHEREAS, he was primarily responsible for Torrance's selection as an All America City for 1956 by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine (he suggested and presented the City's case in Memphis to Dr. Gallup's jury), which attracted nationwide attention and gave Torrance residents a new pride in their City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Isen led the successful drive to locate the new courthouse of the Southwest Superior Court District and the South Bay Judicial (Municipal Court) District in Torrance; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Isen originated the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration in Torrance in 1959, now the largest Armed Forces Day Parade in the nation, bringing national honor to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Torrance, on behalf of the people of Torrance, thank Albert Isen for his lifetime devotion to his City culminating in his outstanding service as Mayor of Torrance from 1955 to 1970, and wish him every happiness and success in the years ahead.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-214. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Richard Golden who represented the City of Torrance at the Ceramic and Hobby Crafts Circus.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO RICHARD GOLDEN WHO REPRESENTED THE CITY OF TORRANCE AT THE CERAMIC AND HOBBY CRAFTS CIRCUS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-216. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Mary Ogawa who represented the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild, a charter club of the City of Torrance Recreation Department, at the Ceramic and Hobby Crafts Circus.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MARY OGAWA WHO REPRESENTED THE TORRANCE CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD, A CHARTER CLUB OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AT THE CERAMIC AND HOBBY CRAFTS CIRCUS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-217. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

16. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT #2.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place announced by the Council at its October 13, 1970 meeting, when and where any and all persons having any protests or objections to the proposed Underground Utility District may appear before the City Council of the City of Torrance and show cause why the subject area should not be designated an underground utility district.

City Clerk Coil presented proof of publication of the notice of this hearing; Councilman Uerkwitz moved that it be filed, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Miller then inquired if there were any written protests to be filed; City Clerk Coil advised there were none.

The Mayor next inquired if the City Engineer's report had been received and filed -- City Engineer Weaver replied in the affirmative.

Mayor Miller then asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the designation of this area as an underground utility district. There was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AS AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF POLES, OVERHEAD WIRES AND ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 77.1.21 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-218. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. 1970 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. It was ascertained by Mayor Miller that there are no exceptions.

An Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing was presented by City Clerk Coil. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject Affidavits be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 70-213.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-219. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

18. ZC 70-22, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL (Continued Hearing).
Change of Zone from M-1 zone to M-L zone on property located between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street on the west side of Madrona Avenue.

City Manager Ferraro requested a continuance of this item because of negotiations in progress and a need for additional time.

Mayor Miller moved to concur with the above request to continue ZC 70-22 to December 8, 1970, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered at this time:

21. ORDINANCE extending a moratorium on the construction and demolition of buildings and structures within the area described and declaring the presence of an emergency (Madrona Avenue between Spencer Street and Del Amo Blvd.)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2159

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

(Madrona Avenue between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard.)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2159 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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19. APPEAL OF RZP 70-2, filed by I.M. Bush and Photo-disc Corporation to allow the erection and operation of a photo service building at 2700 Pacific Coast Highway. DENIED BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the subject case, and invited those who wished to be heard to speak at this time.

The proponent, Mr. I.M. Bush, was present to generally reiterate his presentation before the Planning Commission, and to state, regarding the landscaping, that he would be happy to plant trees along the parkway.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that he would be inclined to favor the request were trees planted along the front, with the landscaping plan to be evolved within the next two years under more favorable financial conditions.

The 90-day cancellation clause in the Photo-disc lease was noted by Mayor Miller, along with the fact a considerable sum of money could be spent on landscaping, only to perhaps lose the lease. There is nothing now, nor any hope for anything, and some negotiation would appear in order, in Mayor Miller's opinion.

The parking lot problems were reviewed as well, with Planning Director Shartle noting that the most important matter for consideration is whether or not to grant a relocation permit for the subject structure -- if the decision be affirmative, then other things must be solved, including the parking which is some 38 spaces short even without the proposed building.

A further concern, according to Councilman Wilson, is the ultimate closing of the service roads on both sides of Crenshaw which would have a definite effect on the photo service; also, the fact that blight would be invited is of concern to Dr. Wilson.

Councilman Sciarrotta referred to Staff concern that these types of buildings may be used for other purposes than that proposed -- he certainly would not favor a hot dog stand in the middle of a parking lot. Planning Director Shartle confirmed that the City would have no control over other uses of this building.

Next to speak was Mr. David James, Photo-disc Corporation, who stated that his company at all times is owner of the building, and they have no desire nor intention to change that mode of business.

Representing Photo-disc Corporation as well, Mr. Carl Wayne stated that in view of the 10 conditions imposed, it would seem that another would be in order to control the type of business -- there certainly would be control by way of the business license. It was clarified by Planning Director Shartle that such control is not possible because of the commercial zoning.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department for DENIAL. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion returned to the unique problems surrounding this request, with Councilman Johnson recommending that the request be approved, subject to a stipulation by the proponent that the landscaping would be completed in two years, specifically noting Staff condition #5 that a variance application be filed for the parking shortage. Mr. Bush indicated at this point that a one year period of time would undoubtedly be sufficient.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that it is difficult to find an enforcement mechanism -- once an occupancy permit is granted, there could be difficulties to effect what is desired. The merits of posting a bond were reviewed, as was the execution of a contract, and the following action resulted:

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the subject matter be held for two weeks to permit the City Attorney to work out the details. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that he is of the opinion that the attitude taken by the Planning Commission is probably the correct one -- however, he has no objection to take more time to look at this case.

Mayor Miller indicated that he voted in favor of the motion, but in no way does that mean that he will so vote in two weeks -- it is his desire to thoroughly review all the problems.

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At 8:08 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A 10-minute recess followed at 8:10 P.M.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

20. ORDINANCE declaring the extension of a moratorium on the construction of buildings and structures on property adjacent to Santa Cruz Court and declaring the presence of an emergency.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2160

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE EXTENSION OF A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ON PROPERTY ADJACENT TO SANTA CRUZ COURT AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2160 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller (for reasons previously stated).

21. Heard earlier in the meeting.
22. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change Case 70-21, initiated by the Torrance Planning Commission. Said property is located on the east and west sides of Apple Avenue between Washington and Santa Fe Avenues, and on the west side of Arlington Avenue between Washington and Lincoln Avenues.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that this item be held for two weeks because of some technical problems yet to be resolved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above request of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

23. RESOLUTION setting time and place for hearing on the adoption of the Uniform Plumbing Code, 1970 Edition, and amendments thereto and providing for the publication of the notice thereof.

ORDINANCE repealing Chapter 3 of Division 9 of the Code and substituting a new chapter therefor adopting and amending the Uniform Plumbing Code and appendices A, B, D, E, F, and G, 1970 Edition.

Mayor Miller requested that City Clerk Coil read the title for the ordinance, and assign a number thereto, but that it not be adopted at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2161

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 3 THEREFOR ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE AND APPENDICES A, B, D, E, F, AND G, 1970 EDITION.

Mayor Miller then requested that the City Clerk assign a number and read title to, for adoption at this time:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 1970 EDITION, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-220. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

24. RESOLUTION setting time and place for hearing on the adoption of the Uniform Mechanical Code, 1970 Edition, and amendments thereto and providing for the publication of the notice thereof.

ORDINANCE repealing Chapter 9 of Division 8 of the Code and substituting a new Chapter 9 therefor adopting and amending the Uniform Mechanical Code and appendices A and C, 1970 Edition, Volume II.

It was the request of Mayor Miller that the City Clerk assign a number and read title to the subject ordinance, but that it not be adopted at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2162

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 9 THEREFOR ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE AND APPENDICES A AND C, 1970 EDITION, VOLUME II.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, 1970 EDITION, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-221. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

REAL PROPERTY:

25. Letter to Council regarding Jefferson Leases (Rolling Hills Plaza).

The request to hold this matter to December 15th was noted by Mayor Miller, it being understood that the date for compliance with the \$4,000 requirement be changed from February 15, 1971 to April 1, 1971 (so that Mr. Leavitt will not be penalized for the additional delay) -- it was further noted that Mr. Leavitt concurs with the requested postponement. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

26. RESOLUTION authorizing First Amendment to Tri-Cor Airport Hangar Lease.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN FIRST AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1970 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TRI-COR, INC., A NEVADA CORPORATION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-222. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RESOLUTION re: contract for appraisal services between the City and Christy J. Petrofanis (Maricopa Street between Amie and Madrona).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHRISTY J.

PETROFANIS.

(Maricipa Street between Amie and Madrona.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-223. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, both Councilman Uerkwitz and Councilman Johnson indicated their desire that the work be passed around, per the list established for this purpose, whenever practicable. City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that this would be done.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest an agreement between Ralph H. Lawson and Sally H. Lawson and the City for the sale of certain real property and authorizing the payment of \$50.00 to William M. Lansdale and Mary Suzanne Lansdale.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN RALPH H. LAWSON AND SALLY H. LAWSON AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$50.00 TO WILLIAM M. LANSDALE AND MARY SUZANNE LANSDALE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-224. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

29. RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of an application for an areawide TOPICS plan and execution of the Consultants' Agreement contained therein.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS FOR AN AREA-WIDE TOPICS PLAN AND STUDY AND TO EXECUTE THE CONSULTANTS' AGREEMENT CONTAINED THEREIN.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-225. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Johnson indicated that he would go along with the Resolution since it appears in order -- however, he is not at this time buying the program. Mr. Johnson desires more information regarding TOPICS, where the money comes from, how you get it, etc., and requested that there be such a report.

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that the City Traffic Engineer has done certain research, at his request -- Mr. Horkay indicated that a former requirement that any changes must be made through Washington has since been ironed out, and has been revised to state that if there is an operating Traffic Department that will suffice. Mr. Horkay further indicated that no local control would be removed; however, the right is reserved to review how the money is spent, the primary aim being the elimination of traffic bottlenecks by way of signals, channelization, etc. and is limited to local surface streets.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to adopt Resolution No. 70-225 was unanimously favorable.

It was then requested by Mayor Miller that the City Clerk assign a number and read title to the second resolution on this matter:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PROGRAM TO INCREASE CAPACITY AND SAFETY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-226. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Further action was taken in a MOTION offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That Council approve the appropriation of \$10,100 out of 2107 Gas Tax monies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

- 30. ORDINANCE to provide a waiver of the Drainage Improvement Fee for construction of an improvement on a lot when such improvement is an accessory building supplemental to an existing building or structure.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2163

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 213.3.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A WAIVER OF THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FEE FOR CONSTRUCTION ON AN IMPROVEMENT ON A LOT WHEN SUCH IMPROVEMENT IS AN ACCESSORY BUILDING SUPPLEMENTAL TO AN EXISTING BUILDING OR STRUCTURE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2163 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

- 31. City Attorney's Opinion regarding Limitation of Hours of Take Off from Airport.

City Manager Ferraro advised that the material should further indicate that the Airport Manager concurs with the recommendation of the Airport Commission - "That enactment of an ordinance limiting the hours of take off of aircraft at the Torrance Municipal Airport is not necessary at this time."

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was then made by Councilman Sciarrotta: That a limitation be put on the hours of take off, in spite of the recommendation.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that he felt there should be limitations, and that a study should be made in this regard -- excluding emergency landings.

Discussion followed -- Councilman Surber pointed out the present abundance of laws, and the fact that in this case there does not appear to be a problem; should a problem develop, proper controls could be applied. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he had no objection to the action taken by Councilman Sciarrotta -- and that eventually this will be necessary -- but, for now, perhaps this should be used as a wedge for the problem when it does come up.

Councilman Sciarrotta's substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion to concur with the Airport Commission recommendation carried as follows:

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

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

32. Recommendation of Library Commission regarding names for building plaque for Central Library.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to a Council Committee.

There were no objections to the referral to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee of the Council.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. EMERGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCE amending Division 9, Chapter 7, Articles 9 and 10, Sections 97.9.13, 97.10.2 and 97.10.3 of the Code to provide structural and metallurgical safety standards for tanks used for storage of crude petroleum and the inspection thereof.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2164

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLES 9 AND 10, SECTIONS 97.9.13, 97.10.2 AND 97.10.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL AND METALLURGICAL SAFETY STANDARDS FOR TANKS USED FOR STORAGE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND THE INSPECTION THEREOF; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Prior to taking action on the above emergency ordinance, Mr. George Kurtz, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, was permitted to speak. Mr. Kurtz indicated a need for additional time to study the proposed ordinances, adding that an emergency ordinance as such is unnecessary.

Deputy Attorney Allen indicated that there is a contract problem, and the cost of delay is an undetermined one; it was his suggestion that the Emergency Ordinance be adopted, with Council action held on the Regular Ordinance, in order to accomodate Mr. Kurtz.

The following action resulted:

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2164 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson moved that the regular ordinance be held over for thirty days, to the Council meeting of December 15, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. RESOLUTION of record destruction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-227

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-227. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

35. Letter from Torrance Fire Fighters Association requesting relief from duty for certain members to attend the California State Fire Fighters Convention to be held at Fresno, November 19 through 22, 1970.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the above request be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Richard DeArmitt was present on this matter, and furnished needed clarification -- he also took this opportunity to introduce the new president of the Torrance Fire Fighters Association, Fire Engineer Denny Haas.

36. ORDINANCE adopting a Memorandum of Understanding for the Management Employees, submitted for readoption in its entirety.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2165

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART X TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE

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MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT
 COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
 REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT
 EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION AND CERTAIN
 MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES REPRESENTING
 THEMSELVES.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2165 at its first reading; his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

37. Request that absence of Civil Service Commissioner Tyrrell from Civil Service Commission meeting October 14th be excused.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above request of the Civil Service Commission regarding an excused absence for Commissioner Tyrrell. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

38. ORDINANCE NO. 2145 regarding billboards.

Withdrawn.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

39. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$790.72 to Dearth Machinery Company for two Wayne street sweeper rubber chains used as replacements as requested by the City Garage.
2. \$490.05 to Park Son Inc. for three only 8" water line valves as requested by the Water Department for replacements.
3. \$370.57 to Howard Supply Company for 500 feet of 6" galvanized steel pipe as requested by the Water Department for water service.
4. \$1661.63 to U.S. Industrial Glove for an annual contract to supply 100 dozen work gloves, "as needed" by City departments.
5. \$935.10 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for replacement water meter parts needed to repair faulty water meters as requested by the Water Department.

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6. \$417.89 to Brooks Products for 37 water meter concrete boxes as requested by the Water Department.
7. \$1291.32 to Air Compressor Service for one only trailer mounted 30 CFM air compressor as requested by the Park Department for use in operating pneumatic tools.
8. \$327.63 to Coast Visual Education Company for one each commercial (school type) Kodak slide projector, lamp, case and rear projection screen as requested by the City Manager for use at various Council and Commission meetings.
9. \$1437.33 to J. Jones Company for 250 water pipe adapters, 100 meter couplings and 24 only corporation stops as requested by the Water Department for stock.
10. \$730.63 to Torrance Auto Parts for Autolite, Delco and Dietz replacement auto parts as requested by the City Garage.
11. \$818.15 to Constructors Supply for 68 traffic control signs, 100 sign posts and 500 sets of sign mounting hardware as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
12. \$685.37 to Southern Bolt and Screw Company for 600 only 3" and 4" size pipe bolts and nuts as requested by the Water Department for stock.
13. \$307.61 to Muncie Reclamation and Supply of Indiana for miscellaneous GMC rebuilt parts as requested by the City Garage as replacement parts.
14. \$1023.24 to Metropolitan Electric for 9 only 1000 watt lamps; 3,000 ft. of #10 TW wire; 500 feet 1½" PVC conduit and 3 complete fluorescent fixtures with mounting brackets and lamps as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use as security lighting at La Romeria Park.
15. \$3092.89 to Moore Business Forms for our annual requirement of data processing computer print paper to be delivered "as requested" by Data Processing Department.
16. \$1353.82 to 3M Corporation for 98 sets of scotchlite reflective street name signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting for replacement purposes.
17. \$717.93 to Ditto Division of Bell & Howell for 30 gallons of Ditto duplicating fluid and 310 reams of 24 lbs. duplicator paper as requested by the City Librarian to print library book catalogs.
18. \$498.49 to Del Amo Auto Parts of Torrance for 5 only Beacon-Ray lamp systems as requested by the City Garage as replacement units for Police vehicles.

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19. \$306.16 to Moore Business Forms of Long Beach for 20,000 City payroll checks as requested by the Finance Department.
20. \$1,350.00 to Servis Truck Body for a periodic safety inspection and repair of a City's Hi Ranger manned unit as requested by the City Garage.
21. \$1,456.01 to Electric Supply Distributor for 108 only fluorescent lamps and 25 complete fixtures as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use at North Torrance Library, El Retiro Library and the Walteria Recreation Center.
22. \$451.75 to Photo and Sound for two only Wollensak tape recorders Model AU1520, complete with accessories, as requested by the City Clerk.
23. \$858.14 to Pacific Union Metal Division for three Pumco Marbelite light standards as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacement units.
24. \$332.11 to Joslyn Pacific Company for eight ballast-socket assemblies and six refractors for mercury luminaires as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacement units.
25. \$432.55 to Centerline Products Company for 100 gallons of green pre-mix street marking paint as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use in marking City streets.
26. \$532.78 to Brooks Products, Inc. for 100 meter boxes as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
27. \$601.46 to J. Jones Company for 18 only 2" angle water valves and 100 only 1" couplings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
28. \$520.94 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for five chairs, two desks, and one file cabinet as requested by the Building and Safety Department as budget approved items.
29. \$303.21 to Miller Desk for three only 4-drawer file cabinets as requested by the Building and Safety Department for use in their permit and record keeping system.
30. \$819.20 to S & J Chevrolet for one only rebuilt Allison transmission (exchange) as requested by the City Garage as a replacement.
31. \$512.73 to IBM for one replacement IBM electric typewriter as requested by the City Manager's office.
32. \$1308.20 to Motorola Communications & Electronics for one only Motorola vehicle radio complete with all cables and antenna as requested by the Police Department as a budget approved item.

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33. \$662.01 to Dictaphone Corporation for one only dictation unit, one only transcribing unit, and one machine stand as requested by the City Attorney's office.
34. \$512.20 to Southern California Trophy for 127 service pin awards as requested by the Personnel Department as awards to City personnel.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

35. \$633.00 to Best Concrete Products for one only major service water meter vault as requested by the Water Department for use at AiResearch. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.
36. \$1153.12 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for two 4" and one only 6" water meter complete with water flow detector as requested by the Water Department for use at Glendale Federal Savings, R & E Wholesale, and the Del Amo Convalescent Hospital. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.
37. \$963.69 to Martin Hannum Inc. for 30 ounces of gold and 68 ounces of sterling casting material as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their jewelry classes. The City has already been reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from class participants.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

38. \$3273.19 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 427 adult books and 10 juvenile books.
 39. \$516.16 to California Book Supply for 94 adult books.
 40. \$1052.54 to Needham Book Finders for 277 adult books.
 41. \$6622.31 to Frankling Square-Mayfair of California for 364 Mayfair periodicals subscriptions to run from January 1, 1971 thru December 31, 1971.
 42. \$449.06 to H.R. Huntting Company, Inc. for 159 juvenile books.
40. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Sanitary Sewers in Easement west of Hawthorne Boulevard, north of 238th Street, and in Samuel Street at 227th Place. (Job Nos. 70038 and 71108).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Mike Dabovich and all other bids rejected; and
2. That \$1,800 be appropriated for the recommendation, from the Sewer Revolving Fund.

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41. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Fire Department Crash Rescue Training Area at west end of Torrance Municipal Airport (Informal Bid) Job No. 69010.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER/FIRE CHIEF/ASST. AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Maintenance Men, Inc., and all other bids be rejected; and
 2. That \$6,000 be appropriated (\$3,000 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserves and \$3,000 from the Airport Retained Earnings) to cover costs of the entire project.
42. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Truck-mounted manned 54 ft. Aerial Lift 1970-71 Budget item for the Park Department (Ref. Bid - Los Angeles City - #1114).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the accepting of the low bid as accepted by Los Angeles City for one only 54 ft. Hi Ranger unit and approve of the awarding of the contract to the Servis Body Company in the amount of \$23,000.98, including tax, less \$3000.00 trade-in for City unit #8601.

43. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Annual Stationery Supplies - requirement for fiscal year 1970-71.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That a contract in the amount of \$1,956.98 (including tax) be awarded to Inglewood Stationers for 56 of the items and that \$355.75 (including tax) be awarded to Bayless Stationers for the remaining items.

44. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Alta Loma Park Sidewalk (B70-36)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted, and
 2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Sully-Miller Contracting Corporation.
45. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Construction of Communication Distribution System on Civic Center.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the City Council accept the work and that final payment be made to Kelbey Construction, Inc., under the terms of the contract.

46. LIBRARY FURNISHINGS - SOUTHEAST TORRANCE LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That Council approve the purchase of library furniture from Thonet Industries, through Carroll Sagar & Associates, totalling \$1273.06. Money from the Library Bond Fund will be used to purchase the items (a special sale).

47. CLAIM of Thomas A. Lentini for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

48. CLAIM of Walter F. Rose for property damages.

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 #39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and #48, as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

49. RESOLUTION re: Employment of Financial Consultant in Connection with the Development of the Torrance Civic Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND JAMES F. RAFFERTY FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTANT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-228. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

50. Transit Operations Supervisor Miller reported on the Senior Citizens Reduced Fare program over the past 30 days, which reflected a loss of approximately \$30.10, and further noted that 78% of those who registered are Torrance residents. It was the consensus of the Council that a truer picture would be available after the first of the year, and it was requested that a report be furnished at that time.

51. City Treasurer Rupert reported on the recent League of California Cities convention, specifically noting and expressing appreciation for Councilman Uerkwitz' interest in the Treasurer's role. Mayor Miller commended Mr. Rupert for his participation, on a State level, with favorable reflection on the City of Torrance.

52. Assistant City Manager Scharfman noted that the City has not yet entered into a contract with independent auditors for this fiscal year, and recommended that this matter be considered by the Council Finance Committee. The date selected was Monday, November 16th, at 4:30 P.M.
53. City Manager Ferraro advised that, in cooperation with the School District, the date of January 19, 1971 has been selected as Junior Citizens Day -- the Council concurred, and it was so ordered, there being no objection.
54. A meeting of the Intercity Highway Committee on November 12th at the Alondra Club was announced by Councilman Brewster -- the program to concern the Artesia Freeway.
55. Councilman Brewster directed specific attention to Information Item B regarding the Scott Street drainage problem and the Council Committee report pertaining thereto -- this appeared to be the only solution, and is presented for Council's information.
56. Councilman Brewster commented that while there are agencies in the community, particularly the Police and Fire Departments, that are knowledgeable and aware of what to do in the general area of Civil Defense and Disaster, he is concerned that there is an overall unawareness in the community in this regard. Mr. Brewster is further concerned with the role of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission in this operation, and he would appreciate a report from this Commission on the subject, along with their recommendations.
57. Noted by Councilman Johnson was the proposed marketing of the property in the Redevelopment area -- it was his recommendation that there be consideration relative to participation by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, in view of the fact that these realtors live and work in Torrance; the subject property is City property and paid for by their money; it is, therefore, deserving of consideration by Staff.
58. Councilman Johnson pointed out the Council-directed communication relative to the merits of street and highway planning, and in view of the valuable information contained therein, recommended that it be referred to the Staff group, the Advisory Traffic and Street Planning Team, for study. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
59. To keep in tune with the times, it was the recommendation of Councilman Sciarrotta that every consideration be given the appointment of a woman on every major Commission in the City of Torrance.
60. Councilman Surber acknowledged, with gratitude, the information from Reid Bundy of the Daily Breeze recognizing the 195th birthday of the United States Marine Corps -- Mr. Surber thereupon read the information aloud in honor of the occasion.
61. Of concern to Councilman Surber is the policy, if any, relative to the duplication of printed material for Councilmen. Mayor Miller noted the pending Council Committee meeting regarding the establishment of guidelines and policies for Councilmen. In the interest of

expediting this matter, the Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 13th, at 4:30 P.M.

62. Councilman Surber then indicated a need for security for the Councilmen's mail boxes, and requested that Staff attempt to correct this situation.

63. The status of the report on the City's liability in the use of the Recreation Center, as it relates to Project Quest, was requested by Councilman Surber. Administrative Specialist Stetson reported on the extensive research necessary, but stated that the report would be expedited.

64. It was the recommendation of Councilman Surber that long range planning, whenever practical, to avoid two consecutive dark Tuesdays, as has just happened, for Council meetings be implemented.

65. Further praise was afforded City Treasurer Rupert by Councilman Uerkwitz, and the reassuring aspect of knowing that the top Treasurer in the State is Torrance's Mr. Rupert.

66. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to the pending noise ordinance and requested its presentation at the earliest possible date, in order that Torrance may exercise leadership in this field.

67. Councilman Johnson referred to Information Item E - Resolution re: the utilization of surplus military aircraft in fighting forest fires, prepared by the City of Long Beach - and requested that it be returned to the agenda as soon as possible for like action by this Council.

68. The need for the regular 6-month appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem was noted by Councilman Wilson who MOVED that the next Councilman in rotation, Mr. Sciarrotta, be so appointed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

69. Councilman Wilson noted the need to set a date for the meeting of the Council Park and Recreation Committee for consideration of the Library plaque matter and the use of the Recreation Center -- the date selected was December 2nd at 6:00 P.M.

70. The recommendations made by Planning Director Shartle to the Charter Review Committee relative to the formation of an Administrative Board re: land use adjustment was noted by Councilman Wilson -- such Board to be composed of Staff members from Building, Planning, Engineering, etc. It was the request of Councilman Wilson that this information be furnished the Council by Mr. Shartle in the form of some recommendation as to how it might be structured and the merits of trying it out prior to the decision by the Charter Review Committee.

Further suggested by Planning Director Shartle, according to Councilman Wilson, was a Design Review Board, and this should be incorporated in the above requested communication.

71. Mayor Miller noted the auspicious occasion this date in that the first pole was removed in connection with Underground Utility District #1, the first such undertaking in the South Bay area.

72. Next noted by Mayor Miller was the report from the Bond Steering Committee; he indicated that any comments or recommendations from the Council should be made at this point in time in order that the Committee may know whether or not they are proceeding properly. It was stated that this would be done after thorough perusal of the report.

73. Mayor Miller then made a formal presentation of his remarks relative to property taxes and the concern of City officials over tax increases imposed by agencies other than the City of Torrance.

Appropriate publicity of this situation was urged by Mayor Miller.

74. Councilman Surber commented on the outstanding report furnished by the City Attorney regarding liability on bonds -- City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that he would work with the Bond Steering Committee in working out actual details of what may be done.

75. Mr. Alex Boris, 19320 Entradero, presented a petition requesting No Left Turn from Del Amo Boulevard onto Entradero Avenue, the installation of pedestrian crossing signals at this intersection, the building of a no-entrance bullwark at the intersection of Entradero and Powers Avenue.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject petition be given to the Traffic Commission for study and recommendation to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

76. Mr. William Bix, 21920 Grant Avenue, referred to the Project Quest program, with the comment that there have been many irregularities throughout the entire proceedings in this matter, with much misinformation and deviation from legal procedure, charges and counter-charges, along with inaccurate news reporting. Mr. Bix then referred to the taping of the Youth Welfare Commission meetings, it now having been determined that this is permissible -- he would recommend that there be public notice that public meetings may be taped.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that copies of this opinion have been widely distributed, and this should not happen again.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil

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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance