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Adjourned at 7:00 PM to 5:30 PM, January 12, 1971

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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, January 5, 1971, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, 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.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Police Sergeant Jim Ferrar led in the Salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by the Reverend H. M. Sippel, First Christian Church.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the Minutes of December 15, 1970, as recorded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster and carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as is shown below:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's

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agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Announced by Councilman Johnson was the fact that the Civil Service Committee met yesterday afternoon to discuss further the matter of the Reorganization of the Personnel Department. A report from that meeting will be forthcoming next Tuesday, he stated.

Councilman Brewster reported that the Public Works Committee met this afternoon and during their deliberations, formulated a policy with regard to the make-up paving problems in the City. A full report relative to this matter will be presented next Tuesday night. This committee will meet again at 6:00 PM on January 26, 1971, to discuss the modular housing problem.

Councilman Wilson announced that the Charter Review Committee will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers -- the School Board members have been invited to present their views on the proposed Charter at that time.

On January 7, 1971, at 7:00 PM the Goals Steering Committee will meet again. Following that at 8:00 PM, the Citizens Advisory Committee has scheduled another meeting.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

9. RESOLUTION urging the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors' Association of California to seek action to alleviate the problem of litter and waste disposal created by the sale of beverages in disposable, non-returnable containers

This item was discussed briefly following Councilman Sciarrotta's recommendation that further investigation be undertaken relative to the possibility of the City collecting some additional revenue from the merchants who propose to collect a deposit for even the non-returnable bottles since it will be up to the City to dispose of these non-returnable bottles which are thrown away by consumers. City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed to look into this matter and report back accordingly.

A question arose next as to the wording of the last paragraph of subject Resolution which stated that the "...City Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to the League of California Cities, the County Supervisors' Association of California, and all of the cities and counties in the State of California." It would appear, there being some

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500,000 such cities and counties in the State, that this direction would present an undue hardship on the City Clerk's Staff, and it was requested therefore, that copies be sent only to cities over 150,000 population. Further, City Clerk Coil advised that many cities have adopted similar resolutions and the trend in this direction is constantly growing throughout the State.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TO SEEK ACTION TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF LITTER AND WASTE DISPOSAL CREATED BY THE SALE OF BEVERAGES IN DISPOSABLE, NON-RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt Resolution No. 71-1 with a correction to the last paragraph thereof to reflect that copies of the document will be sent to cities over 50,000 persons. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

10. RESOLUTION protesting high County tax rate and urging the Los Angeles County Division of League of California Cities to persuade State Legislature to provide funds for State Mandated Programs

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROTESTING HIGH COUNTY TAX RATE AND URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO PERSUADE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR STATE MANDATED PROGRAMS

Councilman Surber moved to adopt Resolution No. 71-2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

10. A. Mayor Miller announced his great pleasure at being afforded the opportunity to recognize three Torrance youths who recently graduated from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy Law Enforcement Explorer Training Course. He then

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turned the floor over to Chief of Police Donald E. Nash who congratulated each of the boys and presented to them the Explorer Charter for the new Explorer Post 1047X.

Lt. Robert Wright briefly described the course taken by these boys as well as the other activities of the Explorers and the program under discussion, which was designed to recruit potential future law enforcement officers. New recruits are always needed, Lt. Wright continued, and he urged anyone knowing of any boys who desire to enter the law enforcement field to contact himself, Sgt. Jim Ferrar or Officer Pete Herley, all of the Juvenile Division, Torrance Police Department.

Councilman Uerkwitz wished it to be noted that the Explorers very ably coordinated the parking at the Torrance Airport Days celebration held last October -- another example of the outstanding achievements of these young men.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. VACATION OF A PORTION OF STORM DRAIN EASEMENT IN LOT 89, LA FRESA TRACT (Don Wilson Builders - Fee Paid)
RESOLUTION ordering vacation of portion of easement
 Since no one present wished to be heard concerning subject item, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE
 VACATION OF A PORTION OF A STORM
 DRAIN EASEMENT IN LOT 89, LA FRESA
 TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-3. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously.

12. TORRANCE BOULEVARD STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Series No. 25) Associate Traffic Engineer recommends that Council adopt RESOLUTION ordering certain corrections and modifications in the assessment diagram relating to the subject District

After the presentation of the affidavit of publication for subject item by the City Clerk, since no one in the audience wished to be heard, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-4

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
ORDERING CERTAIN CORRECTIONS AND
MODIFICATIONS IN THE ASSESSMENT
DIAGRAM RELATING TO THE TORRANCE
BOULEVARD STREET LIGHTING IMPROVE-
MENT DISTRICT IN SAID CITY

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-4. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried unanimously.

Following Councilman Uerkwitz' request that Item 13. be held over until the agenda, it was so ordered by Mayor Miller that this would be done.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

14. VARIANCE 70-14, TORRANCE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Request for a variance to the off-street parking ordinance to allow remodeling of the interior of the sanctuary building in the C-3 zone on property located on the southwest corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Arlington Avenue

A letter, not reflected in the record, and received recently by City Clerk Coil, was read by him to the Council. The letter consisted of a protest to the granting of subject variance and was signed by Messrs. Eli C. Toons, 2144 Middlebrook Road, and I. B. Kelly, 2138 Middlebrook Road.

Mr. Grant Tidmarsh, 2151 Middlebrook Road, Torrance lodged an oral protest to the granting of the variance, stating that he lived on the corner of Middlebrook and Gramercy, a short street running only one block from Arlington to Sepulveda. As it is, there are 5 or 6 cars parked on Gramercy all day and all night, Mr. Tidmarsh said, and he was afraid that off-street parking granted the church would cause even more cars to be parked in the area, leaving no room for parking for anyone wishing to visit the residents on Middlebrook, particularly on weekends. Mr. Tidmarsh remarked that his church once had a similar problem and received written permission from adjacent businesses to utilize their parking lots if necessary -- he asked if this had been considered by the Foursquare Church? Planning Director Shartle stated that both the nearby Boys' Market and the real estate office had verbally agreed that the church patrons could use their parking areas but were reluctant to put this permission in writing.

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During the continuing discussion on this matter, Mr. Tidmarsh suggested that a time limit be put on this variance so that when the remodeling is completed, the variance could be lifted. Mayor Miller explained that first of all, the remodeling consisted merely of changing the interior of the building and adding some 50 seats -- no additional rooms were being added, and further, this City's parking ordinance requires that a specific amount of parking spaces be allotted for a specific amount of stationary seats. Also, it did not appear that a time limit in this case would be practical, since, without the variance, the church would be in violation of the City's parking ordinance.

Reverend H. W. White, Pastor of the Foursquare Church, stated, that, to his knowledge, his congregation never parked on Gramercy or Middlebrook. He did not anticipate that they would ever have to, either, since there was in existence with the Boys' Market and the Realty Board, a gentleman's agreement that church patrons could use both parking areas if necessary. Reverend White suggested that perhaps the problem of cars being parked on Gramercy was related to the problem on Sepulveda caused by apartment tenants and their visitors parking on the street. A solution to be considered might be a time limit set on parking on Sepulveda, he added, but he did not feel that the problem mentioned by Mr. Tidmarsh was due to church patrons.

Although he appreciated Mr. Tidmarsh's position, Councilman Johnson was of the opinion the variance under consideration would not create a hardship on the neighborhood and recommended that Reverend White caution his parishioners not to park on Middlebrook or Gramercy but to utilize the market and realty board parking areas if the church lot was full.

Councilman Wilson felt perhaps the problem Mr. Tidmarsh spoke of could be caused from overflow apartment parking from the apartments on Sepulveda and he requested that the Traffic Department check into the possibility of setting a time limit for parking on Sepulveda. Mayor Miller was of the opinion the Sepulveda parking problem was not related to the matter brought up by Mr. Tidmarsh.

There being no more discussion, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved that subject variance be granted per the recommendations of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

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15. ZONE CHANGE 70-27, A-1 COAST RENTALS, INCORPORATED
Change of zone from C-5, RR-3, and R-1 to M-1 on property located on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard, north of the Lomita City limits

Since no one present desired to speak on subject matter, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendations relative to subject item. The motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, carried unanimously.

16. ZONE CHANGE 70-28, UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION
Change of zone from M-2 to C-3 on property located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard between the Southern California Edison Company power line and Del Amo Boulevard

After Mayor Miller asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter, and the response was nil, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. The motion carried unanimously after being seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. RESOLUTION of record destruction (all records microfilmed) authorizing the City Clerk to destroy certain City records, pursuant to Sections 34090, 34090.5 and 34090.7 of the Government Code

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-5

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
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-5. Councilman Surber seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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18. Letter from the American Cancer Society regarding a special four-hour fund-raising effort in support of the American Cancer Society's 1971 Crusade

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer this to Staff for study. Mayor Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2180 regarding Zone Change 70-23
20. ORDINANCE NO. 2181 relating to the uses permitted of the C-4 zone and revising the permissible uses of the M-L zone
21. ORDINANCE NO. 2183 regarding Signs
22. ORDINANCE NO. 2179 establishing a residential townhouse district
23. ORDINANCE NO. 2182 regarding Zone Change 70-14

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinances Nos. 2180, 2181, 2183, 2179 and 2182 at their second and final readings. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

24. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$348.15 to Alex Thompson for reloading 10,000 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use on the target range.
2. \$734.28 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 200 only 3/4" angle water valves as requested by the Water Department for stock.
3. \$622.24 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 12 each 4" water pipe repair clamps as requested by the Water Department for stock.
4. \$388.24 to A-1 Chemical for (1) only 20" heavy duty floor polish machine as requested by the Custodial Department as a replacement unit.
5. \$360.90 to Southwest Tractor Sales to install rebuilt injectors and injector pump and replace head gasket on the Water Department's air compressor as requested by the City Garage. Southwest is an authorized factory depot for this work.

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6. \$558.31 to Industrial Electric for 744 various size long life traffic signal lamps and street lights as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for stock. This is a factory direct purchase from the sole Los Angeles source for these special "long life" lights. This quantity of lights is being purchased at this time because a 20% price increase on these lamps goes into effect 1/1/71. However, this quote is protected.
7. \$596.32 to Motor Truck Distributors Company for a complete valve job and necessary machine work on City Vehicle #411-107 as requested by the City Garage.
8. \$1,097.15 to Scotsman Mobile Lease Company for one (1) only budgeted 8 feet by 12 feet trailer complete with work bench and cabinets as requested by the Recreation Department for use as a carpenter training unit for teenagers program.
9. \$712.73 to Graybar Electric for miscellaneous Crouse Hinds aviation merchandise which includes 90 runway beacon lamps and other various runway & taxiway fixture parts as requested by the City Airport for use in their field lighting and maintenance operation.
10. \$787.75 to GMC Truck & Coach for miscellaneous GMC bus repair parts as requested by the City Garage. This is the west coast factory direct wholesale purchase source other than Pontiac, Michigan.
11. \$353.43 to Potters Wheel Company for one (1) only ceramic potters wheel as requested by the Recreation Department for use at the Sea-Aire Park Ceramic Program. This is a manufacture direct purchase - sole Los Angeles source.
12. \$825.54 to Blinker Lite Supply Company for 50 Paralta street barricades complete with flasher units and batteries as requested by the Street Department as replacements. Blinker Lite is the sole Los Angeles source for barricades with Paralta light units. Three other light flasher units have been tested and evaluated in the past but none have held up to vandalism and long life like the Paralta unit.
13. \$1,000.00 to A-1 Chemical Company for additional Custodial supplies (waxes, detergents and cleaners) as requested by the Custodial Department for maintenance duty. Said department has experienced additional usage of these supplies over last year. Therefore, this request is made to increase the expenditure amount for these items to the low bidder previously awarded for these items.
14. \$744.18 to Keuffel & Esser Company for anticipated annual supply of Engineering drafting linen with pre-printed City of Torrance title blocks as requested by the Engineering Department for use in their operation. This contract was

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originally awarded on 12/1/70 by Council to Eugene Dietzgen. However, the Dietzgen Co. has defaulted on the availability of materials specified and therefore their award is now being cancelled with a recommended award to the next lowest bid which is Keuffel & Esser.

15. \$3,307.50 to Park & Turf Equipment Company for one (1) only self propelled park litter raking unit as budgeted for by the City Garage. This unit has a hopper load capacity of 115 cu. ft. which is the largest in the field.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

16. \$456.82 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one (1) only 6" Hersey Sparling water flow detector complete as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Vicker's Office & Mfg. Building. Payment has already been received for this meter. This is a manufacture direct purchase - sole Los Angeles source.

C. SPECIAL LIBRARY ITEMS:

17. \$3,302.32 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 317 adult books and 263 juvenile books.
18. \$694.26 to Needham Book Finders for 172 adult books.
19. \$311.23 to McGraw-Hill Book Company for one (1) set of adult books.
20. \$1,237.67 to Western Bookbinding Company for 480 catalogs and 218 books rebound.
21. \$2,335.21 to Bro-Dart for 383 adult books.
22. \$436.49 to West State Books for 80 adult books.
23. \$325.00 to W. W. Norton & Company, Inc. for one (1) only Greenaway Plan Trade Titles Book.
24. \$563.11 to Peter Smith Publisher, Inc. for 101 adult books.

Councilman Surber asked that No. 8, under paragraph "A" -- the purchase of a 8' x 12' Scotsman trailer for the Recreation Department -- be more thoroughly explained. Director of Recreation Van Belleham described the program for which this trailer will be utilized -- it will be similar to the "Happy Wanderer" and "Nature Museum" programs previously conducted by his Department but will involve carpentry. The program is designed for children younger than teenagers and it is anticipated that its mobility and character will not only enable the Department to keep up with the changing moods and requirements of the youngsters of our City, but will also partially reduce

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the Staffing requirement in some of the parks.

25. REFUND OF FEES - TORRANCE INDUSTRIAL PARK (Rudolph Wilson)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the sum of \$1,020 less administrative expenses of \$25 be refunded to Torrance Industrial Park (Rudolph Wilson)

26. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Storm Drain North of 166th Street from Crenshaw Boulevard to Atkinson Street (Job #67061)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

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

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Demolition and Site Clearance (informal bid) for future site of Southeast Torrance Library to be located at 2205 - 232nd Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING & SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council approve award of demolition and site clearance contract (informal bid) - future site of Southeast Torrance Library

28. Communication regarding attendance at San Francisco Conference

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That one of his deputies, Owen D. Petersen, be permitted to attend the annual traffic court conference in San Francisco, January 25-29, 1971, with expenses paid.

29. Recommendation from City Librarian, with concurrence of City Attorney, to waive insurance requirements for Johnson Stationery and Supply on furnishing contract for Central Library.

30. CLAIM of Ronald N. Day for property damages

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK: That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

31. CLAIM of Richard Newman for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK: That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Staff recommendations for Items 24. through 31. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. ADOPTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1959 EDITION, AS REVISED, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO
- a) Outline of Procedure;
 - b) ORDINANCE NO. 2184 adding Chapter 7 to Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code which adopts and amends the Los Angeles County Public Health Code, 1959 Edition, as Revised;
 - c) RESOLUTION authorizing the Health Officer to enforce its provisions.

Following Mayor Miller's announcement that this was the time and place for a public hearing, City Attorney Remelmeyer proceeded to explain what would be accomplished by the adoption of subject Ordinance and Resolution -- in effect, it will create a legal basis for the enforcement of Los Angeles County Health Code rules and regulations in this City.

Added by Councilman Uerkwitz was the fact that the matters contained in subject Health Code pertaining to housing have been deleted and will be provided the Council at a later date for their consideration, providing they are not in conflict with any other existing regulations.

Following City Clerk Coil's confirmation that the affidavit of publication has been received, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to file said document. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Clerk Coil also confirmed that three copies of said Health Code were on file in his office.

Councilman Brewster then moved that the Ordinance be introduced and the title thereof be read. Mayor Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil read the title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2184

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 7 TO DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ADOPTS AND AMENDS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1959 EDITION, AS REVISED.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2184 at its first reading. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Following the motion which was made, seconded and carried to introduce and read title to subject Resolution, City Clerk Coil presented and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 71-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CODE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-6. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster and carried unanimously.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

32. Report Regarding "Airport Days" Past and Future, City Council Transportation Committee Meeting of December 21, 1970

Councilman Surber briefly described the report for the benefit of his fellow Councilmen and then moved that the recommendations contained in said report be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

Airport Manager Egan asked that the Council be specific in their action relative to the first recommendation in subject report -- that is, should there be an Airport Days in 1971? If so, enough time must be allotted for the necessary preparations. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to hold an Airport Days celebration in 1971 and that it be under the direction of the Airport Manager. Councilman Surber seconded the motion.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was suggested by Councilman Johnson that both the Community Relations Committee and the Finance Committee be afforded ample opportunity to consider this matter and work out the ramifications involved. He agreed that Mr. Egan should be given the authority now, however, to proceed.

The Council was unanimous in their thinking that any proceeds received from a proposed 1971 Air Show should be directed towards this City's float in the Rose Parade.

A substitute motion was then offered by Councilman Wilson -- that the Council support Airport Days for 1971 and that Staff be authorized to proceed in working out the details of said program. Mayor Miller seconded the motion and there were no objections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. Mayor Miller thanked the students from El Camino College and Torrance High School for attending the meeting, and introduced Steve Pollach, a student at Torrance High, who has outstandingly performed as a guard on that school's basketball team.

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The hour being 6:25 PM, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

At 6:27 PM, the City Council reconvened and returned to their regular agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: (continued from page 11)

34. City Clerk Coil reminded the Council that applicants for Commission vacancies (including reappointments) are scheduled to be interviewed next Tuesday at 5:30 PM. The question then arose if they should adjourn this meeting to that date and time -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that they should, since it will be considered an adjourned regular meeting.

35. The Council was also reminded by City Manager Ferraro that February 19, 1971, is Junior Citizens Day.

36. Councilman Brewster complimented Mayor Miller on his presentation under the Committee of Mayors, made to the County Board of Supervisors. Further, Councilman Brewster stated he would endorse the continued activities of the Committee of Mayors in this respect.

37. Councilman Brewster called attention to the fact that Recreation Supervisor Ilene Kamsler was recently elected to the post of Secretary in the California Park and Recreation Society.

38. Reported by Councilman Brewster was that a recent interview of Assemblyman Larry Townsend by the League of Women Voters caused him some concern in that Mr. Townsend stated he intended to introduce legislation this year which would require the district form of representation for both city councils and school boards throughout the State. His concern was not whether this form of representation was good or bad, since he had not yet reached a conclusion in that matter, but rather was because of the proposed usurpation of power by the State of California. Councilman Brewster felt Assemblyman Townsend's proposal, "...however well intended it may be, endangers the very essence of home rule and the life of Chartered cities under the Constitution of the State of California." Further, he thought, this would be "...a most fitting subject for the City's uniform legislative program to undertake," and he therefore, "recommended that the City Council go on official record as being opposed to any legislation; that they direct their advocate to make their opposition known to the Assemblymen and State Senators representing this area, and members of the appropriate State committees that would be concerned with this subject; and to further alert other elected governing bodies in this

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area and their representative associations to this proposed legislation." So that this recommendation would be on a more formal basis, Councilman Brewster so moved; the motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

39. Announced by Councilman Brewster was the fact that a meeting is scheduled on January 7, 1971, at the Roger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles at which it is expected the League of California Cities (Los Angeles County Division) will take action relative to a report prepared by S.C.A.G. which proposes a regional system of government over Southern California cities as an answer to many of the regional problems now in existence. Not only did he believe this Council had not had sufficient time to digest said report, but he also believed the ramifications thereof were serious and he recommended that attempts be made to forestall any action. If this is not possible, an alternate suggestion would be to instruct this City's delegate to abstain from voting rather than endorsing the report. In this connection, Councilman Johnson recommended voting 'No', feeling this would be stronger than just abstaining.

Councilman Surber agreed with Councilman Brewster on this subject, feeling that the report in question dealt with generalities and not specifics and that it left much to be desired. He, too, recommended that as many representatives from Torrance as can attend, should attempt to do so, and if at all possible, perhaps also attend the workshop session to be held that same day -- January 7 -- from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Councilman Surber felt the trend is "back toward local government control," and further, believed this proposal would give taxing authority to a regional body without permitting the public to vote on the matter.

40. Councilman Surber requested that Staff send letters of appreciation to each of the 10 high school students that participated in a recent clean-up program.

41. Councilman Johnson moved that Councilman Surber be named as the alternate delegate to the League of California Cities. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller and carried unanimously.

42. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Staff study the feasibility and methods that this body might use to increase the minimum square footage of new residential units, and that a report on this subject be brought back in due course.

43. Councilman Uerkwitz passed a letter to City Traffic Engineer Horkay, asking that he review same and report back next week as to the progress and/or plans that have been made to alleviate a problem earlier discussed by this body regarding the area of 235th and Crenshaw.

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44. As a prelude to reading a prepared statement, Mayor Miller remarked that a recent visit to Mobil Oil Company brought to focus an increasingly growing problem -- pollution -- which seems to be the object of discussion only prior to election and then, when political activities are all over, it dies down again. He felt that steps should be taken now, when there is a minimum of political activation, to alleviate this all-important environmental problem.

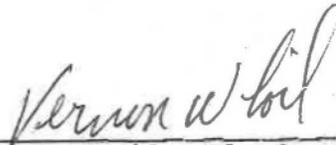
Further, the Baxter Ward news broadcast on Channel 9, Mayor Miller continued, does not serve to enhance public relations for this City since they regularly announce that smog and chemical content in Torrance is the highest in the Los Angeles basin. Rumors have been going around that the measurement is taken somewhere around Lennox, just east of the Airport -- Senior Administrative Assistant Menard confirmed that these rumors were true. City Manager Ferraro added that the City filed an official letter with Channel 9 protesting their statements, but to date, they have not been courteous enough to even reply. It was suggested by Councilman Wilson and Councilman Sciarrotta then moved that a letter be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, advising them of the untrue, adverse publicity given this City, and asking them to take necessary action with Channel 9. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and there were no objections.

Mayor Miller then read his statement, which initially described the visitation made by this Council to Mobil Oil, and then reviewed the activities of this City with regard to alleviating the pollution problem. While many industries in Torrance do put forth highly commendable efforts in the area of pollution prevention, there are others who "...are merely coasting and have not undertaken any kind of a positive program with any degree of diligence." It therefore, seemed timely to him, that members of this Council, along with the Chamber of Commerce and representatives from industry, should "...become more fully informed about the total community accomplishment in air and odor pollution prevention, with proper emphasis on future plans." To accomplish this objective, Mayor Miller envisioned the creation of a group which conceptually could be known as the "Environmental Council;" a group which would be comprised of representatives of the industrial corporations operating in Torrance, of the Chamber of Commerce, and the ad hoc committee of the Council. He visualized the duties of this group as (1) "a group which could openly discuss environmental pollution and what steps are being taken in the City to eliminate the cause and to prevent new sources of pollution in the area; (2) a public forum in which private corporations could set forth their development, plans and projects concerning pollution prevention; and (3), the Board could act as a clearing house for the exchange of information concerning industrial pollution."

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The Council was quite receptive with Mayor Miller's concept -- Councilman Uerkwitz agreed that the City "must take the bull by the horns," so to speak, so that action could be taken immediately. Mayor Miller then appointed Councilman Uerkwitz and Councilman Wilson to this committee and stated that he, too, would like to serve as a member of the proposed "Environmental Council."

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:00 PM to 5:30 PM, January 12, 1971, upon motion being made to that effect by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval of the motion was unanimous.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sandra Sedwarft
Minute Secretary

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