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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Davy Crockett, at Mayor Miller's request, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 22, 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 Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and

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guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

At this time attention was directed to:

9. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS.

Mayor Miller defined the procedure to be followed in the Commission interviews.

In person presentations were made for Commission appointments by the following: Mrs. Helen Bertram, Jeffrey Bosshard, Mrs. Phyllis Cloyd, Mrs. Lenora Cook, Roger Cook, Frank Covaro, Calvin Eubanks, Tommy Ferro, William Johnson, Mrs. Wilma Kennedy, John Kinsley, Mrs. Meri Jo McMullen, Ray Payne, James Pierson, Bruce Wade, Mrs. Barbara Werre, Ronald Littlefair, Richard Hall, and Leonard Taylor.

The interviews were completed at 6:25 P.M., at which time Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess to a Personnel Session for consideration of Commission appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous.

The Council returned to its agenda at 7:35 P.M.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Police, Fire, and Public Safety: Councilman Uerkwitz announced that this committee will next meet on January 19th at 4:30 P.M.

Environmental Committee: The first meeting of this new committee, according to Councilman Uerkwitz, will be held on January 25th at 3:30 P.M. The membership of this committee will be Mayor Miller and Councilmen Wilson and Uerkwitz, with Mr. Uerkwitz to serve as chairman.

At this time Mayor Miller announced the Commission appointments made in the above Personnel Session, with another Personnel Session to follow later in the meeting to complete this task.

AIRPORT COMMISSION: Brian Bell and Joe Doss.

CIVIL DEFENSE: James Latteri and Paul Pfahler.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: Jack Salling and Vincent Tyrrell.

LIBRARY COMMISSION: James Rea, James Pierson, and Mrs. Barbara Werre.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Ronald Littlefair.

PLANNING COMMISSION: David Halstead and Richard Hall.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION: Mark Brooks, William Delaney, William Johnson, Mrs. Bonnie McElroy, Mrs. Meri Jo McMullen, Frank Paour, and Leon Taylor.

PRESENTATION:

10. Presentation of a plaque to the Mayor for support of the Armed Forces, through the Armed Forces Day Parade and displays.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, accepted this plaque in recognition of their continuing support of Armed Forces Day. The presentation was made by Mr. Bud Parliament and Mrs. Jeannetta Johnson.

PROCLAMATION:

11. "Jaycee Week" - January 17-23, 1971

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller. Messrs. Dunbar and Durwin were present to acknowledge this action, and to invite the Council to attend their Celebration Banquet on January 21st at 8:00 P.M.

JOINT POWERS BOND ISSUE

12. A. Approval of adjusted rent on City Hall lease and sublease.  
B. Approval of bond bid.  
C. Recommendation - Award of Bonds - Resolution re: same.

Deputy City Attorney Allen requested that the following be incorporated in the resolution:

Section 1. ".....by said Authority to Bank of America N.T. & S.A. and Associates....."

Section 3. "....hereby fixed at \$259,700....."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AWARDING OF BONDS AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN LEASES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-7, incorporating Mr. Allen's comments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. RESUBMITTAL OF TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 23882.  
 Subdivider, Sunnyglen Construction Company; Engineer,  
 Lanco Engineering. Five R-1 zoned lots on the northwest  
 corner of 237th Place and Walnut Street.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that his reason for requesting the rehearing of this matter is based on the desires of the residents who have reported to him that they would prefer to have this land developed rather than remain undeveloped. Small lots in this area have previously been approved, Mr. Sciarrotta continued, and, in view of the requests of the people in this neighborhood, it is his intention to change his vote in order to allow the development.

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his previously expressed cautions -- the lot sizes of lots 4 and 5 are totally substandard, and the indication that the lots in Southeast Torrance are generally substandard is not true. In reviewing this location, Mr. Uerkwitz continued, he learned that most of the lots in the immediate vicinity are standard size or better -- he then noted that were lots 4 and 5 combined they would be the equivalent to a standard size lot.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that it should be pointed out that most of the lots in the oil fields are virtually all substandard based upon the 6000 sq. ft. minimum; they are basically 55 x 105 ft. lots or some 5700 ft. The Mayor then recalled the original theory regarding the problems in this area in that it is unique from other parts of the City and development has posed a problem with the oil leases, etc. It was added by Mayor Miller that the only way to release this land where the oil wells are is to put on sufficient pressure through residential development that they can afford to sell out by the nature of the value of the remaining land once a point of no return has been reached as to land availability.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to reconsider Tentative Tract No. 23882. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, and  
 Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Uerkwitz, Wilson.

Mr. Peter Tillson, Sunnyglen Construction Company, 17422 South Prairie Avenue, displayed a map showing the proposed development, and stated that the development of lots 4 and 5 as one lot would not work economically, and, unfortunately, must be a strong consideration. Mr. Tillson added that the land was divided some time ago, long before they purchased the ground, and the only possible way to develop it is into two lots; dedicating the street which gives the City of Torrance a fully improved street (not a half street), provides access to three lots even if not developed.

Mayor Miller questioned why the proponent cannot obtain the land behind the two lots in question to make them full lots? Mr. Tillson responded that there were unsuccessful attempts to purchase this property.

Mrs. Meri Jo McMullen, 23725 Cabrillo, stated that the people in the area are not in favor of the proposed development -- 237th Place is nothing but a paper street, except for a 17 ft. alley, inaccessible to fire trucks, trash trucks, etc -- further, that street was put in by Ken Battram and Sunnyglen Development for the development of those six lots, which are the only substandard lots in the area, the other lots being in excess of 8000 sq. ft. The statement that the other lots in the vicinity are substandard lots is not true, according to Mrs. McMullen, with the majority of the lots being 60 x 140 ft.

No development is better, Mrs. McMullen continued, than to permit development on lots 1000 ft. below standard and result in a slum area. There is a trailer park across the street which serves as a buffer between an R-1 area and a major thoroughfare, and the rest of that area can be developed in very fine residential property, with some expensive homes already located there. Further, according to Mrs. McMullen, there is considerable oil land in the middle and no way for that street to go through, with a house sitting in the middle of the street.

Mayor Miller restated that 90% of the oil field area is composed of substandard lots, perhaps not next to Mrs. McMullen but otherwise so. The Mayor recalled the early history of Southeast Torrance which resulted in such lots; recalled as well was the street development.

Mr. Lou Sismondo, 1974 West 235th Place, representing SETHA, stated that SETHA stands for progress, and at a recent meeting of the Executive Board it was the consensus that this tract is progress. They are faced with a situation in this area where people do not want to sell their property because they want to hold out as long as they possibly can in order to get the top dollar. They do not endorse substandard lots, Mr. Sismondo continued, but each case must be looked up as an individual case. Mr. Sismondo then referred to the plans in this case and noted that the lot area, the flat, usable yard area, of the two substandard lots is equal to the usable yard area of the three standard lots, excluding the sloped area.

Added by Mr. Sismondo was the fact that there are no setback violations on the proposed development, and everything is per the Code -- the only thing is that the lot is substandard. Two thirds of a street will be completed, with hope for eventual completion. SETHA, Mr. Sismondo concluded, is in favor of the proposed development which will only improve the area.

Next to speak was Mrs. David Lyman, 1922 West 237th Street, who stated that her home will overlook the proposed tract -- she and her neighbors are very much in favor of what is proposed. More important to them than the size of the lots is the fact that

they will have these large, expensive, attractive homes, a full street, lighting, and all the street improvements instead of the present dusty, weedy wasteland which will probably remain for many years if the proposed development does not go through.

Approval of this request would not set a precedent, Mrs. Lyman continued, in that every case of development in Southeast Torrance should be considered on its merits and the special problems solved as best they can be, and as is being done in this case. It would be beneficial to everyone concerned if the subject development is approved -- she and her neighbors urge that the Council give this approval.

Mrs. McMullen returned to state that she is a member of SETHA, and that she was not contacted on this matter; she reiterated that substandard development is worse than no development.

Mrs. Arnold S. Johnson, 2278 West 232nd Street, referred to the house on 237th Place on the southeast corner and stated that the Council a number of years ago approved the setting up of a right-of-way acquisition district to purchase that property, with the intention of the street being developed a full width street from Walnut through Cabrillo -- this is part of the Master Plan Street Map, and it was planned at that time that this street be opened. Mrs. Johnson then stated, on behalf of Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Ponsford, that they are in favor of this subdivision.

City Engineer Weaver requested that it be a matter of record that the proponent has indicated that the street would be fully improved, 54 ft. wide, with all curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and full paving on both sides of the street will be provided. Mr. Tillson confirmed this, noting that it applies only to the subject five lots.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of Tentative Tract No. 23882, subject to conditions, with the further condition that the full street and improvements will be provided as above stipulated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, and  
Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Uerkwitz, Wilson.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson, regarding his "no" vote, that eventually the back lot with an existing oil well will someday be divided, and this seems to be shifting the hardship on the future developer who will have an exceptionally large lot -- instead of combining lots #4 and #5 now, this is transferring to the future developer with a large lot. Mayor Miller commented that the hardship goes on the man who will not negotiate at this time; he is determining the price on his property by not cooperating now. An added comment by Dr. Wilson was that this property owner's property will go up in value if the subject property is developed, hence his "no" vote.

14. INCREASED LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Councilman Johnson stated that he feels 5% is too much for the landscaping requirements -- the 3% formula has produced good results. Mr. Johnson would concur, however, in increasing the gallonage of the plants to the 24" box.

The White Front landscaping was noted by Councilman Wilson and deemed inadequate by him. On learning that this was the 3% requirement, he stated that he would certainly recommend the 5%.

It was added by Councilman Johnson that White Front is just now doing their landscaping, and some of it looks pretty good -- but he is of the opinion that 5% could create hardships for certain smaller developments.

Mayor Miller indicated that he had a like concern for the small lots which would not have much flexibility -- the Mayor is in favor of the 5% but he would like to see some evaluation as to lot size, perhaps on a graduated basis.

Concurrence was indicated by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to refer the subject report to the Planning Department and Planning Commission to develop a graduated scale for landscaping requirements. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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REAL PROPERTY:

15. DEDICATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET PURPOSES.  
Lomita Boulevard, Madrona Avenue and Skypark Drive.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY, LOMITA BOULEVARD, MADRONA AVENUE, AND SKYPARK DRIVE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-8. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION re: purchase of southeast corner of Ocean Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF OCEAN AVENUE AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.  
(Realignment of Ocean Avenue)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-9. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. RESOLUTION re: appraisal services. (Robert A. Swanson)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-10

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 ROBERT A. SWANSON.  
(Extension of 235th Street at Maple Avenue).

Councilman Johnson questioned the "\$500.00 for incidental costs" referred to in Section 2 of the resolution -- in the absence of City Attorney Remelmeyer, there was a need for further clarification.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-10, with the modification that the appropriation be reduced to \$450.00 pending the requested clarification. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. RESOLUTION re: appraisal services (James R. Leonard, Sur La Brea Park).

Held, at the request of Deputy City Attorney Allen, for consideration with Item #37.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

19. Purchase of TRW Credifier System for Central Library.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That Council approve the installation of this equipment in the Central Library, and that Library Bond Funds be used for purchase of the equipment.

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. Word Processor.

RECOMMENDATION OF DATA PROCESSING MANAGER:

That the City lease the proposed equipment (MTST-MTSC) for use in the City Attorney's office. If at the end of six months it has not proved effective, it may be removed.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. Reorganization of Personnel Function.

Heard later in the meeting.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2184.

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

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

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AND AMENDS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1959 EDITION, AS REVISED.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2184 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2185.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2185

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 9 AND ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ABOLISHING THE TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL AND THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMISSION AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2185 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

24. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

- 1. \$394.32 to Park Son Inc. for 14 each 8", 6" and 4" water pipe adapters as requested by the Water Department for stock.
- 2. \$639.33 to Weil Pump Company for two replacement pumps as requested by the Building Maintenance Department for the Benstead Plunge system.
- 3. \$309.33 to Mine Safety Appliance Company for replacement parts for the Fire Department's emergency air respirator outlets.
- 4. \$830.45 to Pacific States Cast Iron Company for 8" and 6" water pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for stock.

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B. REIMBURSABLE:

5. \$825.93 to Scotsman Mobile Lease Company for one only trailer frame and shell as requested by the Recreation Department for use as a "drama wagon". The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via donations from the Footlight Theatre Group and from the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

6. \$1770.34 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 237 adult books.
7. \$4899.42 to McNaughton Book Service for Lending Library Service for all branches.

25. (Considered separately).

26. (Considered separately).

27. COSTS RELATED TO CITY HALL ADDITIONS.RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION PER FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That \$2,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to finance six months trailer rental and other costs incidental to the Building Inspectors' temporary relocation.

28. (Considered separately).

29. 182nd Street from 590 feet to 820 feet easterly of Prairie Ave..

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$2000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds for curb and gutter construction on 182nd Street (North side) Easterly of Prairie Avenue. (Job No. 71113).

30. CLAIM OF Mrs. Mary Chakinis for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

31. CLAIM OF Gary Dale Bolinger for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

32. CLAIM OF Gerald D. Christensen 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 #24, 27, 29,30, 31, and #32 as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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25. BLANKET CATASTROPHE EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City accept the quotation of the American Reinsurance Company for furnishing \$5,000,000 blanket excess liability insurance in excess of \$5,000,000 at an annual flat premium of \$3,000. As this is not a budgeted item, \$3,000 should be appropriated from the General Fund.

Questioned by Councilman Johnson was why this request could not be held until budget time in that it represents a substantial sum of money and a revised program. Clarification was furnished by City Clerk Coil -- Mr. Coil pointed out as well the many claims against the City at the present time which necessitated another quote.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. CONFERENCES - EMPLOYEE RELATIONS.

(University of California at Berkeley, January 21st and 22nd, in San Francisco.)

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER:

That \$600 be appropriated from the General Fund to cover the cost of registration and expenses for the Assistant City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, and the City Attorney.

Councilman Surber requested clarification as to the need to send three people to this conference -- it was his opinion also that there are abundant qualified people in Southern California to conduct these type of seminars.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson described the unique quality of the subject conferences and the fact that this is the only location where these conferences are held on a regional basis. Mr. Jackson also described the City's negotiating procedures and those involved, at Councilman Surber's further question.

It was then indicated by Councilman Surber that he is not opposed to such conferences, and he recognizes the merit thereof, but he would like to see something developed in the South Bay area where there could be group participation.

Councilman Johnson stated that, in his opinion, the management team must be well prepared to participate in negotiations, and he is in favor of the subject request.

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

28. AUTHORIZATION OF CONTINUATION OF CITY'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS RESULTING FROM INCREASED DUES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize the continuation of this membership, and that there be an additional appropriation of \$250 from the General Fund Reserve for contingencies.

The increased fee was noted by Councilman Surber -- the value of such membership was questioned as well by him.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that there are two major conferences in the United States which bring together at one time people from every region of the United States -- this permits much worthwhile discussion as to what is going on in all areas; Mr. Johnson finds the conferences very valuable.

The fact that the last conference left much to be desired was acknowledged by Councilman Uerkwitz; it was his suggestion that there perhaps should be more participation in the governing of these conferences instead of letting someone else do the job.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested that there should be a display of Torrance's accomplishments -- there is much of educational value at these conferences, and they enhance programs such as the "revenue sharing". City Treasurer Rupert added that this organization provided the leadership last year for the "revenue sharing" program.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that \$500 buys considerably more than just a ticket to the annual conference, it buys a number of services, a forum, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on agenda item #28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:35 P.M. a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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ADDENDA ITEMS:

## 33. Progress Report of the Bond Issue Steering Committee.

The Chairman of the Bond Issue Steering Committee, Mrs. Katy Geissert, was present to elaborate on her January 7th communication, and the requested Council direction.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the Committee has weighed the pros and cons, from the election point of view, as to the best time for this undertaking; their reasoning is very good, in his opinion -- because of the tightness of the timing, Mr. Johnson would concur that the Council Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee could play a good role in the liaison.

Councilman Johnson then MOVED to approve the Progress Report and concur with the Committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, with the comment that he is very pleased with the Committee's work; it is highly organized, efficient and effective -- Dr. Wilson reiterated the Council's support of the Bond Issue and their intent to stand behind the Committee.

Councilman Brewster commented that it would appear that the good relations established with the School Board by the Committee carried forward in a Charter Review Committee meeting which was a very productive and cooperative session as well -- the Bond Issue Steering Committee is to be congratulated.

Cooperation with the schools is a must, according to Councilman Surber; there simply is not that much land available and school property must be utilized.

Mayor Miller deemed the Committee meeting with the School Board a most admirable meeting with in-depth discussion as to mutual cooperation, a long needed discussion. The time schedule and the reasons therefor are logical, in the opinion of Mayor Miller; he would also concur that it is fitting for the Council Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee to serve as liaison, and from this point on that Committee can be that relationship between the full Council and the Bond Issue Steering Committee.

Councilman Johnson's motion was unanimously approved.

34. STREET IMPROVEMENT POLICY.

Councilman Brewster, as Chairman of the Council Public Works Committee, clarified the recommended revised Street Improvement Policy. Further noted by Mr. Brewster was the Committee's concern regarding the need for additional revenues to finance the City's portion of whatever assessment districts are formed under this policy, this being a more appropriate consideration of the Council Finance Committee.

Councilman Johnson acknowledged the hard work of the Public Works Committee in evolving this policy, but indicated considerable concern about a change in the makeup paving policy with respect to the R-1 and R-2 parcels, but certainly can concur with the concept that if a person is in the business such as R-3 and Commercial they should pay -- his concern is for the fact that the remaining land left in Torrance is primarily the Southeast Torrance area, noting that everyone else in Torrance in their earlier days of development has had the advantages of the old policy; now the very area that needs it the most, Southeast Torrance, an area troubled by oil fields, half streets, etc., would be subject to the new requirements.

It was urged by Councilman Johnson that the Council not change the existing makeup paving policy at this time involving R-1 and R-2, but that there be concurrence with the policy as it relates to R-3 and Commercial.

Councilman Johnson would concur that the matter of revenue be referred to the Finance Committee, noting that the City license fee per well or tank is \$36.00 -- it seems to Mr. Johnson that by using the barrel tax the City would then be getting the revenue from the very oil people who are cooperating with the City in terms of safety, beautification, etc., and that, instead of that, it would be more reasonable to charge a City license fee (perhaps \$500 per well or per tank. This then would make the revenue slightly less for those who have cooperated and much more for those who are holding out and not permitting the land to be developed because they are sitting on a well. It was added by Councilman Johnson that many of the oil people have in mind that once the CWOD project is finished, and they see that secondary recovery is feasible and profitable, then the people now holding out, sitting on dead wells, are going to be interested in being bought out by CWOD or someone else and have additional holes punched deeper or new holes put down, through lobbying Council or other things, to develop the rest of Southeast Torrance as might be applicable in the secondary recovery.

It was restated by Councilman Johnson that he would urge that the Council consider a substantial increase in the license fee in lieu of the barrel tax.

Discussion followed, it being the consensus that this is a matter for review by the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the Council adopt the Street Improvement Policy recommended by the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Johnson: That Council exclude the R-1 and R-2, leaving it as is, and adopt the rest of the policy as stated. There was no second to the motion.

City Engineer Weaver confirmed, at Mayor Miller's question, that the new policy is an improvement for individual property owners, but without change for the subdivider.

Roll call vote on the main motion to adopt the Committee recommended policy was unanimously favorable. Councilman Johnson indicated that he would vote "yes" in view of the foregoing clarification by the City Engineer.

Further action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the matter of the financing of this particular project be referred to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster, in the interest of clarification, that the City Engineer make up a matrix which shows the old way and the new way of doing this.

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35. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 31016  
 Subdivider: William Floyd  
 Engineer: Denn Engineers  
 Location: Between Sara Drive and Spencer Street.  
           w/o Reynolds Drive.  
 Number of Lots: 11.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:  
 That subject final tract map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer and Planning Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION  
 FOR STREET PURPOSES LOT 26, TRACT NO. 28022  
 AND LOT 17, TRACT NO. 29107, AND NAMING SUCH  
 ACCEPTED LOTS WHITE COURT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-11. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

37. CITY V. STOCKWELL, ET AL - PARCEL NO. 3.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
 CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT  
 CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE  
 FEE INTEREST OF PARCEL NO. 3 REQUIRED FOR  
 THE CREATION OF SUR LA BREA PARK.

(City v. Stockwell, et al., Superior  
 Court No. 876,919 - Anna R. Lebow  
 and Lebow Investment Company).

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-12. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Deputy City Attorney Allen referred to agenda item #18 and the 9 lots to be appraised re: Sur La Brea Park -- in the meantime a settlement was reached with the Lebows as to Parcel #3. If the Council passes the above resolution accepting the settlement, the

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agreement on item #18 will have to be revised and the price lowered accordingly to reflect the loss of one lot.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion was unanimously favorable.

(Considered at this time:)

18. RESOLUTION re: appraisal services (James R. Leonard - Sur La Brea Park).

Deputy City Attorney Allen requested approval of the subject agreement, deleting Lot #3 from paragraphs 2 and 5 and reducing the amount of money of the appraisal contract from \$4500 to \$4000.

Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to amend the agreement as above noted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and there were no objections.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that a report be prepared indicating what is involved with the appraisal of a piece of property, as well as the fee paid by the City and the price of land purchased.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-13

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 JAMES R.

LEONARD.

(Sur La Brea Park)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-13, noting the above corrections. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 9:30 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.

The Council returned to its agenda at 9:31 P.M.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. Committee Report of Civil Service Committee - Administrative Reorganization No. 13 - Personnel Function of the City.

As Chairman of the Council Civil Service Committee, Councilman Johnson outlined the findings of the Committee, per their communication dated January 5, 1971. Specifically noted by Councilman Johnson was the revision of certain duties as indicated on "Attachment A Revised" primarily involving over-the-counter inquiries regarding employment with the City, and distribution and receipt of applications, this being deemed a Personnel function rather than that of the Civil Service Commission.

It was further noted by Councilman Johnson that the workload aspect of the Civil Service Commission had been reviewed by the Committee; the Committee concurred that were additional staffing required after a reasonable period of trial time that such help would be supplied, but that a test period would be necessary. Also, with the Personnel Department taking on new assignments this will be reviewed at the budget sessions for possible additional needed personnel.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the Council concur in the report of the Civil Service Committee of the Council and approve as the tentative work assignments for both departments the Revised Attachment "A" which accompanied the Committee report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

There was discussion prior to roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta, as a member of the Council Civil Service Committee, stated that what has been done has not in any way affected the powers of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Sciarrotta added that the Civil Service Commission will take over as the employment applications are received by arranging the testing to determine their qualifications for openings with the City, with the Commission's responsibility ending with the promulgation of the eligible list.

Questioned by Councilman Wilson was the fact that these appear to be paralleling positions, and, in line of authority, who reports to whom? -- And, next questioned by Dr. Wilson, has a two-headed monster in effect been created? It was clarified by Councilman Johnson that the new Executive Officer would be appointed by the Council, and would be answerable directly to the Council, noting that reports, etc. to the Council would be through the City Manager. It was added by Councilman Johnson, at Councilman Wilson's question, that the Executive Officer is not responsible to the City Manager, noting that the Executive Officer is a staff job to the Civil Service Commission with the decisions to be made by the Commission. Noted by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson was the fact that the Executive Officer would be under the supervision of the Civil Service Commission on a day-to-day operation, although appointed by and answerable to the Council.

Discussion was then directed to the revised duties. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson noted a further minor revision in that

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under "Hearings" where there is reference to "through the Personnel Department" (a,b,c) it should instead state "with a copy to the Personnel Department". Concurrence with this revision was indicated by the Council.

Officer Phil Joseph questioned the assignment of the duties. Deputy City Attorney Allen advised that the Council may assign duties so long as they do not interfere with the appointing power of the Civil Service Commission.

Personnel Director Donovan commented that the original specifications and much of the other material used in this study came from the Personnel Office -- it might appear that all this came from the City Manager's office but this is not true. It was Mr. Donovan's further comment in regard to examining in places where they have the functions between the Commission and the City Manager split, that the examining is entirely under the supervision of the Commission -- it would seem to him that to take duties that have to do with examining (and the examination process starts with the handing out of the application) would be to get the Manager's office involved in examinations which is contrary to the way it is done elsewhere. It was the general consensus of the Council that the handing out of an application did not involve the examining process.

Further noted by Mr. Donovan, with regard to hearings and the fact that this is to go through the Personnel Department; this also has been traditionally one of the duties of the Commission. The above revision indicating "with a copy to the Personnel Department" should take care of this, according to Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Brewster indicated a need for clarification relative to what at the start appeared to be a real, vital, and pressing need to reorganize the City's personnel functions from the current operation to the proposed split procedural approach. It is Mr. Brewster's understanding that the current operation is said to stifle accomplishment, progress, etc. primarily because of a workload problem -- there apparently is concurrence in this on the part of the City Manager, the Personnel Director, and the Civil Service Commission in varying degrees -- one proposes what amounts to an approximately \$54,000 annualized solution; the City Manager's office proposes a \$19,000 annualized solution, an amount already budgeted.

A series of questions were then posed by Councilman Brewster:

Is it a correct assumption that the problems in establishing work priorities and in defining the role of the Personnel Director under the present organization of the Personnel Department exist? (Mr. Jackson advised that such is the feeling of Staff and the Council Committee; Mr. Donovan responded "yes".)

Will this reorganization alleviate these problems of dual supervision? (Affirmative answers by Messrs. Donovan and Jackson.)

Does the City Manager, the Council Civil Service Committee, and the City Attorney feel there is a justified need for this reorganization. (Assistant to the City Manager Jackson indicated

that all three have so indicated.) Personnel Director Donovan noted that he has previously stated that the split is not a good thing for the City; such a position has been taken by the Civil Service Commission, as well as a majority of the employee groups. However, according to Mr. Donovan, the Council made the decision to split last October so this point has now been reached.

Is it legally feasible to implement this reorganization? (No legal problems have been raised, per Deputy City Attorney Allen. It was added by Mr. Donovan that there might be a legal question in regard to examinations, as earlier mentioned, although the Committee does not share this feeling.)

Councilman Brewster then inquired if matters requiring Council attention would come through a specified route -- Assistant to the City Manager Jackson explained that these matters are merely required to be considered by the Civil Service Commission in matters involving final Council action (i.e. class specifications, salary ordinances, etc.).

Next asked by Councilman Brewster was whether or not this plan would in any way diminish any of the Civil Service Commission powers, duties, and responsibilities, if implemented? Councilman Johnson replied "definitely not -- no duties are being taken from the Civil Service Commission; rather, their position is being enhanced for the first time, and the Commission will be an entity and absolutely cannot be interfered with by the City Manager's office."

Councilman Brewster then stated his understanding that the incumbent Personnel Director would in no way be jeopardized, that his job would be covered by the Civil Service Commission. Councilman Johnson noted the freedom of choice as to which position is desired by the incumbent; Assistant to the City Manager Jackson added that both positions are under Civil Service.

At this point Personnel Director Donovan inquired of the Deputy City Attorney whether or not it would be a Civil Service position if appointed by the Council? -- would it not then become an exempt position? Deputy City Attorney Allen replied no, noting that he himself is appointed by the City Council but that he is Civil Service -- the same would be true of Mr. Donovan, adding that the Council may have the appointing power but the Charter sets forth the only positions exempt from Civil Service. Mr. Donovan added that appointment by the Council is one of the hallmarks of an exempt position -- as, for example, the City Attorney's position as well as the City Manager and his immediate staff. This, Mr. Donovan continued, would be a hybrid position which would border on the exempt. Deputy City Attorney Allen, at Councilman Brewster's request for a ruling, ruled that Mr. Donovan would be under Civil Service.

Councilman Brewster's final question: Under the Civil Service system presently employed, under that system should the Civil Service Commission be dependent upon the City Manager for its staffing, or should the Commission be independent of any influence of management in the performance of its testing and hearing duties and responsibilities? Mr. Jackson responded that the Commission most certainly should be independent.

Mr. Jack Salling, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, stated that the decision before the Council at this meeting is probably one of the most important decisions to be made in a long time, and can affect the Civil Service system in the City of Torrance for many years to come. It is the feeling of the entire Commission that the existing powers of the Commission should be retained (which they will be) but to implement these powers, for the protection of the City and its employees, they must have staff -- two individuals are not enough to handle this undertaking and there should be consideration in this regard. Mr. Salling added that subsequent to a meeting with the Council Committee certain job duties were revised which it is felt should remain with the Executive Officer, and it would appear that such a revision was because of an awareness of the considerable workload assigned the Executive Officer in that now more work has been given the Personnel Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta reminded Mr. Salling of the expressed statements at the Council Committee meeting relative to possible needs for additional staffing -- the matter of handing out applications and providing pertinent information was again deemed a Personnel operation by Mr. Sciarrotta. It was added by Mr. Jackson that the City Manager had indicated that if a need arises, he will provide the extra help until such time as it can be justified.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the revised duties came about as a result of his conversations with Mr. Donovan and Mrs. Gustafson, the Senior Secretary in the Personnel Department, it was apparent that over-the-counter calls and telephone calls were extremely busy -- Mr. Johnson thereupon contacted City Manager Ferraro to report that some elements of the work were misplaced in the original concept, hence the change back to its original location of duties to be performed.

Speaking at this time, Mrs. Florence Gustafson further described the remaining sizable duties -- notification to applicants, preparation of bulletins, mailing of bulletins, etc. Mrs. Gustafson stated that Mr. Donovan has a choice; she does not, and is stuck with a job that will snow her under. Councilman Sciarrotta reaffirmed the Committee's intention that this not happen. Mayor Miller requested that Mrs. Gustafson immediately contact the City Manager's office should her workload so develop.

Mrs. Ethel Kovach stated her opinion that the proposed reorganization is not in the best interest of the City and will serve to decimate the Civil Service system in the City. Needed staff should be provided the Civil Service Commission, not on "as needed" basis, if the two departments are to be separated.

It was clarified by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson that the motion to adopt the Committee recommendation, if approved, would encompass the abolishment of the class of Personnel Director. Councilman Johnson confirmed that such action would be appropriate, and is included in his understanding of the motion.

Officer Phil Joseph, Torrance Police Officers Association, requested that it go on record that his organization is opposed to the reorganization -- it will return to haunt us, in his opinion.

Councilman Surber stated that, as a member of the Civil Service Committee he had not made a minority report; however, he has some misgivings about the proposed reorganization -- he will vote "yes" with the understanding that Mr. Donovan will be provided with the proper assistance in that he is short on personnel. Mr. Surber added that it appeared to him that there was considerable personality involvement, and it would seem to him that should any such problems arise in the future that it would be better to go to an outside agency to make a determination as to the actual need.

Councilman Wilson inquired as to how this is handled in other cities -- Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Burbank have split functions; other cities have combined functions. Mr. Jackson added that it is a practice to have split functions, but that generalization is difficult because of varying circumstances. Personnel Director Donovan stated that the general practice is to have the two offices combined; it is the exception when they are split.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that this situation was really triggered at the time of the Police Chief examination -- further, the obvious fact is that there is a problem or it otherwise would not be under consideration, be the problem one of personality or structure. This is an attempt by this Council to alleviate the problem by trying something new; hopefully it will work out, and the sincerity of the Council to resolve past problems is evident.

Personnel Director Donovan at this point stated his concern for Mrs. McCarthy, a Personnel Department employee at present slated for replacement. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson stated that, as is done in all positions where there is a budget upgrading, she will be transferred to another department -- the Secretary position for the Personnel Department will not be implemented until such time as there is a space available. Mr. Jackson added that if a Secretary is appointed there likely could be a vacancy in the Intermediate Stenographer class which would provide the necessary opening for Mrs. McCarthy. Mr. Jackson reaffirmed that the Intermediate Stenographer position in the Personnel Department would not be eliminated until the incumbent is taken care of and placed within the City. City Manager Ferraro added that they have talked to Mrs. McCarthy on a personal basis and have assured her that she will not lose her job.

Councilman Johnson's motion to concur with the Committee recommendation carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he so voted with the commitment to the Civil Service Commission to fulfill their apparently justified staff needs. Councilman Surber indicated concurrence with Councilman Brewster's remarks.

Councilman Wilson stated that his "no" vote was for the reason that he is of the opinion that the Council is trying to resolve the problem on the basis of personality rather than the position -- further, he does not think that the administration of such offices is going to be feasible; it will be unwieldly and unworkable -- there still are personalities which must work together. This, Dr. Wilson concluded, is developing a chasm that will not be solved just by reorganization.

Mayor Miller then inquired of Mr. Donovan as to which position he had decided to take. Mr. Donovan responded that he would go with the Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Johnson then MOVED that the Council go into an Executive Session to discuss the instructions re: "meet and confer". The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous. The hour was 10:30 P.M.

The Council returned at 10:45 P.M.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: (Ordinance "G")

ORDINANCE NO. 2186

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING THE CLASSES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PART IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2186 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was noted by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson re: Item "H" - Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding S6-70 - refers to a vacant position; it no longer has an incumbent - even so, a change is needed before recruitment is undertaken. It was Mr. Jackson's request that the reference to the incumbent (in parenthesis on page 1 of item "H") be deleted in that it no longer applies.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2187

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.101.2 OF PART X, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING THE CLASS OF PERSONNEL MANAGER TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2187, as above amended, at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson reminded the Council of Junior Citizens Day on January 19th, specifically, the luncheon scheduled at Latitude 20.
39. A meeting of the Intercity Highway Committee on January 14th at 7:00 P.M. was noted by Councilman Brewster.
40. Councilman Brewster recommended that there be some "red flag" arrangement for last minute addenda items to insure proper attention.
41. Information Item "H" - a communication from the City of Inglewood - was noted by Councilman Brewster. The request for public comment on a proposed rule which would require existing aircraft to be retrofitted with quiet engines, and the deadline date of January 29th for such comments, was pointed out -- Councilman Brewster then MOVED to refer this matter to the City Manager for appropriate action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.
42. A brochure describing the activities of the South Bay Junior Programs, with praise for their efforts, was distributed by Councilman Johnson.
43. Efforts to combat pollution in Charleston, South Carolina, by declaring war on vehicle exhaust emissions and prohibiting operators from permitting their vehicles to stand with engines running for more than five minutes was reported Councilman Sciarrotta with the recommendation that such a suggestion be considered by the various committees on a regional basis.
44. A meeting of the Transportation Committee on January 18th at 4:30 P.M. was set up by Councilman Surber; the meeting to be for consideration of plans for the bus system.
45. Councilman Uerkwitz requested information as to the status of the freeway hearing and the intentions of the State in this regard.
46. Councilman Wilson recommended that the Charter Review meeting scheduled for January 27th be skipped (in view of the necessary absence of Councilman Uerkwitz) and that the next meeting of this group instead be on February 17th, which has already been scheduled. There were no objections, and Assistant City Manager Scharfman indicated that he would notify the interested parties.

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47. The Mayor's communication regarding increased bus charter rates was noted by Councilman Wilson. It was agreed that this be referred to the Transportation Committee for their consideration on January 18.

48. Councilman Wilson reported that the last Charter Review Committee meeting with the School Board brought forth considerable discussion regarding the merits of an Advisory Council, to be composed of members either appointed or from the Council and School Board members or their appointees -- Dr. Wilson referred this to Staff for some recommendation as to how such a Council could be formalized in that there has been a general movement in this direction, and it is being recommended in the new Charter.

There were no objections to Councilman Wilson's request. Councilman Uerkwitz pointed out that there is a committee of Councilmen meeting with the School Board which might help to measure the effectiveness, if so desired. Mr. Uerkwitz also noted the lack of flexibility were such a Council made part of the Charter.

49. A communication from Senator Cranston was reported by Mayor Miller re: the franchise tax legislation now being proposed by the FCC for cable television -- the Senator is quite disturbed with this and intends to make his views known -- it should be indicated that this Council will provide whatever support they can.

50. Mayor Miller reported the achievement of Torrance High School in winning a basketball tournament -- the Mayor then MOVED that an appropriate tile plaque be prepared for this accomplishment. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and there were no objections.

51. Councilman Surber reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Chapter, where the regional government was voted down -- the action taken was to receive and file the report.

52. Mayor Miller referred to the invitation from Mr. Baxter Ward, TV Channel 9, to discuss pollution in the City of Torrance -- the Mayor outlined the role of the Air Pollution Board in this regard, and advised that he has delegated City Manager Ferraro, along with Mr. Robert Chase of the Board, to appear at a meeting with Mr. Ward.

At 11:00 P.M. the Council recessed to resume the matter of Commission appointments. They returned at 11:18 P.M. to announce the following appointments:

Torrance Beautiful Commission: Cal Eubanks, Mrs. Sandra Phillips, and George Allison.

Water Commission: Waldo E. Ford and Pat Hogue.

Youth Welfare Commission: Mrs. Phyllis Cloyd and Mrs. Ellen Ruzek.

Citizens' Advisory Committee: Mrs. Jeannette Altermatt, Jeffrey J. Bosshard, and John D. Kingsley.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVED:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance