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4:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 1971, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert (out of town).

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Miss Maria Garrison, Girl Scout Troop 890, led in the salute to the flag. Introduction of Troop Leader Dorothy O'Brien followed.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 12, 1971 were corrected by Councilman Brewster as follows: Page 23, third line from the bottom should read ".....to fulfill their empirically justified staff needs...."

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the Council minutes of January 12, 1971, with the above noted correction, and the minutes of January 19, 1971, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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 Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Works Committee: Councilman Brewster reported that they had met this date, and that the requested matrix has been developed by City Engineer Weaver, with copies to be furnished the Council.

It was further reported by Councilman Brewster re: the San Diego Freeway/182nd Street underpass-overpass problem that the State office in Sacramento has declined to provide any funds to alleviate this problem. It was decided by the Committee to turn the matter over to the Legislative Advocate to pursue in Sacramento; there were no objections.

The factory-housing problem remains unresolved, according to Mr. Brewster.

Goals Steering Committee: Councilman Wilson advised that this Committee has set the date of April 29th for the second Town Hall meeting; this is to be tied in with the 50th Anniversary of the City. Further, the Goals will be coming to the Council hopefully after February 24th for review by the Council and feedback to the Committee before presentation at the Town Hall meeting.

The next meeting of the Goals Steering Committee, according to Dr. Wilson, will be on March 1st at 7:30 P.M.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety: It was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz that this committee will next meet on February 16th to discuss employee awards.

Environmental Committee: Councilman Uerkwitz advised that there is a need for additional orientation meetings, and a date will have to be determined for the next such meeting.

Legislative Liaison Committee: The date for this Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 28th, at 4:30 P.M.

Finance Committee: This Committee next to meet on Thursday, January 28th, at 5:30 P.M.

COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION NO. 71-18 expressing appreciation to Mrs. Alpha P. Renz for her exceptional leadership and service to the Youth and Adult Community of the City of Torrance.

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RESOLUTION NO. 71-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MRS. ALPHA P. RENZ FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE YOUTH AND ADULT COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-18. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the added comment of Councilman Brewster that this is a resolution of appreciation to Mrs. Renz, a program director at the Torrance YMCA, and responsible as well for the girls programs -- Mr. Brewster knows of no other individual who has given more of herself over the years than has Mrs. Renz, and there are literally thousands of young ladies across this nation who have benefitted from association with Alpha Renz. The City of Torrance has been substantially enriched by the presence of Mrs. Renz, and it is appropriate that she should be so honored by this Council.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Heart Sunday" - February 21, 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. PROPOSED VACATION OF MADISON STREET BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND 234TH STREET.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF MADISON STREET BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND 234TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-19. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

12. APPEAL OF VALIDATION PERMIT 70-1 to validate illegally constructed walls in residential garages which have eliminated required off-street parking spaces. (Foster, Gerkin, Dunn and Associates, Albritton). DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on this matter, and invited those who wished to speak to come forward at this time.

Mr. Leonard Gerkin, owner of one of the subject duplexes, and representing the other four owners, recalled the history of this property and the construction of the duplexes, the tandem parking application which was Council approved, although denied by the Planning Commission.

The problems presented by the third tandem parking space were then described by Mr. Gerkin, in that it literally cannot be used for parking, and it is felt that the granting of this Validation Permit will solve the problem for the owners and would not increase the parking problems in the area -- enforcement problems would be reduced as well in that this property will present a series of continuing violations because of the simple fact that the property owners are forced into a position of being unable to utilize their property.

At Councilman Wilson's question, Mr. Gerkin advised that it is proposed to make a play room out of the space; a temporary wall has been constructed, the application being to bring that temporary wall up to Code; they do not have a building permit.

Discussion followed on the previous Council consideration of this case and the general feeling that an upgrading of the area would result, the parking problems, and tandem parking itself -- it being noted by Planning Director Shartle that apartment developers may provide tandem parking in certain circumstances, the Code states that if 2-to-1 parking is provided, half the parking can be tandem, hence tandem parking in apartment complexes is not unusual.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that he was very much opposed to the subject development originally -- however, he relented for the reason that the houses that were removed were in sad condition, and this served to clean up the area. At the time of the presentation, there apparently would be ample parking and there was reference to the "total yard" concept -- but inevitably there are problems with such substandard lots, and here they are. Mr. Johnson will say "no" to the request.

Councilman Brewster, a Planning Commissioner at the time this matter was considered, recalled the feeling of the Planning Commission

that not only should the duplexes not be built but that Mr. Dunn and the other owners should combine those properties in order to provide a "total yard" concept and adequate plans to renew and revitalize that area. They refused to do so, and the request was denied by the Planning Commission, followed by appeal and approval by the Council -- now back to haunt this group.

Mr. Gerkin returned to reiterate the need for some corrective steps and the fact that approval of this request would not create any adverse effect on the parking in the area. Further, they are equally sure that were these walls brought up to Code, there would be no reason for any further ado about the matter -- if they are not, then they can and probably will over a period of time become a source of annoyance to everyone concerned.

Next to speak was Mr. Richard Foster, 3651 Newton Street, who stated that he had purchased two of the subject duplexes, and that there is some 20 ft. x 75 ft. of ground alongside their building, with the alley through the back of all the apartments; a solution for the end duplex would be to have a slab put there to provide additional parking. Another suggestion offered by Mr. Foster was that there be a 2-hour limit on parking -- he noted that there are parking problems only in the evening hours, not in the daytime.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for DENIAL of VP 70-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

There were comments prior to roll call vote, starting with Councilman Wilson who stated that if this were to be granted, it would be compounding a direct violation of an existing law.

Councilman Uerkwitz ascertained that the existing wall is illegal, which means that it will have to be removed and the garage space restored to its original condition so it can be used for a garage space.

Mayor Miller acknowledged his responsibility in this matter in that he voted to have these units go in, for the reason that it would clean up the area which was certainly needed, and that a creditable unit would be built -- further, this appeared to be somewhat of a new concept of development in the City on small lots, and he thought it would be worthwhile to see how this would work -- the Mayor indicated that he now has his answer! To further compound this situation would be doubly wrong, and Mayor Miller will oppose the request.

Mr. Gerkin was permitted to speak again -- he restated his recognition of the problem, and that they not be made victims in this situation, with approval not necessarily precedent-setting.

Roll call vote on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion for DENIAL OF VP 70-1 was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

It was the request of Councilman Johnson that the Planning Department consider the elimination of tandem parking as acceptable parking spaces. Mayor Miller and Councilman Brewster were not in agreement with Mr. Johnson's request. Mr. Brewster noted that the problem in this case was not the tandem parking, but, rather, the 25 ft. lots, and suggested that the Planning Department and Planning Commission turn their attention again to the idea they originally suggested, which was the consolidation of these lots into one planned development -- perhaps some program providing incentives for small lot owners to combine their properties which will result in one decent workable development.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that he is in agreement with Councilman Johnson in that tandem parking is not really desirable, and that it should be approved via the variance procedure, rather than a standard thing. It was noted by Planning Director Shartle that tandem parking is automatic only in cases where 2-to-1 parking is provided; it is otherwise handled by waiver. Councilman Uerkwitz felt the matter worthy of further study, with a report at a later date.

13. ZONE CHANGE 70-29, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Change of zone for the elimination of the overlay "O" Combining Oil District between Sepulveda Boulevard and 236th Street, Crenshaw Boulevard and Arlington Avenue between 230th Street and the southerly City boundary, and between Arlington Avenue and Walnut Street.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on Zone Change 70-29.

City Clerk Coil advised that an additional letter of approval had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson.

Mr. George Kurtz, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, representing opponents of the proposed zone change, stated that he is here to "praise oil, rather than bury it"; further, a la Mark Anthony, "the evil that is done lives after, but the good is often turned with the bones."

It was then the comment of Mr. Kurtz that this problem must be viewed not in terms of just today but tomorrow, as well as yesterday and what has developed in Southeast Torrance -- this area was developed as an oil producing area commencing in 1921; it has been an oil producing area since 1921, and still has vast resources and reserves of oil underground. Further, the problem faced by the Council at this time does not concern merely the

City of Torrance but the nation as a whole -- to change this zone is to deprive the country, the state, the community of oil reserves. It was pointed out by Mr. Kurtz that it is a substantiated fact that the largest and greatest source of fuel energy in the United States is oil; America now uses more than 14 million barrels of oil per day, and less than 10 million barrels per day are produced in this country. The varied efforts throughout the world in the producing of oil were described by Mr. Kurtz, who deemed it a problem of major concern throughout the nation.

Questioned by Mr. Kurtz: Is the individual home owner whose only desire is to increase the value of his home to be the only one considered when a question of a change of zone occurs of the magnitude now before the Council?

Mr. Kurtz stated that oil is still produced in this area on a primary recovery basis, and will continue to do so for a number of years to come -- any diminishment of the use of property related to the production of oil is a diminishment of that natural resource. Oil, unlike pig farms and dairies, cannot be relocated -- it is there and that is the only place it is going to be.

It is true, Mr. Kurtz continued, that there has been no new drilling, redrilling, or deepening of a well in that area on a primary recovery basis, and it is possible that such a use of the facilities will not occur on that basis -- however, by diminishing the uses of the property, the right of the oil producer is diminished to take that natural resource out of that ground. Of primary concern is the fact that the Council would, in approving this zone change, create a non-conforming use for the oil producers.

Mr. Kurtz then outlined the efforts of the oil producers in compliance with City ordinances re: safety, and <sup>they</sup> have voluntarily moved forward with landscaping, unlike any other owner of property in the City of Torrance. The homeowners have made it clear to the Council that if they do not do as told, they will see you at the voting polls; the businessman does not operate on that basis, and this has not worked out to his benefit.

The need for a balance between industry, business and residential was then reviewed by Mr. Kurtz -- the destruction of the oil-producing business in Southeast Torrance will create an imbalance in the community of the tax base which is most healthy in communities where there is a division of those taxes amongst industry, business, and residential.

In most cases, Mr. Kurtz continued, the Southeast Torrance oil operator pays taxes in that he owns the property upon which he has his well which is producing oil -- that property is taxed at its highest and best use, and is not given any preferential tax treatment by the County Assessor. The majority of these taxes, according to Mr. Kurtz, goes to schools, to provide Police and Fire services; services unused by the property.

In conclusion, Mr. Kurtz urged that the Council consider what is best for the entire City of Torrance and how to reconcile the needs of all segments of the City -- industry, business, and residential homeowners. On the whole, a balance has been achieved in Southeast Torrance; the large number of homeowners are not protesting the rights of the oil producers to conduct a legitimate business -- the most vociferous homeowners are not here for the benefit of the City but for their own benefit, it being his understanding that if Mr. Robinett would dedicate certain properties to the City that these particularly vociferous homeowners who have consistently opposed oil would fold up their tents and fade away. The City as a whole must be the primary consideration, recognize the need for this particular resource, the right of this businessman to continue to do business in the City, and the benefits that flow to the City from permitting him to do so.

Next to speak was Mr. Levane Forsythe, 1931 West 184th Street, who pointed out that this problem dates back to previous City Councils with requests at an earlier date that residences not be built in this area in anticipation of the problems now faced today. Mr. Forsythe then reviewed the costs to the oil well owners through the years.

It was added by Mr. Forsythe that the oil well operators pay taxes, they pay for equipment on the property; they are in business, and at no other place in Torrance are there such restrictions placed on a business -- there is recovery there, the oil wells have been kept up, with heavy expenses, and the oil well owners are entitled to recoup this money.

Mr. Forsythe deemed it unfair to penalize the oil well owners in this area in that the people who purchased homes there were aware of the oil wells and the fact that they were productive wells -- they are now trying to eliminate the wells for their own financial benefit. The City Council would be unfair to a small minority business to put them out of business in this manner because of the financial interest of a few surrounding homeowners.

Next to speak was Mr. R. Cullitan, 230th Place, who took exception to the earlier remarks of Mr. Kurtz, and noted that the homeowners are not paid to come down here, as are some people. A Planning Commissioner presented the best argument for eliminating the oil operators from the area, according to Mr. Cullitan, in that the oil men at one time owned most of this area, and as land values improved they took advantage of a money-making opportunity by selling the land for residential use -- now the oil interests, rather <sup>than</sup> a majority, are a minority, and the homeowners should have some say regarding their operation; apparently it will take the elimination of the oil zone to do that.

Mr. Cullitan further reported that he had been advised that the average oil well in Torrance produces 6 barrels per day at a worth of \$3.00 per barrel -- an income of \$18.00 per day -- and it would not seem that this would be producing any great tax revenue for the City. It would be of interest to Mr. Cullitan to know just

what percentage of the City taxes is derived from the oil business. Mr. Cullitan cannot see where there has been any great contribution for the good of the City by the oil operators; he would urge that the oil zone be eliminated.

Mr. Arnold Johnson, 2278 West 232nd Street, stated that with the lifting of the "O" zone it would be possible for the City to deal with the undesirable nonconforming land uses associated with petroleum production operations in Southeast Torrance. Primary oil production nuisances in this area must be abated and the most stringent controls must be set up for any possible future secondary recovery in the South Torrance oil fields. Mr. Johnson indicated that he is strongly opposed to any more well drilling in the vicinity of homes here; the homeowners are afraid of any water flood stimulation of production in the hundreds of long capped holes under their houses and in their yards.

The social cost of the inefficient, unsightly and often unsafe oil production and storage operations in Southeast Torrance over the past half century are well known and documented, Mr. Johnson continued. The City of Torrance should refuse to pay these social costs any longer; nonconforming primary oil recovery which has reached its economic limit of production and which constitutes a public nuisance must be terminated. The oil land uses, blocking streets and improvements in the area, must be abated, in Mr. Johnson's opinion, through early exercise of the police powers vested in this Council -- the Municipal Code should be amended to state that the existing oil wells and the production and storage facilities should be removed within a reasonable period of time, excepting those meeting new, yet to be drafted, performance standards having to do with minimum production, street dedication, installation of sidewalks, curb and gutter, and subsurface pumps, or adequate screening of modern pumps by attractive landscaping, fencing, and walls, and shipping by sound underground oil and gas lines. Further, according to Mr. Johnson, there should be City approval of any proposed secondary recovery operations in Southeast Torrance, which must be conditional subject to fact-finding public hearings, and the strictest requirements, controls, and limitations.

Continuing, Mr. Johnson stated that primary oil production as it exists in Southeast Torrance is a misfit in their urban machine; the unique segment of oil industry operating in South Torrance is a financial liability to the City.

Statistics, furnished by SETHA's Oil Committee, were related by Mr. Johnson: according to Torrance Topics 26% of the 1970-71 budget revenues for the City comes from property taxes and 1% from license permits; oil operations in South Torrance fields contribute very little to these revenue sources -- The City's share of County oil property taxes in their area is an eye-opener in that the assessed value of mining rights in connection with oil production for 1970-71 is less than \$36,000, and the assessed value of oil improvements on oil property (such as tanks and pumps) is less than \$55,000; the total assessed value of the oil and gas interests in this area is approximately \$91,000. The City tax rate per \$100 is \$1.1387 -- hence the total of Torrance property tax revenues from

oil and gas operations in the South Torrance oil fields is then little more than \$1000 for the fiscal year 1970-71. In 1970 the City license tax on oil wells in Southeast Torrance added about \$2500 to the City treasury, according to Mr. Johnson -- further, last year a sizable number of reinspection fees of oil sites, not passing annual inspection, were assessed, and the City is having trouble collecting these violation fees, however, with only one of the local companies paying up the sum of \$225.00.

In conclusion, Mr. Johnson stated that last year oil operations in Southeast Torrance added less than \$4000 to City revenue funds -- this amount of money does not begin to cover the cost of enforcement of zoning and fire laws for the area, and does not justify the continued existence of non-productive oil nuisances in South Torrance oil fields.

Mrs. Sharon Allen, 2330 West 230th Place, stated that she could think of no other way to better the City and the affected homeowners than getting up and fighting for the rights of the children and their safety, and urging elimination of this mess and the attendant responsibility of the neighbors where these tanks are concerned with necessary liaison with the Fire Department, etc. Had the oil men taken the proper pride in their business, and cooperated with the neighborhood, the situation would now be different.

Speaking at this time Mrs. Betty Ponsford, 2306 West 231st Street, requested that the Preliminary Study for the Formation of a 1911 Assessment District for the South Torrance Oil Fields, made by the Planning Department in 1969, be incorporated by reference in the minutes of this hearing.

The Planning Department report outlines, in detail, the pressing need for public street improvements in Southeast Torrance, and it points out that one of the major problems facing the City and area residents involves oil improvements and needed street rights-of-way. It also states, according to Mrs. Ponsford, that if the 1911 or 1913 Act Assessment proceedings were used to solve simple 27-ft. acquisition problems, as well as to finance sidewalk construction costs, there would be added expense and certain time delays due to condemnation actions.

This problem has been discussed with City Attorney Remelmeyer by SETHA, according to Mrs. Ponsford, and Mr. Remelmeyer informed this membership that special assessment acts in this state still do not provide a means for allocating the costs of condemning land and constructing street improvements between land owners and oil lessees. For this reason, Mrs. Ponsford continued, many property owners in their area, whose lands are encumbered by unproductive oil leases, will continue to oppose special assessment proceedings to improve their streets. It is recognized that it is a hardship on fee owners with idle or unproductive well leases to pay for street opening acquisitions and sidewalks, curbs and gutters when they receive little or no revenue from their properties to pay for improvement assessments levied against their properties.

In conclusion, Mrs. Ponsford stated that it is most important that equitable means be found for accelerating the street improvement program in Southeast Torrance -- it further seems to Mrs. Ponsford that a short abatement period for nonconforming oil uses in their area is one available catalyst.

Mr. Wayne Welch, 20707 Anza Avenue, Apt. 132, stated that he would address himself to principles, rather than facts, and noted that the government is established to protect the rights of the minority, acknowledging the rule of the majority. It is the responsibility of this City, in Mr. Welch's opinion, to set rules by which no one citizen, or any group of citizens, loses; the compromise in this case is through the application of intelligent planning. With the elimination of oil, everyone loses in different degrees, and Mr. Welch beseeched the City to do a study, to set rules, to enforce these rules; have ecology in its truest sense, preserve the natural resources in that we cannot operate our present society without oil.

Next to speak was Mrs. Jackie Johnson who stated that her mother (Mrs. Johanna Nelson) owns property on 230th Street and 230th Place, as well as at 230th Place and Pennsylvania; she then owns a total of 2-1/3 acres in the oil rights with Burns-McDonald. Mrs. Johnson then referred to the taxes paid on oil leases and noted that in the case of her mother it is a time-less lease which means that it has no end so long as any oil is produced; they have unsuccessfully tried to break this lease and it has now gone into three generations.

Mrs. Johnson then advised that in 1969 her mother paid \$2144.25 in taxes; she received \$768.72 -- her uncle, with 1/4 interest in Lot 81, paid \$193.21 in taxes and received \$66.85. She then noted that each year the taxes go up and the return from the lease goes down -- for instance, in 1962 the taxes for 2-1/3 acres was \$593.00, with the income for 1961 at \$1,271.00.

It was next stated by Mr. Ray Johnson, 20907 Brighton Avenue, that he has been part-owner for several years of property between 231st and 230th, next to the Burns property -- last year they paid \$1160 in property tax, with an income of \$100 on royalties.

Mr. Robert Philpott, 2062 West 233rd Street, stated that the disservice in the area is that above described in these property tax situations -- further, the desire of the homeowners is not financial gain, but, rather, an acceptable place to live, and they have tried to improve the area as they can.

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the inference by Mr. Kurtz that the homeowners tell the Council which way to jump is without merit -- the Council is ever aware of those with vested interests, such as the oil people, but it has acted on a high plane in these type of considerations.

It was further pointed out by Councilman Johnson that the Council has never desired to run any business out of Torrance, it only being asked that they live in the community with the other people. When building permits for commercial buildings are issued, there are certain requirements in order to obtain approval of that building.

The progressive program initiated by the Council asked the oil industry to cooperate in cleaning up the area, Councilman Johnson continued, in order that they might operate amongst the homes, but it was a fight every inch of the way with considerable static, particularly in the area of safety. The landscaping ordinance met with resistance as well, according to Mr. Johnson. These things do not represent cooperation and living with the community. Further, the complexion of Torrance has changed, and, certainly, in its early days, the oil industry had the run of the land, and rightfully so -- but now they are the ones who must conform to the community rather than vice versa.

Councilman Johnson further commented that the Council generated a good law that said basically if the oil was not producing sufficient revenue to pay a certain return on the landowner's investment, then that well shall be deemed nonproductive and shall thereafter be abandoned.

The oil and gas industry in Sacramento, Mr. Johnson continued, with all of the backing of the League of California Cities has assumed the attitude "you guys don't have enough power for us" and walked out of the meeting. Is that the kind of cooperation oil is talking about? We must not continue to let oil punch deeper holes, without community cooperation, nor do they deserve the rights and privileges they have had all this time -- Councilman Johnson is ready to pass the subject ordinance.

General concurrence with Councilman Johnson's remarks was indicated by Councilman Uerkwitz -- he noted, however, that there are some oil people who have cooperated, and the fact that it is unfortunate that they happen to be in the minority and are caught up in this problem. Mr. Uerkwitz added that every effort has been made at this stage to try to correct this situation, and it now appears there is only one alternative.

Questioned by Councilman Wilson was the constitutionality of what is proposed - is there in essence discrimination against a business or industry, and whether the elimination of the "O" zone in the Southeast Torrance area is discrimination against the operators there, as opposed to other parts of the City where drilling will continue?

City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that the law provides that the Council can eliminate a particular use from the municipality if there is a rational basis for so doing -- as happened with the pig farms and the dairies. In the subject case, due to the changing character of the area from predominantly rural to the present urban environment, the oil industry is considered to be incompatible with the present character of the City. That would furnish sufficient

legal basis, according to Mr. Remelmeyer, for the declaration that oil would be, in effect, a nonconforming use, followed by an abatement period to that particular industry. It was further confirmed by Mr. Remelmeyer, at Dr. Wilson's question, that the passage of the subject ordinance abolishing the "O" zone would not prevent maintenance activities.

Next questioned by Councilman Wilson was whether or not it is possible for extraction of oil from under this area, if drilling or secondary recovery is not permitted? Mr. Remelmeyer advised that the oil could be extracted by slant drilling from a spot other than directly above the area where it is located. In the event a secondary recovery unit should be formed in this area, the City Attorney continued, which had the approval of the State Division of Oil and Gas, it could be presumed that the oil well operators could come back to the City Council at a subsequent time and request that the Council create combining oil districts similar to what was done for the present Chanslor-Western unit.

Mayor Miller commented that he can well remember when there was an oil derrick every 50 feet, having lived in and around this area for many years; what is now happening is simply a part of history and is what happens when an urban area develops residentially. First it was pig farms, then dairies, and now it is oil wells, the Mayor continued; it is a fact of life and is what happens with today's mode of living. Mayor Miller then submitted that the area is no longer oil fields with homes; it is homes with oil fields.

It was added by the Mayor that <sup>it was</sup> the bus trip some two years ago which opened his eyes -- how could he live there and not see the tremendous problems existing -- the safety risks, the absence of beautification, etc. Further noted by Mayor Miller was the fact that over the years many of the oil men themselves sold off this land for residential development, creating the very problem that is being considered at this meeting, and economics is a factor on both sides of this coin.

The minimal return on the oil leases and the apparent indifference at a State level was reviewed as well by Mayor Miller -- it is his opinion that the many problems surrounding this situation will never come to a head without passage of the subject ordinance, with ultimate, inevitable residential development per today's trend in California.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that there is ample testimony and evidence in the record to call for the elimination of the "O" zone in this area. Mr. Kurtz has reviewed primary oil production -- some 366 wells now having dwindled to 74 rather marginal wells -- which leads Councilman Brewster to a real concern not so much over the primary production but what of the secondary program -- there is none before the Council, such as has been presented by CWOD. If there is to be any secondary recovery, Mr. Brewster continued, it must be controlled, and the only way to secure that control is to eliminate this district and go to the hearing kind of operation. Of further concern to Councilman Brewster is the maintenance of the existing production facilities once they become nonconforming -- Mr. Brewster stated that he

recognized the right for them to be maintained by the owners, but he is not satisfied with the degree nor the quality of the maintenance to date. It was confirmed by Mr. Remelmeyer that it would be necessary to set up the abatement and exception process where there will be hearings and the establishment of conditions to allow those facilities to remain, at Councilman Brewster's question as to procedure.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department, for a change of zone for the elimination of the overlay "O" Combining Oil District in the subject area. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Contributed by Councilman Sciarrotta, at the time of his "yes" vote:

"Times have changed....  
Oil fields also;  
Abatement is needed --  
They really must go."

14. ZONE CHANGE 70-30, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Change of zone for the elimination of the overlay "O" Combining Oil District between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madison Street and between Lomita Boulevard and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway right-of-way.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place, <sup>for the hearing</sup> on Zone Change 70-30, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for elimination of the overlay "O" Combining Oil District in the subject area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. ZONE CHANGE 70-31, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Change of zone for elimination of "O" zone on the south side of Del Amo Boulevard, at Wayne, and westerly City limits.

Referred back to the City Attorney to permit meeting with Mr. Robert Fernandez, U.S. Natural Resources; to be returned in two weeks. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request, with the proponent's consent, to be returned on February 9th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous. (See Page 24 - Continued for 4 weeks.)

The Council recessed at 9:05 P.M. to conduct the business of the Redevelopment Agency, on proper motion; a 10-minute recess followed at 9:06 P.M.

(Considered at this time, out of order:)

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEM:

32. DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND VAN NESS. (Job No. 67051)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject work be approved.

City Manager Ferraro noted a needed correction -- the address should be 2057 Del Amo Blvd. (instead of 3051).

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

The regular agenda order was resumed:

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. ORDINANCE increasing the minimum total floor area required for any structure which is to be used as a single-family residence.

ORDINANCE NO. 2190

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 92.20.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM TOTAL FLOOR AREA REQUIRED FOR ANY STRUCTURE WHICH IS TO BE USED AS A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve Ordinance No. 2190 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

17. APPEAL OF CASE S71-3 - ROBERT B. O'NEILL  
Original request was approved subject to conditions; wall signs exceeded limitation imposed by Sign Review Committee and Mr. O'Neill requested reconsideration after time for appeal had expired. This new application (S71-3) was again denied by Sign Review Committee and Mr. O'Neill is requesting consideration by Council.

The proponent, Mr. Bob O'Neill, 17026 Prairie Avenue, was present to elaborate on the requested consideration, noting that the freeway hides his business, and that without the requested signing, he might as well close up.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman reviewed the findings of the Sign Review Committee and the fact that the sign measurements

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have been made in two different ways on two different occasions; Mr. Scharfman had moved to approve the request, subject to certain conditions, at the Sign Review meeting, but there was no second to his motion.

Discussion followed on the varying measurements and interpretations; Mr. O'Neill's remedial efforts to date as well as his particular, unique problems; and the \$3000 Monroe shock absorber billboard were also discussed.

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that the subject case is unusual in nature, and he MOVED that the Council grant Mr. O'Neill appeal, and that there be consideration of an abatement period for the Monroe sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote discussion resumed as to the actual sign overage and the need for a more accurate figure relative to the measurements.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That Staff work with Mr. O'Neill as to where the subject signing can be brought down to a more reasonable overage more in line with the ordinance, to be returned to Council in 30 days.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Bill Largent, 18832 Felbar, who stated that the owner has determined, from experience, what will bring in the business and what will do the job -- this should be at the discretion of the owner.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded Councilman Wilson's substitute motion, and it carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was noted by City Manager Ferraro that the Staff communication to Mr. O'Neill, deemed out of order by Councilman Surber, had been appropriately dealt with by the department head.

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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. RESOLUTION re: construction of curb, gutter, sidewalks, and driveways at Sonoma Street and Elm Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SONOMA STREET AND ELM AVENUE TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Specifically pointed out by City Manager Ferraro was the fact that this is the very first of the short form versions of the 1911 Act.

REAL PROPERTY:

19. RESOLUTION and leases for buyers of T-Hangars constructed by Tri-Cor, Inc. under their lease in the T-Hangar Development Area.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THOSE CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1971 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EDWARD BLAKE LAMAR; CHARLES WILSON PYEATT AND JEAN L. PYEATT; DANIEL E. NELSON AND LINDA C. NELSON; DENNIS E. COE, MARSHALL L. McDANIEL, AND GERALD WEBBER DBA F.M. CHARTER; ROBERT D. CHAREST; PACIFIC WINDOW PRODUCTS, INC. DBA PACIFIC BUILDERS; CHARLES A. BECK AND DOLORES H. BECK; JOHN G. PARKER; AND ROBERT R. BEAM AND MAXINE G. BEAM.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-21. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. RESOLUTION re: Joint Exercise Powers Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 70-79 APPROVING THE JOINT EXERCISE POWERS AGREEMENT AND APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CREATING AN AGENCY TO BE KNOWN AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE SAME.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-22. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. COUNCIL TRAVEL COSTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the City Attorney be directed to prepare a resolution amending Section 2 of Resolution 68-96 which will increase the amount authorized per fiscal year from \$1200 to \$1500 for the Mayor and each member of the City Council while engaged in City business as a result of travel and attendance at national, state, and local conferences.

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

There was discussion prior to roll call vote on the motion. Councilman Brewster acknowledged an inability to judge the appropriateness of the recommended amount, and indicated that he would concede to the superior wisdom of his fellow Councilmen who have endorsed this.

Councilman Surber stated that he has serious reservations in this matter, although he signed the recommendation as a Committee member -- and added that he is ever harping on economy and it would be hypocritical not to express his opinion. Mr. Surber first ascertained that it would be possible to obtain additional travel expense money, with Council approval, if the allotted amount were exceeded; he then questioned the merit of this action, in view of the fact that any needed extra funds could be obtained, and the further fact that these are very tight times, budget sessions are looming up, etc. Councilman Surber does not feel this the proper time for such a request.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he has thoroughly reviewed the study presented, and the figures confirm the increased costs -- this Council is about the only group curtailing expenses so closely -- also, he has yet to expend the maximum amount allowed.

It was added by Councilman Johnson that this is a most conservative Council relative to travel expenses, and that its representatives are generally the most dedicated individuals at these conferences. Mr. Johnson is of the opinion that there should be a ceiling, and it would work out to the advantage of all.

Mayor Miller commented that the increased costs appear to be valid, and make an adjustment necessary -- if the Councilmen do desire to attend the allotted four conventions (as is done in other South Bay cities) then these higher costs must be met, or otherwise reduced to three such trips.

A study made by Councilman Sciarrotta approximately two years ago revealed that one Assemblyman's salary, travel, and other expenses amounts to more money than this entire Council's salaries and expenses.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

POLICE OPERATIONS:

22. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Chief of Police to destroy certain City records and documents pursuant to the Government Code of the State of California.

City Manager Ferraro requested clarification regarding "DR Files" -- none was forthcoming; Councilman Uerkwitz moved to hold this item for one week pending such explanation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

23. CHIEF OF TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF ISSUING AUTHORITY FOR THE RECEIVING AND ISSUING OF PERMITS RELATIVE TO THE USE, HANDLING, POSSESSION AND/OR STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

That the City Attorney's office draft the necessary resolution in this matter.

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

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

24. RESOLUTION regarding patron library records submitted by Library Commission.

RECOMMENDATION OF LIBRARY COMMISSION:

That the following statement be added to the Book Selection Policy: "Addendum: The rights of an individual to the use of the library shall include the right of the individual to have his library record remain confidential, and such library records shall be unavailable to public access."

RESOLUTION NO. 71-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE ADDING AN ADDENDUM PARAGRAPH TO  
THE BOOK SELECTION POLICY OF THE TORRANCE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-23. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, and at Councilman Surber's question regarding the feeling behind this, Library Commissioner George Kurtz explained the circumstances of the subject recommendation, and noted the City Attorney-recommended wording "confidential" (rather than "secret") -- it was the feeling of the Library Commission, Mr. Kurtz continued, that the right of a patron of the Library to use the Library materials freely would come under the same Constitutional protection of the First Amendment re: freedom of speech.

This Commission action resulted, according to Mr. Kurtz, from the publicity surrounding the fact that an FBI agent had gone to a library and inquired what materials and/or books had been checked out by certain individuals, it being the general feeling, editorial-wise, throughout the country that this was a deprivation of certain freedoms. It was added by Mr. Kurtz that in no way would this addendum change anyone's right to receive such information, if it is necessary, by going to a judge and requesting that this information be made available if it is appropriate to a legal proceeding.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. Request from Prairie Avenue Foursquare Church for permission to canvass North Torrance in order to conduct a religious census.

CITY MANAGER NOTE:

This matter should be referred to Staff for processing.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer to Staff for processing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

26. MINUTE SECRETARY REQUEST.

REQUEST OF CITY CLERK:

That Council grant permission to employ a third Minute Secretary for the remainder of the fiscal year.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that the budget sessions are drawing near, and at the last Council meeting he voted against adding a body to the City payroll until there has been opportunity to review the financial situation at budget time -- but it would be very difficult to turn around and continue that policy after that particular motion passed in reference to a Real Estate Clerk, when the needs of this particular operation seem to be considerably more, in Mr. Uerkwitz' opinion.

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated that he does think the adding of bodies should be <sup>dis</sup>continued until the findings of the budget sessions are known. Mr. Uerkwitz then MOVED to concur with the request of the City Clerk to employ a third Minute Secretary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

At the request of Councilman Surber, City Clerk Coil outlined the meetings requiring Minute Secretary services. A review of the workload was recommended by Mr. Surber; he indicated as well that he did not favor the addition of bodies at this time.

Councilman Johnson pointed out that he has strongly urged that there be another Minute Secretary all year long, and it has been justified for that period -- the Council has been penny-wise and pound foolish. He concurs with the City Clerk as to this need.

It was the request of Mayor Miller that Mr. Coil return at budget time to report on the effect of this action on the overtime situation.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion was unanimously favorable.

It was noted by City Clerk Coil that the appropriation figure should be \$3814 (instead of \$5300). Councilman Wilson MOVED to appropriate \$3814 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to cover the salary cost for the remainder of the fiscal year and the necessary office equipment for this position. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2188.

City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2188

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED SOUTH OF 235TH STREET AND NORTH OF LOMITA BOULEVARD BETWEEN SAM LEVY SCHOOL AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-26.

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2188 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2189.

City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2189

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.41.2 OF PART IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THE CLASS OF REAL ESTATE CLERK TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES FOR CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES.

It was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz that he had voted "no" on Ordinance No. 2189 at its first reading; the cover letter indicates otherwise.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2189 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as follows:

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

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

29. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$406.35 to Superior Wholesale Electric for 6 only high power factor mercury lamp ballasts requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacement items.
2. \$926.10 to A & M Amusement Rentals for 10 special carnival booths budgeted for as replacement items as requested by the Recreation Department.
3. \$819.74 to Interstate Restaurant Supply for one only 22 cu. ft. commercial refrigerator requested by the Recreation Department as a replacement unit for the Recreation Center.
4. \$998.40 to Automatic Signal for 8 replacement relays for a 1022 traffic signal controllers and 6 each non-directional rubber pads as requested by Traffic and Lighting Department.

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5. \$430.50 to Centerline Products Company for 100 gallons of green street marking paint requested by Traffic and Lighting.
6. \$495.08 to Acme Visible Records, Inc. for various visual index files requested for the Central Library's periodical section as requested by the City Librarian.
7. \$609.00 to Hawthorne Piano Center, Inc. for one only studio type piano with matching bench as requested by the Recreation Department as a replacement item.
8. \$389.76 to Safeway Sign Company for three 120" x 48" advanced street name signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

B. SPECIAL LIBRARY ITEMS:

9. \$431.55 to Negro University Press for 44 adult books.
  10. \$738.74 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 126 adult books.
  11. \$2222.71 to Campbell and Hall for 205 adult books and 152 juvenile titles.
30. CLAIM of Walter J. Brennan for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That said claim be denied and referred to City Attorney.

31. CLAIM of Margaret E. Archibald for impairment of value of real property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That said claim be denied and referred to City Attorney.

32. DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT. (Heard earlier in the meeting)

33. PROPERTY ROOM IMPROVEMENTS AT POLICE STATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the amount of \$2,085 be appropriated from the General Fund for the necessary modifications and improvements.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #29, 30, 31, and #33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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A 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller, the hour being 10:25 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. City Attorney Remelmeyer referred to agenda item #15, ZC 70-31, and the postponement thereof -- he has since learned that a 4-week postponement is necessary in order that he may get together with Mr. Fernandez. Mr. Fernandez has consented to an extension to February 23rd at 5:30 P.M. and Council concurrence was requested by Mr. Remelmeyer.

Councilman Johnson moved that agenda item #15 be continued to February 23rd at 5:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

35. Council approval on January 19th of the Torrance Irish Club parade was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer -- it was Mr. Remelmeyer's request that this motion be reconsidered and rescinded, simply leaving the matter as though the request had not been made to the Council -- this would necessitate his going to the License Review Board for the permit. The ordinance, Mr. Remelmeyer clarified, requires that he go through the License Review Board, and if dissatisfied with their action, the proponent may appeal to the City Council -- the problem comes with a violation of the ordinance procedure in this case.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council reconsider the action taken re: the Irish Club parade. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to rescind the original motion re: the Irish Club parade. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the request for a parade by the Torrance Irish Club go through the regular procedure in obtaining a permit for their parade. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. City Manager Ferraro introduced newly appointed Torrance manager, Southern California Edison Company, Mr. Lowell Goss.

37. The merits of a dark night for the Council on February 16th, in view of the holidays and the agenda preparation problems presented, were reviewed by City Manager Ferraro -- the Council declined to go dark, deeming the meeting necessary even though the agenda will be light.

38. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson requested permission to send four people to a seminar held by the University of California at Fullerton on employee relations, at a cost of \$600 for registration fees. It is proposed to send the Personnel Analyst, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, the Personnel Officer in the Police Department, and Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the subject request of the Assistant to the City Manager, and approve the appropriation of \$600 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. The need for an Executive Session relative to pending "meet and confer" sessions was noted by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson. The Council agreed to meet at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2nd, for this purpose.

40. Councilman Brewster requested that permaplaques of appreciation be prepared for former Commissioners Saville and Sippel; there were no objections and it was so ordered.

41. Councilman Johnson reported on the impressive demonstration at TRW for a computerized traffic control system -- there will be another and new demonstration in February, and it is hoped that Council, as well as the new Traffic Commission, will plan to attend.

42. A good idea voiced on Junior Citizens Day, according to Councilman Johnson, was that of noise and emission checks at the same time the safety checks are made by the California Highway Patrol. City Manager Ferraro indicated that he would prepare a letter to the Air Resources Board of the California Highway Patrol indicating the Council's desire; there were no objections.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta requested the assistance of Building and Safety Director McKinnon regarding fences throughout the City which prevent people from going around the oil wells which are all the way out to the sidewalk, instead of being in line with the homes. Consequently ugly sights are presented, along with hazards created by bushes which impair visibility, etc. A recommendation from Mr. McKinnon as to why might or might not be done about this situation was requested by Mr. Sciarrotta.

44. Directed to the Council Environmental Committee by Councilman Sciarrotta was the information that Mr. Charles L. Stone, Manager, Program Management Systems for North American-Rockwell Space Division, has stated that the Federal Government should allocate \$100,000,000 to the industry for research and development into the problems of ecology and ways of solving them. The Council Committee should attempt to help Mr. Stone in this regard.

45. The concern for ecology was acknowledged by Councilman Sciarrotta -- particularly on the part of high school students, and their volunteer efforts in Torrance. It was proposed by Mr. Sciarrotta that management talk to the School Superintendent, and the five high school Principals, with the aim in mind of creating a 7-member student committee in each of the high schools, each to be headed by a qualified faculty member, to study, explore, and come up with suggestions -- these people to meet with the Council Environmental Committee once every 90 days to report and discuss their findings and recommendations.

46. Councilman Surber reported on his favorable impression of Junior Citizens Day and the outstanding representation by the students -- Mr. Surber then commended Recreation Supervisor Jim Faulk for his excellent organizational work in putting together the most recent Junior Citizens Day, adding that during the day he had the opportunity to speak to many of the Junior Citizens and was impressed by their enthusiasm, participation, and their respect for the Staff work undertaken by Mr. Faulk and other members of the Recreation Department and Staff. Therefore, on behalf of the Council, Councilman Surber publicly acknowledged the hard work expended by Jim and all the other members of the Recreation Department and City Management in making this Junior Citizens Day an outstanding event.

Councilman Surber then directed that the above comments of appreciation be included in Mr. Faulk's personnel file.

47. Participation in a park tour was also enjoyed by Councilman Surber -- it was well planned and proved to be a most interesting day, and compliments are in order for Director of Recreation Van Bellehem and his Staff. Particularly noteworthy was the Victoria Regional Park, and there should be consultation with these people in connection with such development in Torrance.

48. Councilman Surber requested that some kind of a slot be devised for his mailbox -- actually there is a need for bigger mailboxes -- but a slot would be appreciated.

49. Permission to run off 7 copies of an article pertaining to Project Quest was requested by Councilman Surber -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

50. Councilman Surber reported that the South Bay Councilmen's Association desires that different Staff people attend their future meetings which will pertain to employee relations, negotiations, etc. The first such meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28th, at 6:30 P.M.

51. The need for approval of the Library dedication plaque was noted by Councilman Wilson -- it was agreed that the Council committee on this matter meet on Monday, February 1st, at 5:00 P.M.

52. Mayor Miller referred a communication directed to him by Mayor Adams of Tracy, California re: the "President's Guidance Letter" and three President's signatures, to be furnished every elementary school in the United States to City Attorney Remelmeyer for the preparation of an appropriate resolution, to be returned to the Council for action.

53. Mrs. Ethel Kovach advised the Council re: Project Quest that Mr. Tom Drucker is still stating that Project Quest was sponsored by the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission and the City of Torrance, and cited the occasions of these references.

It was added by Mrs. Kovach that Mr. Drucker is using the address of Torrance City Hall as a Project Quest mailing address, as well as the telephone number of the Recreation Center.

Mrs. Kovach requested that the Council instruct City Attorney Remelmeyer to take whatever legal steps are necessary to protect this City, and make it clear, once and for all, that Torrance did not sponsor Project Quest.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the City Attorney obtain a "cease and desist order" -- Mr. Drucker has no right to use Torrance's backing; there is no reason why he should be using the City Hall address and telephone number.

Further, per Councilman Sciarrotta, a letter should be sent to the Board of Education at Redondo Beach, advising them that Project Quest was not sponsored by the City of Torrance.

There were no objections from the Council, and it was so ordered.

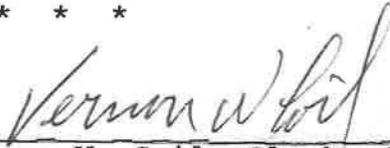
Councilman Johnson further requested that City Manager Ferraro investigate the use of the City Hall address and telephone number -- who is receiving the mail and who authorized it -- also the circumstances surrounding the use of the telephone number.

There was discussion regarding the copying of Mr. Drucker's tapes played at the Youth Welfare Commission meeting -- Mr. Remelmeyer indicated that these tapes are Mr. Drucker's private property -- as opposed to tapes of a public meeting -- and there is no way to obtain these tapes without Mr. Drucker's consent.

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At 11:30 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2nd, 1971. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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