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Adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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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, February 2, 1971, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Surber joined the Executive Session at 4:15 P.M.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Miss Julie Barnes, Carr Elementary School, led in the salute to the flag. Introduction of the students in attendance followed.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend R.W. Kornegay, First Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

None available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and 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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Environmental Committee: Councilman Uerkwitz advised that this Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 17th, at 1:30 P.M., with a presentation by the Air Pollution Control scheduled.

Parks, Recreation, Community Development: It was reported by Councilman Wilson that there had been a very interesting session of this committee on February 1st in that both homeowners and oil people were present to help develop the conditional use permit ordinance -- it was agreed by all concerned that this matter should be held over to February 11th at 4:30 P.M. in order that there might be feedback from a homeowner group meeting on the 10th. (Hour changed to 4:00 P.M. -- Item 33, Page 11.)

Legislative Committee: Councilman Sciarrotta advised that two meetings have been held, and a report will be forthcoming. The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be on Wednesday, February 17th, at 10:00 A.M.

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Mr. Lee Larson was present to invite the Council to attend the annual "Fathers Night" of the Sportsman's Club on March 10th, 8:30 P.M., at the American Legion Hall in Redondo Beach.

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At 4:10 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session relative to "meet and confer" considerations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

The Council returned at 5:40 P.M.

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PRESENTATION:

9. "Torrance Golden Anniversary Year."

The launching of this auspicious occasion was done in a memorable manner by Mr. George Post and included wise, meaningful words; red, white, and blue jackets; and historic photographs. Able assistance was rendered by Mr. Clint Cooke, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Globolinks were next introduced by Mrs. H. Donald Ramsey and Mrs. Ray A. Moore by way of advertising the U.C.L.A. Opera Workshop production of "Help, Help the Globolinks" -- an invitation to attend was extended to all.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Torrance Golden Anniversary Year."

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

11. "Active 20-30 Week" - February 7-13, 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, followed by introduction of Mr. Mark Frederick, 3024 Via la Selva, Palos Verdes Estates, president of the Torrance-Del Amo 20-30 Club, who expressed their appreciation of the Proclamation as well as their intent and desire to serve the community.

COMMENDATIONS:

12. RESOLUTION of the City Council congratulating the Triple T Dance Club on the celebration of its 40th Anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE TRIPLE T DANCE CLUB ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-24. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Dr. Robert Fleming was present to acknowledge this recognition of the Triple T Dance Club.

13. RESOLUTION congratulating the Torrance Wild Mustangs.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE TORRANCE WILD MUSTANGS ON WINNING THE UNITED STATES SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND COMMENDING THEM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL COMPETITION.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-25. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

14. A. ZONE CHANGE 70-22, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL.
Change of zone from M-1 zone to M-L zone on property located between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street on the west side of Madrona Avenue.
- B. Recommendation from H.B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, regarding Delthorne Park site.

Affidavit of Publication previously presented by City Clerk.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing.

It was stated by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that Item 14B indicates that the City is ready to negotiate with the owner's representative -- this is not quite correct. Mr. Scharfman stated that he and City Attorney Remelmeyer have met with the owner's representative and have reached a tentative agreement, based on the appraisal received. It was added by Mr. Scharfman that he has an offer in writing to sell the Foley property, based primarily on discussions between him, Mr. Remelmeyer, and the owners' representative, Mr. Sorenson.

Council permission was requested by Mr. Scharfman to have City Attorney Remelmeyer prepare a resolution for February 9th, authorizing the opening of an escrow with Mr. Sorenson on behalf of Mr. Foley; during the week the Council can review the terms.

Further noted by Mr. Scharfman was the fact that the escrow which may be entered into, without losing eligibility for a Federal grant or for purchasing the property from Bond funds, will close on or before July 1, 1971. Therefore, it would be his request re: item #14 that this matter be continued until it is determined where the money is coming from; further, there is a written offer only from Mr. Foley, and nothing from the other property owner, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Chris Sorenson was present and indicated that Mr. Thomas' offer would probably be in on February 3rd -- further, that he would concur with the requested extension of time.

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.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the subject hearing, item 14A, for 30 days, to March 2, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to Item 14B, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the City Attorney prepare an appropriate resolution for Council action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was clarified by City Attorney Remelmeyer, prior to roll call vote on the motion, that an escrow would not be opened without a specific resolution of the City Council approving the exact agreement.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Wilson that perhaps Mr. Foley and Mr. Thomas would be interested in donating some of the land to the City, such land to be named after them.

The moratorium on the subject property was next discussed. Mr. Sorenson stipulated to the Council that during this intervening period of time no construction will take place, representing the property owners.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE relative to Temporary Use Permit.

ORDINANCE NO. 2191

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 9, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANTING OF TEMPORARY USE PERMITS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2191 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. Parking Standards for Plant Nurseries.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance re: Parking Standards for Plant Nurseries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEAL - PLANNING AND ZONING:

17. APPEAL OF HOME OCCUPATION 70-101, filed by Christ Simoulis, to allow a television repair service in a single-family residence in the R-1 zone.
DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Simoulis was in attendance and presented a letter which was read aloud by Mayor Miller: "It is requested that Mayor Miller refrain from voting on this issue as you are personal friends of our neighbors who are protesting my working as you may be biased against me." The neighbors referred to were identified as "the Hortons"; the Mayor failed to recognize the name at this point. Mayor Miller stated that he would refrain from voting although it is not clear to him why he should do so.

The proposed television repair service business was described by Mr. Simoulis, and, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, he advised that he did not intend to keep his car in the garage, and that he has never kept it there. Mr. Simoulis further advised that he had had a small business in Redondo Beach but there was a robbery resulting in the loss of all his equipment -- hence his need to work out of his garage until he has sufficient funds to open up another place. This would represent a 12-14 month period, according to Mr. Simoulis.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that relief be granted to Mr. Simoulis re: HO 70-101 for a period of one year, subject to Staff conditions 1 through 4, and with Staff to bring this

case back automatically. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller.

It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta, at the time of his "no" vote, that it is his opinion that these type occupations should be taken out of residential districts rather than adding more.

Mayor Miller commented that it is most important to him that the proponent walk away from this meeting with the idea that he was afforded fair treatment, in view of his suspicion of unfairness. It now occurred to the Mayor that the Hortons are perhaps friends of his mother-in-law -- he has not had any discussions with the Hortons, nor with the proponent, nor any of the other Councilmen on this subject matter. As a matter of fact, Mayor Miller indicated that he felt some sympathy for this cause; further, it would probably be necessary for him to abstain 75% of the time based on his acquaintances in Torrance.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

18. RESOLUTION establishing a 35 MPH Prima Facie Speed Limit on Del Amo Boulevard, from Crenshaw Boulevard to Van Ness Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 61-157, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES 35 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION re: Travel Costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING A LIMIT ON THE EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 68-96 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-27; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (reluctant), Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz (reluctant), Wilson and Mayor Miller (positive).

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (time inappropriate, and need for further study).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. ORDINANCE amending provisions for the destruction of City Records pursuant to previous Council action.

ORDINANCE NO. 2192

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF CITY RECORDS NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRED.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2192 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

21. RESOLUTION endorsing the Presidents' Guidance Letter.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING THE PRESIDENTS' GUIDANCE LETTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Resolution No. 71-28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2190.

City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2190 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

23. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

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A. BUDGETED.

1. \$2,324.96 to Western Highway Products for 425 street name signs complete with mounting hardware as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacements.
2. \$1060.50 to Edward F. Gabel Company for a reconditioned lathe complete with full schedule of accessories and with same warranty and service provisions as a new machine as requested by the City Garage as a replacement.
3. \$308.15 to Chain Drive, Inc. for 23 self-aligning bearings as requested by the City Garage for stock.
4. \$1626.45 to Jamison, Inc. for four playground equipment units for installation at the La Carretera Park as requested by the Recreation Department.
5. \$784.35 to Fordham Company for 18 book trucks as requested by the City Librarian for use at the new Central Library and other branches.
6. \$646.00 to American Aerial Surveys, Inc. for aerial topography for Prairie Avenue from 190th Street to railroad right-of-way as requested by the Engineering Department.
7. \$348.95 to Aims Instructional Media Service, Inc. for two training films as requested by the Police Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

8. \$2,963.31 to Westwood Ceramics Supply for annual contract to supply 21 tons of special blend ceramic clay and other various raw materials to be delivered "as requested" by the Recreation Department. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure through fees which are collected from class participants.
9. \$997.45 to Park Son, Inc. for six water meter valves and one pipe sleeve as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Rolling Hills Village and for stock. Payment has already been received from Rolling Hills.

C. SPECIAL LIBRARY ITEM:

10. \$305.81 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 36 adult books.

24. CLAIM of Southern California Gas Company for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

25. CLAIM of Edwin A. Jaakola for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

26. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Demolition and Site Clearance at
23101 Arlington Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

1. That Council accept the work, and
2. That final payment in the amount of \$875 be made to the contractor.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #23, 24, 25, and #26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

27. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

That Council authorize a subscription to the full Legislative Bill Service, which is provided by the State at an annual cost of \$315.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Legislative Committee, and to approve the requested \$315. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. REVENUE SHARING.

RECOMMENDATION OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE:

That the Council ratify the directive re: revenue sharing; that Council approve the subject letters and direct the staff to prepare and mail them as soon as possible; and that the total package of material be sent to the Office of the President so that it may be added to the material which will be used by the President to support his program, and that a similar package of material be sent to the Daily Breeze and the Los Angeles Times with a request that they publish editorials supporting the City's stand.

There was discussion regarding this, with Councilman Sciarrotta noting that it is imperative that communications be instigated, in quantity, to Washington to insure action. At the present time there are many considerations yet to be resolved, and this represents a concept only.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that the Council approve the subject concept. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was added by Councilman Sciarrotta that some 100 of these packets will be distributed to the League of California Cities on February 4th. Councilman Johnson requested that a set be addressed to the Independent Cities members.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council of problems surrounding the Palos Verdes Aviation Company and its pending bankruptcy. There was clarification by Airport Manager Egan regarding the deteriorating financial situation of this company, it having developed that the Tax Collector proposes to sell the premises for taxes due. Efforts were made to avoid this, by way of a partial payment, but he is slated to return next Monday, and there is a need for the Council to give the City Attorney and the City Manager discretion to expend monies if it is felt appropriate to pick up the property on a tax sale.

It was added by Mr. Remelmeyer that the Tax Collector is not selling the City's interest but rather the leasehold interest, but a tax sale would be the loss of the Palos Verdes Aviation interest; further, they would not do anything that might be deferred to next Tuesday, but they may not have this kind of time.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the subject request -- that the City Manager and City Attorney do whatever is necessary and spend whatever money is necessary to protect the interest of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Considered at this time:)

ADDENDA ITEM:

29. STORM DRAIN FROM MADRONA AVENUE TO PRIVATE DRAIN N/O CARSON STREET (JOB NO. 71121) - AWARD OF CONTRACT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Herb Smeltzer and all other bids be rejected.

The emergency nature of this request was explained by City Manager Ferraro in that Montgomery Ward is ready to pave their lot.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. Councilman Brewster noted the City Manager's communication regarding the 4-day 10-hour Police program and the possible merits thereof. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson commented that it is felt that the matter is closed at this time.

32. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to Addendum Item F -- Mr. Bert Lynn's communication relative to his elaborate carpet laying plans. Considerable discussion ensued with several dramatic suggestions -- public hearings, bond posting, traffic signal installation, etc. -- this Council will not be put on!

33. Councilman Wilson requested that the president and vice president of the Bond Steering Committee, as well as the Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, be invited to meet with the Park, Recreation, Community Development Committee on February 11th to discuss Mr. Hjelte's report.

The several meetings scheduled on February 11th were reviewed, and the hour for the Committee meeting was changed to 4:00 P.M. instead of 4:30 P.M.

34. It was the further request of Councilman Wilson that the pending permaplaques for North High and Torrance High be given early attention.

35. Mayor Miller noted that his appointment to the Bond Steering Committee, Mr. Ron Littlefair, has been appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission; the Mayor will, therefore, make another appointment to the Steering Committee if there are no objections, and there were none.

36. Mr. Bim Armstrong, Chairman, Torrance Youth Council, 973 Calle Miramar, advised that the Youth Council desires to sponsor an "Operation Pickup" on February 6th -- they plan to walk from Bishop Montgomery High School, down Torrance Boulevard to City Hall, and to pick up trash in burlap bags thereby demonstrating students concern over litter and pollution problems in Torrance. Council approval of this request was sought by Mr. Armstrong.

City Manager Ferraro indicated that he would make the necessary arrangements, if agreeable to the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

At 7:35 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council go into an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Miller indicated that the Council would return to adjourn, but that no further business would be transacted.

The Council returned at 8:05 to formally adjourn, on a motion by Councilman Sciarrotta which was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Torrance