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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, February 16, 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Torrance High School student Karen Oesdinger (?) led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend R.W. Kornegay, First Church of the Nazarene, provided the invocation for the meeting.

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, 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 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.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

Councilman Uerkwitz reported that this committee had met this date, with two items referred to Staff: the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission report on fireworks, and the matter of employee awards.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

A meeting on February 11th, according to Councilman Wilson, resulted in the referring the matter of the Conditional Use Permit for secondary recovery or redrilling in the proper "O" zones to the City Attorney to draw up an ordinance, per subcommittee recommendations.

Further, this committee met with representatives of the Bond Steering Committee, with recommendations anticipated by March 2nd, in time for the March 8th hearing, followed by Council workshop sessions on March 10, 11, and 12.

Charter Review Committee:

Scheduled to meet on January 17th at 7:30 P.M.

Legislative Liaison Committee:

Will meet on Wednesday, February 17th, at 11:00 A.M.

Transportation Committee:

To meet on Thursday, February 18th, at 8:00 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:9. ORDINANCE re: Zone Change 70-27.ORDINANCE NO. 2197

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, NORTH OF THE LOMITA CITY LIMITS, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-27.
(A-1 Coast Rentals, Inc.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2197 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. ORDINANCE re: Billboards:

Present on this matter, representing Foster & Kleiser, was Mr. Dan Walker who reviewed the contents of Ordinances A and B, and noted that Planning Department recommendations 1 through 4 would be sufficient to prohibit the industry from building any outdoor advertising structures in the City.

Specifically discussed was the Planning Department recommendation "That no billboard shall be permitted in any Underground Utility District.", with Mr. Walker pointing out the ultimate aim of undergrounding the entire City. Planning Director Shartle responded with the comment that undergrounding of the entire City is not in the foreseeable future, but a considerable amount of funds has been expended for Torrance Boulevard and will be going forward on other thoroughfares; it was Staff's feeling that if there is all this effort in beautification by putting utilities underground, it would be hoped to someday abate the nonconforming signs in the area as well, and that it would be a disservice to the City to allow billboards in these areas.

Mayor Miller then asked the question if it is proposed that all major thoroughfares will eventually have underground utilities, and with Mr. Shartle's affirmative answer, stated that it is then proposed to ban billboards from all major streets, their logical location. Mr. Shartle reaffirmed his feeling that as street beautification progresses, it should be beautified in toto.

The need for exemption of certain areas relative to billboards was next discussed, as was the role of the Sign Review Board, and needed criteria. It was then the comment of Mayor Miller that you are "either in business in this City or you aren't in business in the City" and while he has always been reasonably restrictive on signs, to him these Staff recommendations appear over-restrictive -- the alternative would be to ban billboards entirely which, in effect, is what is proposed, and this was not the intent of the Council originally.

As to notification procedures (Staff condition #4), it was the consensus of the Council that the City should notify residents in the usual manner of the Sign Review Board hearings.

Mr. Walker noted the fact that the City Attorney intends to prepare a general ordinance providing for the abatement of non-conforming uses of all types in the City, and reconfirmed the industry's viewpoint that they will make their signs conforming in the immediate future; the wooden structures will be taken care of, etc.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance "A". His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

(Ordinance "A")
ORDINANCE NO. 2198

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 88.7.12 AND ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO DIVISION 8, CHAPTER 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BILLBOARDS AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2144 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance 2198 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was clarified that the Sign Review Board is to notify people within 300 ft. re: billboard hearings, with method of notification left to Staff.

Councilman Brewster commented that he is depending heavily on the Sign Review Board to do a good job at this assignment on behalf of the citizens of Torrance and the aesthetics of the City of Torrance.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. APPEAL OF CASE S70-153 - WALTERS DRUGS, 17440 Crenshaw.
 Permission to install roof sign on a business development which already has existing roof and pole signs.

The proponent was ^{not} present, and this item was held for later in the meeting.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

12. APPEAL OF D70-14, THOMAS K. FITZPATRICK.
 For a Division of Lot in the R-P zone on property located on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard, between 231st Street and 232nd Street.
 DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick was present, and requested that this item be held over in view of the absence of Mr. Boris Woolley, owner of State Farm Insurance. It was agreed that item #12 be returned in two weeks.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. 1970 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE - ENGINEERING SERVICES.
(2 RESOLUTIONS)

RESOLUTION NO. 71-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH LAMPMAN AND ASSOCIATES DATED JANUARY 29, 1971 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON STORM DRAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 1970 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-32. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH E.L. PEARSON AND ASSOCIATES DATED JANUARY 29, 1971 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON STORM DRAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 1970 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

14. RESOLUTION re: installation and maintenance of Traffic Signals on Hawthorne Boulevard at Penney-Del Amo Entrances.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-34

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 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AT PENNEY-DEL AMO ENTRANCES.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-34. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

15. ORDINANCE designating Chief of Fire Department as the Issuing Authority for the Issuance of Applications and Permits to Manufacture, Store, Receive, Transport, Use, Sell or Otherwise Dispose of Explosives.

ORDINANCE NO. 2199

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS THE ISSUING AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED IN 12007 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS TO MANUFACTURE, STORE, RECEIVE, TRANSPORT, USE, SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF EXPLOSIVES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2199 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

16. CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY PLAQUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS, RECREATION, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Plaque #1 to list current Council members, City Treasurer, City Clerk, City Manager, City Librarian, contractor, and architect. Plaque #2 will list the Library Commission, Mrs. Ethel Mosley (in memoriam), and the past City Council.

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

It was understood that the format presented at this meeting by City Librarian West would be dropped down.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:17. COMMISSION VACANCIES.

It was agreed by the Council that the matter of Commission Vacancies be considered at 5:00 P.M. on March 2, 1971.

18. League of Women Voters Community Opinion Survey.

REQUEST OF CITY MANAGER:

That permission be granted to print, collate and bind 1,000 copies of the subject League survey at a cost of \$200.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

There was discussion prior to roll call vote. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated his concern regarding the precedent-setting aspect of the request, and questioned if this would be done for other groups, such as the Republican Women's Club, etc.? Mayor Miller pointed out the time consuming, overwhelming efforts of this group in compiling information which will prove of great benefit to the City for a mere \$200. Councilman Sciarrotta concurred in the extreme value of the subject report, and added that the Council could decide on the merits of any future such requests.

Concurrence with Councilman Uerkwitz was expressed by Councilman Surber who indicated that he will vote against the motion.

Speaking at this time was Mrs. Elizabeth Lanzer, president of the League of Women Voters, who stated that when the project was started it was desired to share the information with the City -- they attempted to make it general information, of a public nature; the subject request was made because it was felt that that was the only way such coverage could be obtained.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Uerkwitz.

Councilman Johnson commended the League on a high caliber report, and expressed appreciation for the information.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz, in qualifying his "no" vote, that the survey was excellent, but he is apprehensive that a precedent might be established.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

19. Examination for Department Head Class of Personnel Manager.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission in their communication of February 10th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:20. Ordinance No. 2193.

City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2193

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 35.1.10 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CARD CLUBS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2193 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

21. Ordinance No. 2194.

City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2194

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE DRILLING, RE-DRILLING, OR DEEPENING OF OIL WELL HOLES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS TO SUCH PROVISIONS; ELIMINATING THE "O" ZONE FROM COMBINING OIL DISTRICTS; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2130 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2194 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. Ordinance No. 2195.

City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2195

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY POWER LINE AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-28.

(Union Carbide Corporation)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2195 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. Ordinance No. 2196.

City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

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ORDINANCE NO. 2196

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTIONS 74.3.2 (g) AND (j) AND SUBSECTION 74.3.7 (b) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING NEW SUBSECTIONS 74.3.2 (g) AND (j) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2196 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:24. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$997.50 to Vermont Lumber for 300 redwood posts as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for posting traffic signs.
2. \$409.76 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 25 angle valves as requested by the Water Department for stock.
3. \$525.00 to Xerox Corporation for 20 cartons of Xercx toner as requested by Central Services for use on the Xerox 3600 copy machine.
4. \$481.95 to IBM for one only IBM electric typewriter as requested by the City Clerk's office for use by the new Minute Secretary approved by Council January 26, 1971.
5. \$408.78 to California Nut & Bolt Company for 600 - 3/4" various bolts-nuts as requested by the Water Department for stock.
6. \$840.00 to W.B. Equipment Company for 400 - 4" plastic hydrant caps as requested by the Water Department for stock.
7. \$1317.75 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for one only 4-frequency Motorola Police Radio complete with all cables and antenna as requested by the Police Department as a replacement.
8. \$825.62 to F. Morton Pitt Company for three each shotgun holders, fire extinguisher assembly and combination siren and public address systems complete with microphone and speakers as requested by the Police Department as replacements.

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B. SPECIAL LIBRARY ITEMS:

9. \$607.33 to Simon and Schuster, Inc. for 197 adult and juvenile books.
10. \$478.28 to The Bookman, Inc. for 226 adult paperbacks.

25. CLAIM of James L. Durment for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

26. AWARD OF CONTRACT for the installation of traffic signals and street lighting at the intersections of Madrona Avenue at Fashion Way and Hawthorne Boulevard at Fashion Way to low bidder - Steiny and Company, Inc. (Job #71102).

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSOCIATE TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

That the subject contract be awarded to the low bidder - Steiny & Company, Inc. - and that all other bids be rejected.

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

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that he receive a report re: agenda item #25 on completion of the investigation.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

27. REQUEST BY TORRANCE IRISH CLUB FOR WAIVER OF LICENSE FEES.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that this is a great year for Torrance -- its 50th Anniversary; the Irish Parade should prove a further attraction to Torrance in that this has been a unique organization. It was further stated by Councilman Wilson he is aware of the requested waiver of license fee, as well as the fact that there will be expense in terms of manning, but, overall, this is a very inexpensive type of public relations for the City. Therefore, Councilman Wilson MOVED to grant the subject request for waiver of license fees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Miller stated his opinion that any group of people so interested in this event and putting forth such effort should be encouraged -- particularly this eventful year -- if the 50th Anniversary theme is to be incorporated in the Irish Parade, Mayor Miller will vote in favor of the request. Lieutenant Cook, president of the Torrance Irish Club, confirmed that this would be done.

Discussion followed on the cost to the Police Department, and other possible sources of assistance -- it was also noted by City Traffic Engineer Horkay that there would be a cost to his department of approximately \$600. Reviewed as well was the revised route recommended by Chief of Police Nash; Lieutenant Cook pointed out the considerable time and money on the part of the parade participants and their desire to show off their accomplishments along the established parade route.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to grant the request was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to:

Item #11, Appeal of S70-153, Walters Drugs.

The proponent was not yet present, and it was agreed to hold this item for two weeks.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. City Attorney Remelmeyer referred to the recent correspondence to the Council from Airport Manager Egan regarding the Clear Zone, and the requested report by Councilman Johnson -- he advised that efforts are underway to clear the title, and that the matter has been resolved with the Redevelopment Agency but not yet with the City.

29. City Treasurer Rupert noted that the publication "Municipal Finance Officers of the United States and Canada" carried some favorable publicity for the City of Torrance in that Finance Director Dundore was reinstated as a director of the California organization under MFOA -- congratulations were extended Mr. Dundore.

Congratulations were also afforded City Attorney Remelmeyer for his letter in the Los Angeles Times regarding factory built housing by Councilman Wilson.

30. The need for an Executive Session at the end of this meeting was noted by City Manager Ferraro -- the purpose being on the continuing matter of "meet and confer", as well as a statement regarding a personnel matter.

31. Councilman Brewster requested that the Council Public Works Committee meet on Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:00 P.M., in view of the revised meeting hour for Council on March 2nd.

32. The Investment and Earning Statement and the average yield of 7.219% was noted by Councilman Johnson who commended City Treasurer Rupert for this accomplishment. It was the comment of Mr. Rupert at this time that the amount that had been indicated in the budget for the year was reached at the 6-month point.

33. The pending report on Senior Citizen bus transportation was alluded to by Councilman Johnson -- City Manager Ferraro advised that he would check the status of this information.

34. Councilman Sciarrotta reported on the advice from Building and Safety Director McKinnon regarding the oil well fences that there is a possibility of property owner cooperation in this matter -- Mr. Sciarrotta requested that Mr. McKinnon proceed along these lines, particularly as it pertains to safety and beautification.
35. A high jump record established by former Torrance High School student Steve Smith at a track meet in Leningrad was pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the request that an appropriate tile plaque be prepared in recognition of this. There were no objections.
36. A communication from citizens requesting an appeal on the "Taco Bell" establishment proposed at Pacific Coast Highway and Anza Avenue was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz. City Manager Ferraro indicated that this would be investigated, and that Councilman Uerkwitz statement of interest is sufficient to warrant the requested appeal.
37. Councilman Brewster reported on the excellent presentation regarding noise attenuation characteristics along highways and freeways at a recent Intercity Highway meeting, and advised that City Traffic Engineer Horkay will make this data available to those interested.
38. Concern with the extension of Madrona Avenue, in addition to his concern regarding Prairie Avenue voiced at the February 9th Council meeting, was expressed by Councilman Wilson, with the request that the progress on this street be incorporated in the forthcoming report from Staff, along with consideration of referral to the Traffic Commission.
39. A possible lack of understanding regarding Councilman Johnson's motion on the Victor Precinct at the February 9th Council meeting was indicated by Councilman Wilson -- were it the intent that the Planning Department/Commission make a study of this area in terms of what might be proper zoning, including a balance thereof, Councilman Wilson would like to change his vote and request reconsideration. Councilman Johnson confirmed that such had been the intent of his motion.

Councilman Wilson thereupon MOVED for reconsideration of agenda item #14 for the Council meeting of February 9th re: the Victor Precinct. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that it would not be necessary to hold another public hearing in order to revote.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, and
Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Uerkwitz.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller. (For reasons previously
stated.)

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MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that the subject item be referred back to the Planning Department for their recommendation, which would then come through the Planning Commission to the Council, as it pertains to "Area #4". The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Uerkwitz.

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

40. Mayor Miller took particular note of the fact that Chief of Police Nash has successfully completed his first year of service in this capacity, and extended congratulations therefor.

41. The presentation to be made by the bond consultant was questioned by Mayor Miller, the scheduled Bond Issue meetings were reviewed, and it was finally decided that the necessary arrangements be made for such presentation to the Council on March 23rd, with the Council to convene one hour earlier, at 6:00 P.M.

At 7:10 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council recess to an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Miller advised the audience that the Council would return to adjourn, but that no further business would be conducted.

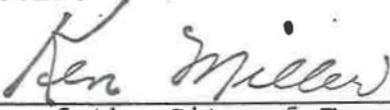
The Council returned at 7:45 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, February 23rd, at 6:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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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 23, 1971, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Wilson (out of town on USC business).

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Pat Rankin, president, Torrance Woman's Club, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Everett Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the February 9th Council meeting be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

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 Wilson absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

There were no reports.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

9. Report by Messrs. Lee Weber and George Hjelte of the Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc., Consulting Firm regarding the Bond Issue.

There was a detailed, informative presentation by Mr. George Hjelte in reference to the Bond Issue Report, a matter of record.'

The need for an additional report on the financial aspects of such an undertaking was noted by Mr. Weber. It was agreed that he would make such presentation at the March 2nd Council meeting, such meeting to convene at 4:00 P.M. for this purpose.

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The hour being 7:05 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Torrance Woman's Club Month" - March 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with formal presentation to Torrance Woman's Club president, Mrs. Pat Rankin.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. VARIANCE 70-17, VICTOR AND NANCY THOMSEN.

Request for a variance of the provisions of the R-3 zone to permit the use of an existing building for a lawnmower sales and service shop at 3703-05 West 190th Street.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

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 Variance 70-17, and invited those wishing to speak to do so at this time.

Mr. Thomsen was in attendance and described the need which has prompted the subject variance and the overall improvement that will result.

It was noted by Planning Director Shartle that the Planning Commission has already initiated a zone change for the subject area,

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and discussed as well the reasons for the Planning Department's recommendation for denial.

It was the opinion of Councilman Brewster that the variance approach on this property is "reaching out", in that a variance requires that the land have some physical complication which would not permit building for the zoned use -- Mr. Brewster has no objection to the proposed use, but he would prefer that it be accomplished in the most legal fashion, and, therefore, use the zone change approach.

There was discussion regarding the size of the lot - 47' x 130' -- and development was deemed difficult by Mayor Miller; the Mayor noted as well that the proponent was "zoned out" of his business presently at 182nd and Prairie.

Councilman Johnson reported on his personal research regarding this matter and the apparent neighborhood support of what is proposed. Mr. Johnson would concur that there is hardship in this case.

Speaking at this time, Mr. Bill Largent, 18832 Felbar, recalled past history and uses of the subject property. Also noted by Mr. Largent was the Staff requirement that a 6 ft. block wall be constructed, and the fact that one of the residents has recently constructed a 5 ft. block wall -- would this affect that requirement? It was indicated by Planning Director Shartle that this might suffice; it would have to be checked out.

Mr. Bob Jones, 17019 Kornblum, stated that he is the salesman in this matter, and that the property is presently in escrow, subject to the approval of a variance or a zone change, and that the Building Department approve a building permit, as well as approval of a preliminary title report. Approval of this request, in Mr. Jones' opinion, would eliminate a long standing eyesore in the City, and provide a desired service in the neighborhood.

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

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, subject to conditions, with the stipulation that Planning Director Shartle work out the 6 ft. fence requirement on the east side of the property (Staff condition #3). The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

It was stated by Councilman Brewster regarding his "no" vote that it was not to prejudice the application - he is in favor of the use on that land - but it is procedural thing.

12. ZONE CHANGE 70-31, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.
 Change of zone for the elimination of the overlay "O"
 Combining Oil District on the south side of Del Amo
 Boulevard, approximately 500 feet west of Wayne Avenue
 and 300 feet east of the westerly City limits.
 RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Affidavit of Publication previously presented.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Zone Change 70-31.

City Attorney Remlemeyer reported on his meeting with Mr. Robert Fernandez of U.S. Natural Resources regarding their oil operation, it being learned that it is not intended to drill any more wells and now have essentially a tank farm operation; the abolition of the "O" zone would have no particular effect on this company, and their only concern is that they not be out of business with the tank farm before the existing wells have to move.

It was added by Mr. Remelmeyer that he will return to the Council with some legislation, perhaps at the same time as the abatement of nonconforming uses ordinance is presented, containing special provisions in reference to this type tank farm.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, Mr. Remelmeyer advised that a previous commitment to this company would be met provided the tank farm can be kept on the property until the wells have to go.

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

The feasibility of delaying a decision at this time, until Mr. Remelmeyer can prepare the above mentioned material, was discussed. It was the opinion of Councilman Johnson that a delayed decision would be very bad for the "O" zone program, in view of other action taken, and a detrimental precedent would be set. The involvement of the tank farms is not really a part of the "O" zone situation, according to Mr. Johnson, and the fact that the City Attorney is preparing abatement legislation, makes it possible to handle the tank farms at a later time, thereby causing no hardship by taking action relative to the "O" zone at this time. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that Mr. Johnson's suggestion has much merit, and is probably, legally, a better way to proceed.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that Planning Director Shartle check into the landscaping plan on this property to ascertain that these requirements have been fulfilled.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject property be included in the elimination of the "O" zone, and that the City Attorney in preparing the abatement procedure for tank farms treat

it appropriately in accordance with its required conditions, as the City Attorney will be required to treat others appropriately in accordance with their required conditions. (In short, concurrence with the Planning Commission recommendation.) The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. ORDINANCE to provide for requirement of Off-Street Parking for Plant Nurseries.

ORDINANCE NO. 2200

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 93.2.39 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENT OF OFF-STREET PARKING FOR PLANT NURSERIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2200 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14. TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 70-2 (TMP NO. 836) TORMED.
Request for approval of a tentative parcel map on property located on the south side of Lomita Boulevard, approximately 1,000 feet east of Hawthorne Boulevard.
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS (except Parcel No. 1).

City Manager Ferraro introduced at this time some new Staff conditions imposed on the subject request.

In view of these last-minute added conditions, and following a lengthy discussion of the complicated considerations in this matter, it was the consensus of all that a one week delay would be in order.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to delay agenda item #14 for one week, to the Council meeting of March 2nd. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Present were Messrs. Myers and Keehn, representing Tormed; and Mr. Kanne, representing Metrocare - all of whom stipulated agreement with the above continuance.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that when this matter is returned that the many conditions be neatly listed on one page -- further, that the Precise Plan conditions be itemized.

REAL PROPERTY:

15. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement for the purchase of property for Delthorne Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST CERTAIN ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR DELTHORNE PARK.
(Foley and Thomas Parcels)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-35. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. Adjustment of Premium on Bus Liability Policy #CGA 58 97.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That approval be granted by the City Council for additional premiums required due to several factors which include an unfavorable loss experience period.

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

Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his previously expressed concern regarding this state of affairs. It was noted by Councilman Johnson that some of the drivers had been involved in several accidents, and requested that this be investigated.

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At 8:45 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Council returned to its agenda at 8:46 P.M.

Discussion returned to agenda item #14, Torred. City Manager Ferraro indicated that a period of two weeks appears necessary to resolve this matter -- with the proponents now absent from the audience, Mayor Miller requested that this item be returned to the March 3rd agenda, in view of the action taken earlier, with appropriate action to be taken at that time.

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A 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller, the hour being 8:50 P.M.

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TRANSIT SYSTEM:

17. RESOLUTION re: increased charter rates for Torrance Transit System.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF FARES FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24, 1971.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-36. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

18. AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION enabling the City to provide charter bus service as needed to the Torrance Unified School District.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-37

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 AGREEMENT FOR CHARTER BUS SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-37. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. ORDINANCE providing for the abatement and removal as a public nuisance of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof from public or private property.

The propriety of Section 43.5.13 ENTRY UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY was questioned by Councilman Johnson; he urged that there be further review and possible rewording. Councilman Surber indicated that he shared Mr. Johnson's reservations in this regard, along with the "hearing board" aspect of the Torrance Beautiful Commission and the ultimate disposition of the money.

Discussion was then directed to the Torrance Beautiful Commission vs the Planning Commission for hearing these cases -- Building and Safety Director McKinnon pointed out that additional Staff would be necessary for the Torrance Beautiful Commission; this would not be true were the Planning Commission selected. It is his recommendation, and that of Planning Director Shartle, that these cases be heard by the Planning Commission, which would make an increase in Staff unnecessary.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the subject ordinance be revised to delete the Torrance Beautiful Commission, substituting the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the subject ordinance be delayed for one week, and returned to the Council agenda of March 1st. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Johnson reiterated his concern re: Section 43.5.13 and his hang-up pertaining thereto. Councilman Brewster stated that while he had no objection to the delay of one week, he is not at all "hung-up" about the ordinance and, in fact, feels it very creditable. Further, the other Council members indicated their general concurrence with the Planning Commission arrangement, with the exception of Councilman Brewster who deemed this the kind of thing best suited for the Torrance Beautiful Commission and what they were set up to do.

City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that he would return with "A" and "B" ordinances.

20. RESOLUTION providing that no committee or commission of the City shall sponsor or endorse any organization, individual, activity or event without the approval of the City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING THAT NO COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION OF THE CITY SHALL SPONSOR OR ENDORSE ANY ORGANIZATION, INDIVIDUAL, ACTIVITY OR EVENT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-38. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2197.

ORDINANCE NO. 2197

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, NORTH OF THE LOMITA CITY LIMITS, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-27.

(A-1 Coast Rentals, Inc.)

Present, representing A-1 Coast Rentals, Inc., was Mr. Alonzo Billings, 1647 - 247th Place, who requested deletion of Condition #2 - "That a parcel map be recorded eliminating the existing property lines on the subject property at depth of 180 feet and 256.25 feet from Crenshaw Boulevard." - in that it is not their intent to build across

the property lines. Planning Director Shartle indicated his concurrence with Mr. Billings' request.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2197, with the deletion of Condition #2, at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2198.

ORDINANCE NO. 2198

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 88.7.12 AND ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO DIVISION 8, CHAPTER 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BILLBOARDS AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2144 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2198 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Brewster clarified that the notification process was not to be a part of the ordinance and was to be a policy matter, at the discretion of Staff.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2199.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS THE ISSUING AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED IN 12007 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS TO MANUFACTURE, STORE, RECEIVE, TRANSPORT, USE, SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF EXPLOSIVES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2199 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

24. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

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A. BUDGETED:

1. \$527.80 to Jamison, Inc. for one only playground glider set apparatus which consists of 3 swing ride units as requested by Recreation Department for installation at Torrance Park.
2. \$2625.00 to Xerox Corporation for an annual contract for 100 cartons of Xerox toner for use on the Xerox 3600 Copiers to be delivered on an "as requested" basis for Central Services.
3. \$550.20 to Graybar Electric for 144-only 150-watt floodlamps and 6 - 400-watt lamp ballasts as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacement items.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

4. \$697.62 to Combined Book Exhibit for 717 books.
 5. \$1129.21 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 121 adult and 83 juvenile books.
 6. \$1986.74 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 254 adult books.
25. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: Curb and Gutter Construction on 235th Street e/o Crenshaw Boulevard (Job #71114).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted;
2. That final apyment be made to the contractor, Nick Vargas; and
3. That \$200 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

26. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Curb and Gutter Construction in 182nd Street e/o Prairie Avenue (Job #71113).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Nick Vargas.

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 1971 Weed Abatement Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to B.E. Taylor and all other bids be rejected.

28. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from 231st Street to 232nd Street (east side) B71-5 Job #71123.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to J.B. Crosby Company, Inc., and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with agenda items #24, 25, 26, 27, and #28 as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

29. PERMIT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ACROSS COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY (PROBATION BUILDING PARKING LOT).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the subject permit and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest the permit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. City Librarian West requested that the week of March 1st through March 6th be declared a "Fine Free" week in order to retrieve many outstanding books. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the City Librarian's request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

31. Sr. Recreation Supervisor Klement advised that Director of Recreation Van Bellehem has just been elected 2nd Vice President of the California Park and Recreation Society.

32. Councilman Brewster reported his understanding that the Boy Scouts of Troop 153, as a service project, inserted the earthquake information cards into the envelopes used for the water billing. Mr. Brewster requested that an appropriate letter of commendation be drafted on behalf of the Council in acknowledgment of these efforts.

33. Councilman Johnson referred to Information Item C - the Senior Citizen Program of reduced bus fares - and commented that such a program should go forward, along the lines of a 10¢ fare limit for all Senior Citizens 60 or over, and not to exclude Senior Citizens outside Torrance, with the ride between Torrance boundaries.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that this matter be referred to the Council Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

34. An important statewide legislative tax conference meeting on March 9th in Sacramento was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the recommendation that a member of the Legislative Liaison Committee attend. Councilman Brewster agreed to do so.

35. Councilman Sciarrotta advised that a Chamber of Commerce representative has requested that they be furnished Planning Commission minutes. City Clerk Coil will follow through.

36. A National League of Cities of U.S. Conference of Mayors is to be held in Washington, D.C. on March 21st through March 23rd, according to Councilman Sciarrotta, which will incorporate the matter of revenue sharing.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon MOVED that Mayor Miller attend the subject Conference, and that the necessary expenses be authorized. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Mayor Miller abstaining. (Councilman Wilson absent).

37. It was noted by Councilman Surber that the Torrance Area Youth Band was a first place winner in the "Carson Days" event, and the fact that this band brings much prestige and honor to Torrance.

38. Councilman Surber elaborated on the communication from Fire Chief Lucas regarding the January 9th "disaster drill" and the role of the Torrance Fire Department, recent publicity notwithstanding.

39. The need for consideration regarding bicycle paths, in regard to the Bond Issue and recreation needs, was pointed out by Councilman Surber, with the request that such possibilities be explored by the Park and Recreation Commission.

40. In reference to Information Item A - TOPICS - it was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that this be referred to the Traffic Commission. There were no objections.

41. At the request of Mayor Miller regarding the status of the Carson Street improvement, City Engineer Weaver advised that the award of the contract is anticipated in the second or third week in March, and, hopefully, construction will begin some 30 days after that, if certain problems can be resolved.

Councilman Johnson reported on current negotiations involving some beautiful old trees on Carson, just west of Arlington. He will report back on this matter.

42. Mr. Ollie Harrison, 5115 Scott Street, expressed his displeasure with the rubbish collection in Torrance -- residents should not be burdened with the extra taxation represented by the rubbish collection fee nor with a minimum size container.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out the rule requiring that all such complaints be in writing, and it was so ordered by the Council.

43. Mr. Ted Koletos, 24708 Via Valmonte, presented documents containing allegations regarding recent events in his life.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reviewed the documents and ruled that this is not City Council business, and there is no relief that the Council can grant Mr. Koletos, and he was referred to the State Attorney General.

44. The president of the Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Richard Hall, referred to the Riviera Beach Club property and recent litigation pertaining thereto, with special thanks to Councilmen Brewster and Sciarrotta for their assistance in getting them into the County offices.

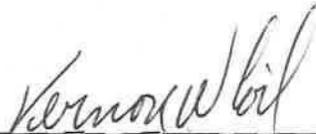
A proposed apartment development on property sought by the State for park development was next reviewed by Mr. Hall, with the request, on behalf of the Association, that a moratorium be placed on the Torrance property on the basis that there is substantial question of public easement across this property, requiring study by the City Attorney.

City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that he could see no legal basis for placing such a moratorium at this time -- however, there are likely other avenues that should be explored.

It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Hall's request be referred to the City Attorney for study and development of some sort of procedure. It was indicated by Mr. Remelmeyer that some action could be prepared, there presently being a two-week period for the checking of the apartment plans, for Council approval at the March 2nd meeting, which could result in a temporary injunction.

At 10:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 2nd, at 4:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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

APPROVED:



Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance