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

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 1971, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilman Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Surber arrived at 4:10 P.M.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by the "Bluejay Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls" -- some seven elegant young ladies.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Charles Neigh, Walteria Community Methodist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 1971 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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 (Councilman Surber 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 Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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Taken at this time:

9. Commission Appointments and Attendance Reports.

Present was Mr. Robert McLemore who indicated his desire to serve on a City Commission.

Mrs. Ethel Kovach appeared somewhat later in the meeting to request appointment to the Youth Welfare Commission as first choice.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

9A. BOND ISSUE.

Mr. Lee Weber, Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc., outlined in detail the financial aspect of the proposed Bond Issue, the express purpose for convening at 4:00 P.M., and a matter of record in their formal report.

On conclusion of the presentation, Councilman Johnson MOVED to accept the subject report and approve payment thereof. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Katy Geissert, Chairman, Bond Steering Committee, reported on a recent meeting with the School Board regarding use of school property in connection with the proposed Bond Issue and the positive attitude evidenced by the School Board.

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At 5:10 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering Commission appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Appointments to be announced at March 9th Council meeting.)

The Council returned at 5:50 P.M.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

March 16th at 4:30 P.M.

Goals Steering Committee:

2nd Town Hall meeting scheduled for April 22nd.

Public Works Committee:

March 9th at 6:00 P.M. to consider Factory Built Housing and Environmental problems.

Transportation Committee:

Will meet on April 27th at 9:30 A.M. with Airport Commissioners, and with the FAA, at the Airport.

Considered at this time, out of order:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2201 re: payment of License Taxes on Oil Wells.
ORDINANCE NO. 2202 re: imposing a tax on producing or severing oil or gas from the earth; and establishing provisions for the administration of said tax.
RESOLUTION declaring the Council's intention to use Oil Well License Fees and the monies in the Severance Tax Fund for particular purposes.

Mayor Miller invited those present on this matter to come forward at this time.

Mr. Albert Karr, 16833 Thornburgh, representing Thornburgh Homeowners Association, stated that this Association favors the imposition of a barrel tax and of an increase in the oil well drilling license fee.

Next to speak was Mr. P.L. Lacombe, representing the Torrance Unit composed of Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company, the Getty Oil Company, and Standard Oil Company of California -- in addition, the Petroleum Lakes-Glazer Company -- stating that he had received the very substantial material on this matter, and there apparently is some misinformation relative to the statistics contained therein. It was Mr. Lacombe's suggestion that this item be referred to a Council Committee in order to achieve the needed clarification. City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that the statistics were furnished him by the State Division of Oil and Gas.

Discussion followed regarding the delay requested by Mr. Lacombe -- it being the general consensus of the Council that this would be satisfactory, were exact figures furnished and that the report would be representative of all the oil people.

Mrs. Arnold Johnson, 2278 West 232nd Street, referred to Mr. Lacombe's request and called the Council's attention to the fact the reports on the projected production in connection with CWOD, Torrance Unit water flood, that the projected figures on production were included in Sr. Zoning Enforcement Officer Quale's report -- they did not come from CWOD; they were not included in CWOD's unit report. If figures are to be considered, Mrs. Johnson continued, projected figures should be considered in that the barrel tax is not going to be put on what was produced in 1969, 1968, or the past 50 years -- it is going to be levied upon the extraction of oil in the future.

Added by Mrs. Johnson was the understanding of the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Oil Committee that the Torrance Unit water flood, headed by CWOD, is about ready to go into full scale injection, and that the results of the water flood should be producing oil within the foreseeable future. It is further understood, according to Mrs. Johnson, that Petroleum Lakes Glazer Company is actively organizing and preparing to do water flood to the west. In conclusion, it was the recommendation of Mrs. Johnson that if there are figures to be presented, let them be furnished by the oil companies in connection with the projections.

Mr. Chris Millson, 20035 Madison, expressed approval of the proposed legislation, with the added comment that it seems unusual to have a situation, as proposed here, whereby he who is taxed is in a position to justify the tax.

Next to speak was Mr. George Kurtz, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, who noted that the majority involved in what is proposed are members of the Petroleum Producers Association, and, on their behalf, noted that they had not been contacted in reference to the subject materials. Questioned as well by Mr. Kurtz was the fact that he was uninformed regarding the Council Committee meeting on this matter; the routine announcing of Committee "open to the public" meetings at weekly Council meetings was pointed out to Mr. Kurtz. Mr. Kurtz reiterated his feeling that this go through the usual channels, with committee meetings to present all the necessary information, and it was his request that this matter be continued for that purpose.

Councilman Uerkwitz then asked Mr. Kurtz if he could provide like information requested of Mr. Lacombe. Mr. Kurtz pointed out that he is representing many, many individuals, but that he would attempt to obtain the desired information to the best of his ability. Councilman Uerkwitz noted the concern of the Council for information relative to future projections.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that the kind of data he will be looking for regarding projections will be an indication of the number of barrels each year, not just a gross assumption for the next ten years -- an oil flow on a curve is desired.

Pending oil ordinances were also noted by Councilman Brewster with the recommendation that the entire package be presented at the same time -- City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that this would be possible.

Miss Joy Shaw, Executive Board member, Walteria Homeowners Association, stated that they wholeheartedly support SETHA in their stand on this matter in that they can see where the oil interest has been of little or no benefit to the City.

It is her personal opinion, Miss Shaw continued, that this be likened to a personal injury suit, with the injured party the City of Torrance; its pocketbook, heart, and face has been injured and uglified. The jury is the people of the City who have brought in the verdict of damage, and any compensatory award, no matter how large, will fall short of true compensation for the toll taken on the City's homeowners.

Mr. Harry Gorman, Manager, Del Amo Properties Company, (Petroleum Lakes-Glazer Company) stated that they would make available to the Council their exact production figures on all of their wells -- they will also make available their projected figures, depletion allowances, etc. It was added by Mr. Gorman that it is felt the proposed license tax increase is quite excessive -- in their case it will represent an increase from \$1265 per year to \$14,500 per year. A two week delay was requested by Mr. Gorman in order that the above figures might be furnished.

It was pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer that secondary recovery is contemplated by Petroleum Lakes-Glazer, and the figures would be meaningless without an engineering study of the secondary recovery operation which would show the projected volume of oil. Mr. Gorman confirmed that his projections would be based only on primary recovery as it is now; they are working on secondary recovery but are not jumping in at this point, but would try to make any such figures available.

Councilman Johnson suggested that the three sources of information in this case get together, as a team, with Staff in order that Council may be furnished a complete package. It was Mr. Johnson's further suggestion that City Attorney Remelmeyer be the focal point for receiving the subject information. The Council concurred in this.

Mr. Robert Abbey, 5536 Norton Street, stated, on behalf of the Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association, that they are whole heartedly in favor of this means of augmenting the funds in the City of Torrance.

Next to speak was Mr. James T. McCutcheon, Western Oil and Gas Association, 609 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, who stated that they represent members producing approximately 90% of the oil in Torrance, and offered their assistance in the compilation of the requested data, not only figures, but other pertinent information; every effort to cooperate will be made by his group.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject matter be postponed to the Council meeting of March 16th, a 5:30 P.M. meeting (this item to appear near the end of the agenda to accomodate those desiring to be present); further, that the requested information be placed in the hands of City Attorney Remelmeyer for presentation to the full Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Treasurer Rupert described proposed State legislation which would impose a Statewide oil license fee and barrel tax and would preempt cities in this regard. City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that action by the City at this time might help its position, in that the State generally "grandfathers" cities already having such a tax.

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ORAL PRESENTATION:

10. Project Park Progress Report.

Miss Ann Stabolepszy, South High School, provided the Council with a Progress Report on Project Park, with completion now in sight.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, lauded this group effort, and urged that it be afforded wide publicity -- Staff was directed as well to glorify these accomplishments. It was the suggestion of Mrs. Ethel Kovach that this be tied in with the 50th Anniversary -- this was deemed an excellent suggestion by the Council.

PROCLAMATION:

11. "Girl Scout Week" - March 7-13, 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:12. Zone Change 70-22, Torrance City Council.

Change of zone from M-1 zone on property located between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street on the west side of Madrona Avenue.

(Continued Hearing. Affidavit of Publication previously presented.)

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Zone Change 70-22.

City Manager Ferraro requested that this matter be continued because of the recently entered escrow on the subject property -- the date, June 15th, which will be after the bond election, and a factor in the escrow.

Mr. Chris Millson was present and expressed agreement with such continuance -- however, it may be necessary to have more than one meeting following same, should it develop that the residents will not have a park.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue ZC 70-22 to June 15th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Brewster indicated his concern regarding the possible need for a stipulation from the property owners with regard to a building moratorium on this property. It was the opinion of City Attorney Remelmeyer that in view of the escrow agreement with them, it is most unlikely that any construction could take place -- any application for a building permit would be halted by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. Day School Nurseries

ORDINANCE NO. 2203

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 91.9.1, 91.25.2, AND 95.3.18 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONDITIONALLY PERMIT THE OPERATION OF DAY NURSERY SCHOOLS IN THE C-R AND R-4 ZONES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2203 at its first reading; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. ORDINANCE re: ZC 70-30.ORDINANCE NO. 2204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9, ARTICLE 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE THE OVERLAY "O" COMBINING OIL DISTRICT ON PROPERTIES LOCATED BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND MADISON STREET AND BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND THE A.T. & S.F. RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-30.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2204 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. ORDINANCE re: ZC 70-29.ORDINANCE NO. 2205

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9, ARTICLE 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE THE OVERLAY "O" COMBINING OIL DISTRICT ON PROPERTIES LOCATED BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND 236th STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND ARLINGTON AVENUE; BETWEEN 230TH STREET AND THE SOUTHERLY CITY BOUNDARY AND BETWEEN ARLINGTON AVENUE AND WALNUT STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-29.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2205 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 6:55 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A 10-minute recess followed at 6:57 P.M.

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16. Tentative Parcel Map 70-2 (TPM No. 836) Torred.
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.

A need to hold this matter for one more week, concurred in by the proponents, resulted in a MOTION to that effect by Councilman Johnson, which was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously approved.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

17. 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.

Representing the proponent was Attorney Walter Anderson, 340 South Sepulveda, Manhattan Beach, who described the identification problems of Walters Drugs which could be eliminated by the installation of a roof sign.

Councilman Johnson indicated his concurrence that it was difficult to locate this drug store and that the other stores at this location are clearly signed -- it was Mr. Johnson's suggestion, as an alternative, that both the requested signs be eliminated and that a properly designed pole sign be evolved.

It was Councilman Brewster's contrary opinion that the drug store is highly visible from three directions with the current sign; the Sign Committee's recommendation that there be a sign on the side of the building to the northeast corner would resolve the entire problem.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman specifically pointed out the feeling of the Sign Review Committee that this is primarily a neighborhood business, specializing in prescriptions, and not subject to interest by passing traffic.

Pictures were displayed, and there was further discussion, resulting in the following action:

Councilman Brewster MOVED to deny the subject request, and to concur with the findings of the Sign Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the proponent go back to redesign on the basis of an appropriate pole sign in lieu of the wall sign and the roof sign.

There was additional discussion before the second to the motion. The owner of the subject property, Mr. Green, indicated his willingness to redesign the sign, and it was the consensus of the Council that this matter should be held for such redesign.

Councilman Johnson thereupon amended his SUBSTITUTE MOTION to state that the appeal of S70-153 be delayed for 30 days, with concurrence of the proponent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was clarified by Councilman Brewster that there is no intent on the part of the Council that the Sign Review Committee necessarily change their stand one iota.

18. SIGN APPEAL of Robert O'Neill, Pro-Lube Garage, Case S71-3.

Mr. O'Neill was present, and there was review of his sign program, specifically noting the February 25th communication from Building and Safety Director McKinnon analyzing the signing and Mr. O'Neill's clean-up efforts to date. Slides of the Pro-Lube Garage were projected to visually assist the Council.

It was the added comment of Mr. O'Neill that the garage is for sale, being listed with Fredericks Realty, in view of the financial hardships endured by him.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director in that Mr. O'Neill's sign program is not objectionable, and that the requested relief be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote it was the comment of Councilman Wilson that there is a special exception in this case in that Mr. O'Neill acted in good faith in requesting the new sign -- Dr. Wilson also indicated his concern regarding the sign overage allocated, but that advantage has been taken of Mr. O'Neill in requesting this clean-up and to then indicate that this is not good enough. It is hoped that the number of signs can still be reduced, Councilman Wilson continued, and that Mr. O'Neill, on his own, will reduce the signs in an effort to conform more with what has been asked -- while each case does stand on its own merits, rules should be abided by. Councilman Wilson further stated that he desires to grant the requested relief, but that he would welcome an indication from Mr. O'Neill that he will, for instance, take down the Monroe sign, or otherwise make concessions.

It was noted that the Monroe sign will be eliminated in December in any event -- Mr. O'Neill stated that he would eliminate the names of the men on each of the stalls, the prices on each side -- but not the shamrock!

Councilman Johnson indicated that he has the listing on the subject property, and inquired as to his role in voting on this case. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that it likely would not be necessary to abstain in this case as a matter of law, but it generally has been the policy of the Council in cases involving a listing or prospective

listing on property under consideration, that that Councilman refrain from voting.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson,
and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Johnson. (Possible financial interest).

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster regarding his "no" vote that he would agree some relief is needed, but a compromise satisfactory to him has not yet been reached.

Councilmen Sciarrotta and Surber indicated that their "yes" votes were on the basis of the excellent report furnished by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he so voted with the stipulation that there be some modification.

Mayor Miller alluded to the misleading reference to the "illegal" sign in the Sign Review Committee report, it not being indicated that it was legal at the time of installation -- it was his request that future memos include this type of information.

It was the further comment of the Mayor that while he feels a certain resistance to the request, it has been his experience that Mr. McKinnon is a reasonable and fair man in dealing with these problems - problems with which he is well acquainted - and Mayor Miller bows to his interpretation in this particular case; hence his yes vote.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

19. 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. Boris Woolley, 2271 Torrance Boulevard, was present to report on the circumstances of the State Farm lease and the escrow involving the subject property -- of particular concern, according to Mr. Woolley, is the fact that they are going to lose their tenant if the Council imposes the portion of Staff condition #1 which states "...and that the parking layout and the access points on Parcel 1 be subject to revision at the time that Parcel 2 is developed." Otherwise the Staff conditions are acceptable, per Mr. Woolley.

Continuing, Mr. Woolley advised the Council that he had no knowledge of the illegal lot split, but that in spanking Mr. Fitzgerald, they will lose their tenant; a substantial hardship is represented in this case in that their building is completed, above and beyond Code requirements.

Discussion followed on access and parking at the subject location and possible arrangements that might be worked out, it generally being the consensus of the Council that true hardship is represented in this situation, and a consideration apart from the illegal lot split.

Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick was present as well to again elaborate on his January 8th communication regarding the extenuating circumstances that led to his violation of the lot split ordinance.

A motion was offered by Councilman Brewster: That the Council approve the request in Item #19, subject to Planning Department recommendations 1 through 10, modifying condition #1 by striking the last phrase ("...and that the parking layout and access points on Parcel 1 be subject to revision at the time that Parcel 2 is developed."); and adding Condition #11: "That the parking layout be subject to a meeting of the minds between Messrs. Shartle, Woolley, and Fitzpatrick."

Mr. Woolley, in response to the above motion, pointed out that redesign is impossible; 27 parking spaces must be provided State Farm.

In light of this information, Councilman Brewster withdrew the above motion, and discussion returned to the problem, resulting in the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for approval, subject to conditions, deleting from Condition #1 the words: "and that the parking layout and access points on Parcel 1 be subject to revision at the time that Parcel 2 is developed." The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimous and favorable.

It was the comment of Planning Director Shartle that if the property to the south is developed with driveways out on Crenshaw Boulevard through the subject property, it might result in the loss of two parking spaces to tie the two properties together with a common driveway; it might be possible to pick up those two spaces on the other property because a driveway onto Crenshaw Boulevard can be eliminated. It was the comment of Mayor Miller that this is something Mr. Fitzpatrick will have to live with and perhaps create a Precise Plan which will make up for the City's loss, in that he erred in this matter.

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REAL PROPERTY:

20. Tom T. Ishibashi Farming Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN FARMING AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 1, 1971 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TOM T. ISHIBASHI.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-39. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of right of entry between the City and Mary Jane Millard.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF ENTRY BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARY JANE MILLARD FOR ENTRY TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND OCEAN AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF WIDENING THE INTERSECTION AND SIGNALIZATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-40. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

22. Request from Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce for \$750 Contribution for Miss Torrance Pageant.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATING TO THE 1971 MISS TORRANCE PAGEANT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS AT A NEW PRICE.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize the purchase of these medals at the new price, with an appropriation in the amount of \$830 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve.

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

24. OIL WELL LICENSE FEES AND BARREL TAX - Heard earlier in the meeting
PARK AND RECREATION:

25. RESOLUTION to execute and attest agreement for development of Columbia Park between the City and the County of Los Angeles.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-42

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 DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBIA PARK BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-42. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that his "no" vote was for the reason that it is the wrong place and the land is not fully usable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. CONTRACT WITH WYLE LAB FOR SURVEY AND REPORT OF LAND USE/ NOISE LEVELS IN THE CITY. (ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE)

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN, NOISE STAFF COMMITTEE.

1. That Council authorize the additional expenditure of \$931.00 from the Environmental Pollution Control Fund; and
2. That Council direct the City Attorney to amend the contract between the City and Wyle Labs (C-1182) (Page 2, numbered Paragraph 5) to include the additional expenditure.

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

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The hour being 8:30 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 5-minute recess.

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27. ORDINANCE "A" providing for abatement and removal as public nuisances of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof from public or private property - Torrance Beautiful Commission.

ORDINANCE "B" providing same as above - Torrance Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE "C" declaring as a public nuisance and making it a misdemeanor to maintain on private or public property abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof.

Ordinance "C", the version supported by him, was discussed by Councilman Johnson, particularly as it pertains to entry on private property and the fencing or housing of vehicles on private property. Ordinance "C" is very direct, very simple, it uses a court of law for the decision to remove or as to disposition of the item. It was further noted by Councilman Johnson that the State has given cities the right to legislate in this field; ordinarily the State is very quick to preempt cities particularly in financial areas, but in this case they had no interest in legislating in a field that would require entry on private property and confiscate personal property.

Representing the Torrance Beautiful Commission, Mr. Bill Burchfield indicated their preference for Ordinance "A" and the fact that this assignment would be welcomed by the Commission; instant service could be provided and there would be "no waiting".

Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary defined the basic differences between Ordinances "A" and "B" and Ordinance "C". There was further discussion by the Council, resulting in the following motion for approval of Ordinance "A":

ORDINANCE NO. 2206

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT AND REMOVAL AS PUBLIC NUISANCES OF ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED OR INOPERATIVE VEHICLES OR PARTS THEREOF FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY NOT INCLUDING HIGHWAYS AND RECOVERY OF COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION THEREOF AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 22660 VEHICLE CODE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2206 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Fred Lincoln came forward to state that it is important that young people are not trampled on in any way -- working on an automobile is a better hobby, than perhaps other activities.

Landscape architect Mr. Gawn complimented the Council on the subject ordinance -- it is a step in the right direction to make the City much more beautiful. There possibly should be future consideration regarding overnight parking and other such problems, in that people are concerned in this matter.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson, prefaced with the comment that he would have no objection to reinstating the requirement for the public hearing in Ordinance "C"; his motion being that Ordinance "C" be returned with the provision written into it that there be a public hearing, but using Ordinance "C"'s system; further, that the hearing be before the Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The main motion, for approval of Ordinance "A", carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "no" vote, that he cannot condone permitting the City to go onto private property to confiscate personal property; this is a job for the courts.

Mayor Miller noted that Ordinance "A" provided greater latitude in that there is provision for written appeal and the right to appear in front of a lay body of the people of the community, rather than go through a court and pay the costs therefor.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:28. EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND SUGGESTION AWARDS:RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. That the existing program in the various departments be expanded and that other departments be authorized and directed to institute an employee suggestion plan.
2. That an appropriate certificate bearing the signatures of the Council along with a gold seal of the City Clerk's Office be prepared for distribution to employees who have made an adopted employee suggestion contribution.
3. That department heard, with the approval of the City Manager, will recommend to the Council quarterly individuals to whom certificates will be presented in recognition of their ideas for improvements in work methods and safety practices. These presentations will be made before the Council quarterly.
4. It was further recommended that an awards dinner be scheduled twice a year which will include all of the certificate awardees combined with those who are retiring, in order to emphasize individual recognition.
5. Lastly, the Committee recommends that this program be evaluated at the end of one year. If found successful, this committee shall be authorized to investigate the possibility of program expansion.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Police, Fire, and Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. ORDINANCE "A" creating the position of Executive Officer.
ORDINANCE "B" amending Civil Service Rules and Regulations to divide duties of Personnel Clerk between the Civil Service Commission and the Personnel Manager.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council not adopt the proposed ordinances at this time. Being amendments to the Civil Service Ordinance, the Charter requires that they first be considered by the Civil Service Commission. The Council should determine only whether they meet with its tentative approval - being a correct implementation of previous Council action -- and, if so, refer them to the Civil Service Commission for consideration. After such consideration, they will be returned to Council for adoption, together with any recommendations of the Commission.

The Council unanimously concurred to refer the subject ordinances to the Civil Service Commission, as above recommended by the City Attorney.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:30. ORDINANCE NO. 2200.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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2200 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:31. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$815.33 to S & J Chevrolet for one only Allison transmission as requested by the City Garage as a replacement.
2. \$485.00 to Coy Chandler Roof Co., Inc. for roof repairs on the Water Department pump house as requested by the Building Maintenance Department.
3. (Placed below, under Library Items, per Councilman Uerkwitz).
4. \$918.75 to Green Thumb Gardens for 50 trees as requested by the Park Department to be planted for Arbor Day, March 6, to commemorate Torrance's 50th Anniversary.

B. LIBRARY ITEMS:

3. \$767.45 to Coast Visual Education Company for one each 16MM and 8MM motion picture projectors and two tables as requested by the City Librarian for use at the new Central Library.
5. \$308.35 to Needham Book Finders - Infinite Books for 75 adult books.
6. \$1019.05 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 134 adult and 27 juvenile books.

32. CLAIM of Walter J. Cornell for property damages.

33. CLAIM of Lila M. Ellis for personal damages.

34. CLAIM of Jack Edward Moore for property damages.

35. CLAIM of Douglas J. Renwick for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That agenda items #32,33,34, and 35 be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

36. STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN - ADDITION THERETO.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the proposed storm drain located westerly of Anza Avenue, between existing storm drain facilities in Pacific Coast Highway and in Newton Street, be adopted as part of the City's Storm Drain Master Plan.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #31,32,33,34,35, and #36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

37. RESOLUTION directing City Attorney to file suit to quiet title to an easement over property and to enjoin any construction thereon.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THAT THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACT TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC USE AND ENJOYMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN SAID CITY AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT TO ACQUIRE QUIET TITLE TO A PUBLIC EASEMENT IN SAID REAL PROPERTY, AND ENJOIN CONSTRUCTION THEREON.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-43. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. REQUEST OF TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND SEMINAR ON SALARY NEGOTIATIONS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE NASH:

That two members only be permitted to attend this seminar -- and the two to attend be Lieutenant Charles Oates and Officer Phillip Joseph.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

39. Councilman Brewster advised that he has requested City Traffic Engineer Horkay to write a letter of explanation regarding the waiver of a fee in a hardship case; this matter will appear on the March 9th agenda.

40. His pleasure at added duties and responsibilities for the Torrance Beautiful Commission, per action taken earlier this evening, was expressed by Councilman Brewster -- further, it is his opinion that there are several City Commissions in need of realignment and/or duty assignment to be more in tune with the problems of the day, and that it would be well for a Council Committee to review the total Commission structure. For example, Mr. Brewster added, there might be a need for a Senior Citizens Commission.

41. Councilman Johnson advised the Council that as vice president of the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County it will be his job to establish the next location for their seminar. As to necessary expenses in this regard, it has been customary for cities to supply this service to the organization, and for the purpose of conducting this investigation, it was Mr. Johnson's request that \$100 be allowed him for out of town travel. Councilman Wilson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

42. The Southeast Torrance library site was referred to by Councilman Johnson with the comment that the City should purchase an adjacent 20 ft. of property at this location with monies made on the Library Bond fund. It is felt by Mr. Johnson that there will be a real need for this land at a later date.

It was the request of Councilman Johnson that the City Manager look into the subject land, review the pertinent sketches, and return with his evaluation and recommended Council action.

43. The Library Plaque was next discussed by Councilman Johnson, along with a display of sketches -- it was his recommendation that the pencilled sketch be selected, and there were no objections.

44. Councilman Sciarrotta offered the following in recognition of the efforts of a fellow-Councilman:

"This evening I ask the indulgence of the Mayor and the rest of my colleagues to grant me the time, the privilege, and the opportunity to extoll some unselfish praise upon one of our esteemed Councilmen. The words which I am about to utter are not meant totally for what this man has done but also for what he stands for.

"Last Saturday at 11:00 A.M. I saw a group of people gathered at Del Amo Boulevard whose spirits seemed uplifted, whose countenances showed gratitude, whose appreciation was evident by the smiles on their faces, and whose hearts seemed to murmur 'we thank you so much'. These people who represent a small minority in our City were not forgotten because there stood a man, a giant of a man amongst us, who had a vision, a beautiful dream, and he set out to make that dream come true.

"I cannot forget the lack of enthusiasm on the part of some of our leaders, some of whom felt that the dream was a fanciful idea, and that it was politically inspired. Yet this giant of a man was not ruffled or even disturbed; he persevered, and was able to win over other giants, perhaps not equal in stature but giants nevertheless.

"The project accomplished was the work of many, but the idea was germinated in the mind of one -- many received plaudits for the work done, but in the hearts and minds of the recipients only one man stood aloft. Many were there to share in the honors, and in some cases justly so, but the work of DR. DONALD WILSON will never be forgotten. There are those who seek publicity and boast of leadership, yet what my colleague was able to accomplish will probably go unheralded.

"The Recreation Hall erected in the Pueblo will serve a just cause, but the important fact is that the people of this community were not forgotten and is a much deeper and nobler cause.

"In lauding this big-hearted, farsighted, God-fearing man, it is not my intention to bypass Colonel Flora, Ruben Ordaz, Mayor Miller, and others too numerous to mention; I know of the hours they spent and the energies put forth -- but the monumental significance of this man's dream, the good relationship promoted amongst our people, the absence of malice and terrorism in Torrance, and the goodwill which was shown are not accidental. These things are brought about and achieved by architects of goodwill -- Dr. Wilson is one of them."

In response, it was the comment of Councilman Wilson that this is the highest compliment a person can achieve, and is the true pay for public service.

45. There was a further literary contribution by Councilman Sciarrotta -- a poem, in light of a recent news article:

"It's not publicity that makes one great,
 For greatness seldom headlines rate --
 It's goodness people have in store
 That lead them to the higher score
 It's not the limelight people seek
 That make one strong and others weak
 We who practice the Golden Rule
 Will reap rewards from God's own school
 The tension's gone, and all is calm
 The boasts are few; there's no alarm
 We need no direction from the hill
 Of a venom caused by a bitter pill --
 Some people think that they are great
 And in defeat will still relate
 That leadership no longer is
 And things that were have turned to fizz.
 I am sure the people in our town
 See the climb upward and not down --
 They see the progress being made
 And join us in the accolade."

46. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Staff refer the investigation on item #34 (Claim of Jack E. Moore) to him for review and possible referral to the Public Safety Committee.

47. Recognition by way of a tile plaque for Mr. Reid Bundy, Daily Breeze, and his recent promotion was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz. Councilman Wilson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

48. A state of speechlessness following Councilman Sciarrotta's remarks was acknowledged by Councilman Wilson -- but he did state that the support of the whole Council made it possible for the project; this is a great Council and this greatness is reflected in its leadership.

49. Mayor Miller requested that Staff investigate the merits, if any, of using economy-type cars.

50. Further information regarding the showers proposed for the new building, and their actual need, was requested by Councilman Surber. Building and Safety Director McKinnon described the shower facilities and labelled them very austere.

At 9:40 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to March 8th at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, 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:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance