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Adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present 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:

The "Bonny Blue Birds" led in the salute to the flag, followed by an elegant musical presentation.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Charles Neigh, Walteria United Methodist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of March 8,9,10,11, and 12, 1971 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, 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:Public Works:

April 6th - 4:30 P.M.

Finance:

April 1st - 7:00 P.M. re: oil matter.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

Next meeting scheduled for April 20th. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that Staff report on the status of the employee recognition matter.

Transportation:

A report will be forthcoming on recent meetings of this committee, according to its chairman, Councilman Surber.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Award of tile plaque to Steve Smith, South High graduate, for setting a stadium record pole vault jump of 16 feet 6 inches at the Izvestia Cup Indoor Track Meet at Leningrad Winter Stadium, February 14, 1971.

Councilman Sciarrotta, on behalf of the Council, made this presentation, noting the pride of the entire City of Torrance in Steve Smith's accomplishment. There was grateful acceptance by Steve who likewise indicated his pride in being a Torrance resident.

10. Award of tile plaque to the Torrance High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team for winning the Torrance Christmas Classic, December 28, 29, and 30, 1970.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Miller made the subject presentation to Team Coach Little, noting subsequent achievements of this team in being in the C.I.F. semifinals at the Sports Arena, along with various awards throughout the season. Appreciation for this recognition was expressed by Coach Little.

Mayor Miller then MOVED that individual plaques be made up for each of the team members. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMENDATIONS:

11. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Mrs. Ruby Calvert.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MRS. RUBY CALVERT FOR HER OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF COMMUNITY CONCERN FOR THE YOUTH OF TORRANCE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND COOPERATION WITH THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IN CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT.

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Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-63. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 12. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Mr. Don Meyers.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. DON MEYERS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF COMMUNITY CONCERN FOR THE YOUTH OF TORRANCE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND COOPERATION WITH THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IN CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-64. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 13. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Mr. Louis Black.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. LOUIS BLACK FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF COMMUNITY CONCERN FOR THE YOUTH OF TORRANCE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND COOPERATION WITH THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IN CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-65. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At this point in the meeting Mayor Miller announced the formal dedication of the new Civic Center Library on Sunday, April 4, 1971, at 1:30 P.M. with the public invited to this memorable occasion as part of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Torrance. City Librarian West outlined the history of the Library system which has resulted in the achievement of the Civic Center Library.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 14. ORDINANCE eliminating the overlay "O" Combining Oil District on property located on the south side of Del Amo Boulevard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2210

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 PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD, APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET WEST OF WAYNE AVENUE AND 300 FEET EAST OF THE WESTERLY CITY LIMITS, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-31.  
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2210 : its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. RESOLUTION approving Variance 70-16, Victor and Nancy Thomsen.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY VICTOR AND NANCY THOMSEN IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 70-17.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-66; his motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, the proponent, Mr. Thomsen, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, stated that the matter of dedication has been incorporated in the escrow on this property; further, the City has been presented with a letter from the escrow company stating that the City will have the dedication papers at the close of escrow.

It was pointed out by Councilman Brewster that this variance was not granted by unanimous roll call vote, as stated -- in that he opposed the request; his opposition was based on his feeling that the variance procedure was not the correct procedure to use in this case. At Councilman Brewster's request, the Council has been furnished with a checklist to be used when considering the variance procedure, a checklist concurred in by the City Attorney; it is used by the Planning Commission and should serve as a very useful guide by the Council in the future.

The motion for adoption of Resolution No. 71-66 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

16. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 29762, URBAN RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY.  
Request for approval of a tentative tract map on property located between 236th Place and 237th Street, approximately 165 feet west of Cabrillo Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of Tentative Tract No. 29762, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

17. Application for placement of sign on public property by Arthur M. Roberts.

Mrs. Edith Crandall, a partner in Arthur's Ice Cream Store, was present to request permission to place two A-type temporary signs in the parkway at Cabrillo and Sepulveda.

Councilman Johnson noted the fact that the Alpha Beta market at this location has a very substantial sign, with a sub-sign, and recommended that Mrs. Crandall attempt to add their signing to the Alpha Beta sign. Mr. Johnson added that he would favor delaying this matter until such effort is made.

Discussion followed, with particular review of the impossibility of placing any signs in parkways. Councilman Brewster expressed concern over the fact that at the last Council meeting the sign ordinance was somewhat watered down with regard to flags, pennants and banners, and here is yet another attack on the ordinance -- it seems to him that Staff has a job to do, a set of ordinances to be enforced, and the continual granting of relief by the Council will prove demoralizing to Staff.

Mayor Miller was not in agreement with these remarks -- in his opinion, that is the reason for a City Council; Staff has an administrative job to do, with necessary interpretation of the "human element" by the Council to the best of their ability. Concurrence was expressed by Councilman Surber, with the added comment that there is considerable hardship in the subject case, and he would be in favor of permitting the sign until there can be a better solution.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that it should be made clear that the "sandwich board" cannot be made the answer and the proponent should not be so misled -- Mr. Uerkwitz has no objection to a time extension but feels that it should be made clear that the signing presents a technical problem which will have to be worked out.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to grant relief in the subject case for a period not to exceed 60 days to work out the signing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

18. APPEAL OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT 71-3 to allow a professional office use in the R-1 zone on property located at 25905 Crenshaw Boulevard and use the existing single-family residence for law offices.  
DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Representing the proponent, Attorney Patrick Smith, 2424 Torrance Boulevard, outlined his desire to occupy the subject property for the purpose of establishing a law practice, and described the unusual characteristics of this property, including its remoteness, the uses on adjacent properties, the topography, as well as the difficulties that have been encountered in trying to sell the property as a single-family residence. It was added by Mr. Smith that applications for a zone change and conditional use permit have been made to permit the requested use.

There was discussion regarding the temporary need -- Mr. Smith indicated that his client is presently paying for the right to occupy the property, even though he may not do so under the existing zoning, and, further, the property is quite isolated and no steps can be taken to protect it at the present time; the property should be occupied, and there should be someone around the premises to discourage vandalism.

It was stated by Councilman Brewster that, again, he is alarmed about the Temporary Use Permit procedure and a mistake may have been made in providing this approach in that it tends to prejudice the action which follows. There does not appear to be a pressing urgency in this case, Mr. Brewster added, in that a zone change request follows, and this probably is the proper procedure.

Councilman Uerkwitz indicated some concurrence with Councilman Brewster's remarks, adding, however, that he cannot see anything wrong with the requested use of the property in view of its isolation -- it is only desired to use it now, and he can see no objection to that.

His reservations, according to Councilman Wilson, are based on the Planning Department's analysis of the situation in that there is more involved than just this one location. Planning Director Shartle elaborated on the fact that the adjacent Sand and Gravel property is slated to be before the Planning Commission in the near future with a request for multi-unit development. Mr. Shartle added his opinion that the Temporary Occupancy Permit should be used only on an extreme emergency basis; decisions on such Temporary Occupancy Permits do prejudice the case to some degree.

There was further discussion regarding the prejudging aspects of this request, with several members of the Council indicating that such would not be the case, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to approve TUP 71-3, subject to Planning Department recommendations #1,2, and 3, as well as Traffic and Lighting Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

There was further discussion prior to roll call vote on the motion. City Attorney Remelmeyer specifically pointed out that Planning Department recommendation #3 - "That the roof be made of noncombustible material." - would necessitate replacement of the roof. It was added by Building and Safety Director McKinnon that there is no such thing under existing Building and Fire Codes as a "temporary occupancy" -- the building must comply with its use regardless of the nature of the occupancy. Further noted by Mr. McKinnon was the fact that there are many more requirements for a commercial building than for an ordinary residence and considerable more liability involved.

It was the consensus of the Council that further review of the Temporary Use Permit procedure would be in order.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Miller stated, for the record, that the above action does not predetermine the way he will ultimately vote -- of interest to the Mayor is what happens between now and the actual use of the building, and the time of the requested zone change.

Councilman Brewster MOVED that there be a recommendation from the Planning Commission and Planning Department relative to the Temporary Use Permit procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there were no objections.

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At 6:45 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 6:47 P.M.

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REAL PROPERTY:

19. Report on land acquisition for Southeast Torrance Library.

It was pointed out by Councilman Johnson, who had requested the subject report, that El Retiro has no expansion space nor has North Torrance and Walteria, and if the subject land is gone it will be extremely difficult to ever expand the Southeast Torrance Library, without considerable expense.

Councilman Johnson then suggested that the six-lot subdivision presently proposed in this area permit the developer to reduce the width of the lots by roughly 9 feet each which would result in the required extra 27 ft.

Councilman Johnson further noted the fact that money has been earned through the interest accumulated in the Library Bond Issue money, and deemed it most worthwhile to purchase this land now if for no other reason than to land bank it for the future -- it will be needed.

It was stated by City Librarian West that the size of the five libraries was limited to approximately 4500 sq. ft. -- in consideration of the Southeast Torrance Library there was review of the present population of the Southeast Torrance community, as well as the projected population and like factors re: the area and utilized this information in developing a 7100 sq. ft. building which will take care of this type of neighborhood library.

Questioned by Councilman Wilson was the need for such land, and the ability to project for 15 to 20 years as to needed expansion -- further, there are anticipated recommendations from the Bond Issue Steering Committee relative to land banks of approximately 100 acres. Also noted by Dr. Wilson was the fact that the City Librarian apparently does not recommend additional land, and it does not seem practical to spend some \$10,000 for land that would be idle.

Councilman Johnson stated that he would offer a MOTION for the record, in view of his strong feeling that this land will be needed in due course, that the property be purchased at the approximate cost of \$10,106.00 for 27 ft. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Miller directed that the subject item be filed.

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20. Lester Leonard, dba Torrance Aircraft et al, rental agreements on so-called Kidwell premises.

Airport Manager Egan specifically pointed out that the lease with Kidwell expires on March 31, 1971 -- there will be the question of rent accruing to the City Thursday, April 1st, and it should be understood here and with those people who do now hold a portion of the premises that the rent for the premises they hold, if ultimately approved by Council, will be due and payable as of April 1st to the City.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that agenda item #20 be referred to the Transportation Committee for study and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The date selected for the meeting of the Transportation Committee on this matter was April 13th at 5:00 P.M.

21. RESOLUTION re: Benbow Aviation Maintenance Airport Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN <sup>AIRPORT</sup> LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 1971 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BENBOW AVIATION MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-67. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. RESOLUTION re: execution of month-to-month leases of City Real Property.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASES OF CITY REAL PROPERTY OR REAL PROPERTY WHERE THE CITY HAS THE POWER TO LEASE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-68. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. RESOLUTIONS (5) RE: 230TH STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-70-1 Acquisition of right-of-way and construction of driveways, curb, gutters, and sidewalks between Arlington Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to speak on this matter; there was no response. City Engineer Weaver presented plans on the subject item for perusal by the Council.

It was noted by City Traffic Engineer Horkay that street lights are not a part of this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DISTRICT MAP FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN DRIVEWAYS, CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.  
(230th Street Assessment District No. A'11-70-1)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-69. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PRELIMINARILY DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND INSTALLATION OF DRIVEWAYS, CURBS, GUTTERS, AND SIDEWALKS ON 230TH STREET FROM ARLINGTON AVENUE TO PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE; PRELIMINARILY DETERMINING THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2804 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, AS AMENDED, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL NOT APPLY; AND PRELIMINARILY DETERMINING THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL PROCEED UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911.

(230th Street Assessment District No. A'11-70-1)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-70. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON FOR ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES.

(230th Street Assessment District No. A'11-70-1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING ATTORNEYS AND FIXING COMPENSATION.

(230th Street Assessment District No. A'11-70-1)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-72. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN DRIVEWAYS, CURBS, GUTTERS, AND SIDEWALKS ON 230TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT AND WHETHER PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL APPLY THERETO; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COST AND EXPENSE THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE LEVIED; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF.

(230th Street Assessment District No. A'11-70-1)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-73. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. RESOLUTION finding and determining that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition by the City of right-of-way easements in, upon, over and across certain real property.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS IN, UPON, OVER AND ACROSS THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

(230th Street Assessment District No. A'11-70-1)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-74. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

25. ANNUAL REPORTS of the independent auditors and the Director of Finance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1970.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the Annual Reports of the Independent Auditors and Director of Finance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ELECTION MATTERS:

26. SPECIAL BOND ELECTION - JUNE 8, 1971.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY CLERK:

1. That the Council authorize an appropriation of \$25,000 from the General Fund for the conducting of the Special Park and Recreation Bond Election to be held June 8, 1971.
2. That the Council approve the consolidated precinct map so that the City Clerk can proceed to establish polling places and appoint election officers.
3. That the polls be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for the special bond election.
4. That the Council authorize the use of the County's automatic voting devices for the special bond election.
5. That the City pay the same fee to election officers and polling place owners as has been paid for the past several years, namely \$19 for Inspectors, \$16 for Judges and Clerks, and \$15 for Polling Places.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur in the above recommendations #1 through #5 of the City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion there was discussion regarding the ballot arguments and the financial aspects of this special election -- City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that a full package would be presented to the Council on April 6th.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to concur with the recommendations of the City Clerk was unanimously favorable.

27. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT - SPECIAL BOND ELECTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 71-75

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 ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MARTIN & CHAPMAN COMPANY RELATING TO THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION  
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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-75. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

28. RESOLUTION re: WYLE, LABORATORIES, INC., AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WYLE LABORATORIES, INCORPORATED.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-76. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. REQUEST FROM TORRANCE PILOT CLUB to utilize City Hall Lounge for their meetings.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Johnson that an attempt be made by the City Manager to work out some type of meeting place for this group, in view of the fact that they have used City Hall facilities for a long period of time, and have been of help to the City on many occasions.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to grant the subject request for use of City Hall facilities, with a 24-hour right of cancellation by the City Manager's office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

30. SOUTH BAY CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDS.

Considered later in the meeting in order that proponents might review Staff report.

31. ORDINANCE Re: prohibiting emission or creation of noise beyond certain levels and repealing Ordinance No. 2170 pertaining to the same subject.

ORDINANCE NO. 2211

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 6 TO DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING EMISSION OR CREATION OF NOISE BEYOND CERTAIN LEVELS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2170 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Prior to taking action on the subject ordinance Councilman Uerkwitz requested the deletion of Section 46.7.3 EXCEPTIONS: (1) Aircraft in flight. (Page 8) -- it was his recommendation that this be left out at this time, recognizing that this eventually will come to pass. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that it is his contention that the City has no jurisdiction over noise limits on aircraft in flight in that it is preempted by the Federal Government, and elaborated upon the reasoning therefor.

It was reiterated by Councilman Uerkwitz that this section not be included in this ordinance -- by suggesting the deletion, he is not suggesting that anyone be prosecuted, but, rather, eliminating such specific reference.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2211 as written, at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Uerkwitz.

There was further discussion, resulting in a change of vote to "yes" by Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, and Uerkwitz, and, therefore, unanimous approval of Ordinance No. 2211.

City Attorney Remelmeyer added that he will prepare something for review by the Council which will indicate the maximum that can be done by the City in the matter of "aircraft in flight". Airport Manager Egan described S.B. 645, and indicated that the Council would be furnished information in this regard as well.

(Considered at this time, out of order:)

43. IMPROVEMENT OF CARSON STREET FROM WESTERN AVENUE TO HIGH SCHOOL (B71-6)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the award of contract be postponed.

Torrance High School students were in attendance to present their pleas for preservation of the Carson Street trees -- Mayor Miller complimented the students on their beautiful presentation, and labelled it one of the most outstanding ever made before the Council, with recognition of Mr. Jim Armstrong's role in the affair. The Council as a whole echoed these sentiments.

Discussion followed on "saving the trees" vs. the property owners opposition to any plan which would restrict parking, it being the consensus of the Council that the Staff recommendation for postponement would permit the needed further study.

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

It was the request of Mayor Miller that this item be returned with a brief display; further, that all interested parties, including the students, be notified.

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The hour being 8:15 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess.

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The Council returned to:

30. SOUTH BAY CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDS.

Present on this matter were Dr. Arthur Orlowski, Mrs. Audrey Montgomery, and Mrs. Robert Long who reviewed the dire financial needs of this organization, and requested reconsideration of the Staff recommendation for denial of their request for funds.

Mayor Miller indicated that he would have no objection to looking at this request at budget time, when the overall financial picture of the City is reviewed -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

31. Heard earlier in the meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

32. ORDINANCE re: "Certain Other Employees"

ORDINANCE NO. 2212

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.42.1 AND SECTION 17.44.1 OF PART 4, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2212 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. ORDINANCE - REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - LAW CLERK WITH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

ORDINANCE NO. 2213

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.121.2 OF PART 12, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH DEALS WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2213 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

34. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

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A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$1965.47 to Constructors Supply for 222 various type traffic control signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.
2. \$1150.38 to Pacific States Electric Wholesale Company for 24 complete mercury vapor lighting fixtures and photo control cells with built-in ballast as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for intersectional lighting.
3. \$746.55 to Shell Oil Company for 900 gallons of motor oil as requested by the City Garage for bulk stock.
4. \$547.53 to General Electric Supply Company for 6 general purpose floodlight fixtures and 6 weatherproof mercury vapor fixtures and pole adaptors as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for night lighting at the Recreation Center.
5. \$743.40 to Ameron Pole Products for 3 steel floodlight poles as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for night lighting at the Recreation Center.
6. \$2891.70 to Standard Swiss Embroidery for 5100 embroidered Torrance anniversary patches as requested by the City Manager's office as part of the Council-approved program for the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration.
7. \$740.25 to Meyercord Company for 2500 only 3½" - 50th Anniversary decals and 250 only 9" decals as requested by the City Manager's office. This item is also part of the Council-approved program to celebrate the City's 50th Anniversary.
8. \$472.50 to LFE-Automatic Signal for 2 traffic signal loop detector counters as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use on City streets.
9. \$359.57 to Southwest Flexible Company for 75 lengths of 5/6" x 48" flexichrome sewer cleaning rods and couplings as requested by the Sanitation Department for stock.
10. \$945.00 to L.A. Supply Company for one only industrial paper shredder as requested by the City Clerk's Office as a replacement item.
11. \$329.60 to Standard Oil Company for 1720 pounds of multi-motive grease as requested by the City Garage to be delivered on an "as requested" basis.
- 12.. \$1536.00 to Coy Chandler Roof Company, Inc. for reroofing all buildings (3) located at the Water Yard as requested by the Building Maintenance Department.
13. \$2230.73 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for 52 Motorola channel elements and one microphone test

kit as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacements and updating present equipment.

14. \$910.35 to Western Water Works Supply for 600 only 3/4" water pipe couplings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
15. \$559.13 to George F. Cake for 50 aerosol tear gas dispensers and 40 holders as requested by the Police Department.
16. \$313.85 to Felker Manufacturing Company for 2 different size concrete cutting blades as requested by the City Garage as replacements.
17. \$1776.60 to Demco Educational Corporation for 4700 folding pamphlets shelf storage boxes as requested by the City Librarian for use at the new Central Library.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

18. \$1467.62 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 202 adult books.
19. \$6783.08 to Franklin Square-Mayfair of California for 364 periodicals. (This order was previously approved by Council on 11/10/70 for \$6622.31. But the order was subject to prevailing prices at the time of availability of these periodicals and some prices went up by the time the periodical was available.)

35. PURCHASE OF STREET PAINT STRIPING MACHINE - REF. BID #B70-57.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That the low bid submitted by J.E. Bauer Company be accepted, and the awarding of the contract to them in the amount of \$8,977.10 including tax be approved.

36. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT - FROZEN FOODS FOR POLICE "DETAINED" PERSONS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of extending contract with Larry's Food Products, Inc. until 5/31/71 so that City's contract period will coincide with Los Angeles City's contract. It is advantageous to Torrance to join Los Angeles City's program because of the distinct pricing advantages. It is further recommended that \$1500.00 be approved to cover this extension period from the budget amount of \$5000.00 to cover this program.

37. SALE OF FIVE SURPLUS CITY BUSES:

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council authorize the Purchasing Division to dispose of the subject buses either by taking "Sealed Bids" or by sale at the City's regular auction, or by negotiation with interested parties.

38. Considered separately.

39. REPLACEMENT OF POLICE CAR.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the awarding of the contract for one only replacement plain colored police car from the low bidder of police vehicles on Bid #B70-63 in the amount of \$2843.54 including tax.

FINANCE NOTE:

Funds are available to cover this purchase from the Garage Equipment Replacement Fund. It is recommended that Council appropriate \$2843.54 from this Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase this vehicle.

40. REDUCTION OF GRADING BOND FOR SKYLINE MOBILEPARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,980.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

Inasmuch as 90% of the subject grading has been satisfactorily completed, it is recommended that this bond be released upon receipt of a new bond, or rider, covering the remaining 10% of the uncompleted work.

41. CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY COMPLETION - Request for additional allocation from the 1967 Library Bond Fund.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That an additional \$12,000 be allocated from accrued interest earnings in the 1967 Library Bond Construction Fund to the Civic Center Library Project for anticipated final costs.

42. TRACT NO. 26076 - Request for extension of one year to complete public works improvements.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That an extension of one year be granted in which to complete public works improvements.

43. Heard earlier in the meeting (Carson Street Improvement).

44. TRACT NO. 19645 - Don Wilson Builders -- Release of Cash Deposit of \$198.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject cash deposit be released.

45. Tract No. 27084 - Release of Subdivision Bond #262116 in the amount of \$4,600 (Subdivider: South Bay Realty Company).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bond be released.

46. CLAIM of Marie Therese Basehl for property damages.

47. CLAIM of John R. Stevens and Judith Stevens for property damages.

48. CLAIM of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That agenda items #46, 47, and 48 be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

49. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Storm Drain from Madrona Avenue to Private Drain north of Carson Street (Job #71121) B71-4.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Herb Smeltzer.

50. Notice of Completion  
Considered Separately.

51. Notice of Completion  
Considered Separately.

52. Notice of Completion  
Considered Separately.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items #34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and #49. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

50. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BLVD.  
51. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Alta Loma Park (B70-16) Job #67015.  
52. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Van Ness Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted;
2. That final payment be made to the contractor, T.W. Cooper, Inc.; and
3. That \$4,000 be appropriated from the Parks and Recreation Fund to cover costs.

Mr. William Stephenson, 21926 South Vermont, Torrance, was present to request that the 35-day waiting period be waived so that they might receive their 10% retention. The procedure in these cases was explained by City Engineer Weaver, it being noted that no such request had been made by the contractor in this case -- such request having been made in agenda items #50 and #52, with Staff recommendation to concur in the waiver. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved re: agenda items #50, 51, and 52 that Council concur with Staff recommendations, except in each case that the 10% be retained for the required period of 35 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. Recommendation of contribution of \$250 for Legal Defenses Funds, Utility Users Tax.

Councilman Johnson indicated that he was now satisfied with the request and MOVED to concur with the City Attorney's recommendation that there be a contribution of \$250 to Spencer Thomas, Trustee,

for Legal Defenses Funds, Utility Users Tax. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

53. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM 1971.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, there being no exceptions.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing; Councilman Sciarrotta moved that they be filed; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard on the subject matter; there was no response. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 71-53.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 71-77. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-77. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

54. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1971.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT,

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-78. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

55. CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY AT 2563 SONOMA (Chapter 27 Short Form 1911 Act 71-2).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That after the public hearing the City Council pass upon objections or protests, if any, and direct the City Engineer to proceed in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 7, Part 3, Chapter 27 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) City Project 71-2 at 2563 Sonoma Street.

City Engineer Weaver, at the Mayor's question, advised that notice was mailed and posted.

Mayor Miller then inquired if any written protests had been received, and City Clerk Coil advised that none had been filed.

Mayor Miller asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter, and there was no response. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) City Project 71-2 at 2563 Sonoma Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

56. ZONE CHANGE 71-1, REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS. Change of zone from R-5 to R-3 and from R-3 to R-5 for two separate areas on property located on the south side of Maricopa Avenue, east of Amie Avenue. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO A PRECISE PLAN FOR THE R-3 PORTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 Zone Change 71-1, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on ZC 71-1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

57. VARIANCE 71-2, WILLIAM OGG (L.A. Electronix).  
Request for a variance to the R-P zone to utilize an existing building for an electronic engineering sales and service store at 23044 Crenshaw Boulevard.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard on the subject matter; there was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Brewster expressed his concern as to the procedure and use of the variance for this request -- Mr. Brewster is of the opinion that there are two other avenues available that are more proper, one would be to revise the R-P zone to include this kind of use, if it is acceptable; and, two, to consider the zoning possibilities of the piece of land, which could be commercial, and would allow the subject use. It was further stated by Councilman Brewster that he again feels that the Council is getting off base procedurally -- it would be preferable to allow the proponent to remain under his present temporary use permit to allow a proper approach to the problem.

Councilman Brewster added this is another temporary use problem, and there are no grounds for a variance in this case. Mayor Miller stated that he was not in agreement -- in his mind this is the ideal use of the Temporary Use Permit in that this proponent had no knowledge of the fact that the zone had been changed when he signed the lease; further, such a use at this location is appropriate, and there have been no complaints.

Councilman Johnson restated his motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and it carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

58. VARIANCE 71-3, CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.  
Request for a variance to the M-1 zone to allow the construction of a church addition to an existing building at 2000 Artesia Boulevard.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Variance 71-3, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

59. ORDINANCE RE: DEDICATION OF LAND FOR PARKS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2214

(EMERGENCY)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 6, TO CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 7, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEDICATION OF LAND AND THE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE APPROVAL OF A FINAL SUBDIVISION MAP; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2214 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Pierson, on behalf of the League of Women Voters, expressed their approval of this action.

ORDINANCE NO. 2215

(REGULAR)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 6, TO CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 7, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEDICATION OF LAND AND THE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE APPROVAL OF A FINAL SUBDIVISION MAP AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2214.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2215 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the City Attorney's recommendation that this ordinance be referred to the Planning Commission for study and possible amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

60. RESOLUTION re: Revenue Sharing.

Discussed under Oral Communications below.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

61. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that an Executive Session would be necessary at the end of this meeting.

62. Recommended COUNCIL POLICY was outlined by Councilman Brewster in the following statement:

The City Council has been and remains today unanimous in providing all citizens the right to appeal before the Council any administrative or Commission decisions with which they do not agree.

In retrospect, the Council has many times asked the Staff to meet further with such people in an effort to resolve differences. In most of these cases the people who have appealed have claimed they did not receive proper notice, or that they received the agenda material too late to study it, or that they did not understand the proceedings. In some cases they may have failed to disclose vital information until appearing before the Council in order to increase the pressure for a favorable decision in the heat and press of Council business and further to prevent or preempt Staff from an opportunity to make a thoughtful response.

Consequently, it is requested that the Council establish a policy to guide the Staff and appellants as follows:

1. That proper and timely notice of all proceedings be given to any applicant or other affected person;
2. That all concerned in these matters be given the fullest opportunity to present their entire arguments, pro or con, at levels under Council, and, further, that a statement be included in all Council agenda material that this policy has been followed;
3. That no additional arguments be presented to the Council unless they consist of material that has been discovered or has originated since the time at which arguments were last presented with Council reserving the prerogative of referral of the case for additional consideration of such new materials presented; and
4. That the Staff be allowed to make an objective and "stage-setting" presentation to the Council and audience before any speakers are heard (as is done at the Planning Commission).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt the above as Council Policy. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

63. The illustrious career of Mr. Frank Kenny -- including the Distinguished Service Award by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service and dedication to this community and its youth -- was described by Councilman Brewster who regretfully

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announced Mr. Kenny's death on March 27th at the age of 34. There is an acute need for blood donors to replace the considerable amount of blood used in connection with Mr. Kenny's illness, according to Councilman Brewster, and the Torrance YMCA has established a blood bank for such replacement, the date being March 31st -- an invitation to donate blood to offset Mr. Kenny's deficit was extended by Councilman Brewster to those who would like to return a little bit to a man who did so much for the community.

64. Recognition for West High by way of tile plaques for its championship majorettes and drill team was requested by Councilman Brewster. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

65. Councilman Johnson reported on the presentation of the Booz Allen Hamilton Report to the Board of Supervisors and the adoption thereof by the Board.

It was added by City Manager Ferraro that as a result of the above action there have been inquiries from other cities as to whether or not Torrance would consider expanding its police services on a contractual basis -- permission for the Police Department to make contact with these groups in order to develop this information was requested by City Manager Ferraro. Councilman Johnson stressed that this should not be solicited -- if the groups come to the City to ask for service, that would be fine, but they should not be contacted.

66. An expression of thanks to the Torrance Irish Club for their parade, a major public service, was requested by Councilman Johnson -- along with thank you letters to the vintage car club and other appropriate parties. Councilman Johnson MOVED that a permaplaque resolution for the Torrance Irish Club be prepared; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

67. Councilman Sciarrotta reported on the success of the recent trip to Sacramento by the Legislative Committee, with much evidence of cooperation on the part of the legislators and the effectiveness of Torrance's efforts relative to oil problems, bus transit operation and the meaningful revenue to Torrance with the success of Bill 544.

68. It was indicated by Councilman Sciarrotta that he will have an oral presentation at a future Council meeting on the subject: the opportunity to use welfare recipients to clean up sump and park areas presently unserved by City personnel.

69. Councilman Johnson referred to agenda item G - a City of Carson Resolution re: a tax reform program for balanced revenues and essential tax relief for the homeowner directed to the League of California Cities - and requested that it be placed on the agenda for similar action by the City of Torrance.

70. Recognition of the fact that City Manager Ferraro was runner-up in the International City Management Association competition for their 1970 awards was pointed out by Councilman Wilson, along with the fact that an article<sup>appeared</sup> in the March issue of "Public Management" relative to the award received by the City of Torrance.

71. It was the recommendation of Councilman Wilson that the matter of the Rose Parade Float be referred to the Community Development Committee for consideration and report back to Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ADDENDA ITEM:

60. Mayor Miller reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. and the Revenue Sharing seminars -- the Mayor shared his impressions and findings with the Council, and urged adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 71-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL REVENUE SHARING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-79. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

72. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that an impasse has been reached in the matter of the Jefferson Lease, and requested advice as to how to proceed. Mayor Miller recommended that it be referred to the Council Transportation Committee, and this met with the unanimous approval of the Council.

73. Mrs. Betty Ponsford, 2306 West 231st Street, reported a need for clarification regarding a lot split granted in 1965 -- City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that this is presently being researched, and that it is a complicated, legal matter. In view of this, Mayor Miller requested that a report on this matter be returned to the Council agenda at the earliest possible date.

At 9:55 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Miller announced that the Council would return to formally adjourn, but that no further business would be conducted.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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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