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Adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 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 Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Boy Scout Troop #851, sponsored by the Garrett Corporation, was introduced by Mayor Miller, and, at his request, member John Mazaraca (?) led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father Ignatius, St. James Catholic Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of April 20, 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 Sciarrotta, 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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Environmental Committee:

Last met April 28th; will continue to meet on a regular basis on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 P.M., with regular attendance by industrial groups within the City.

Legislative Committee:

May 10th at 11:30 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS:9. Employee Service Awards.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, recognized by way of presentation of an appropriate pin, the faithful service of the following City of Torrance employees:

20 Years: G.H. Blahnik, R.G. Collins, B.G. Franklin, D.G. Loy, J.V. Nielsen, E.F. Polston, G.A. Price, M. Orend, M.H. Hamilton, and A.L. Jackson.

15 Years: M.C. Anderson, R.M. Carroll, E.J. Schnoor, W.R. Kerr, E.T. Graboski, J.W. Millard, T.W. Sprankling, J.R. Stassin, K.E. Turner, Vera Jones, L.A. Stevens, Lillie Timmons, R.L. Silagy, Dorothy Volmerding, J.S. Foster, Betty Schroeder, C.G. Oates, L.J. Ashman, D.V. Lemaster, E.M. Pacheco, and G.J. Webel.

10 Years: M. Glenn Weaver, P.T. Ward, A.T. Chambers, G.A. Peterson, G.W. Hauge, Nell A. Black, A.Y. Ng, Margaret Hone, D.E. Williams, G.A. Breyer, D.A. Dale, D.G. Holz, M.G. Mexico, F.L. Panches, Dee Manning, W.F. Weilbrenner, J.W. Venable III, and C.C. White.

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Considered at this time, out of order:

PARK AND RECREATION:20. PROJECT PARK:

Request of Project Park Committee and South High School Associated Student Body Council to officially name the vestpocket park located at 180th Street and Regina "Pequeño Park"; approved by Park and Recreation Commission on April 28, 1971..

Present were Eve and Ann Stabolepszy, South High students who have spearheaded Project Park, to discuss the requested name - Pequeño Park - and to advise that the park will be dedicated on June 5th at 11:00 A.M. Noted as well by Councilman Johnson was the program planned by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors to honor the City's youth at this park on May 28th.

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MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Youth Week" - May 1, 1971
11. "Peace Officers Memorial Day" - May 15th.
- "Police Week" - May 9 - May 15.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. Communication regarding removal of sign on Western Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

City Manager Ferraro requested that this item be referred back to Staff for analysis and recommendation; there were no objections.

13. RESOLUTION approving a variance from the Parking Requirements for Upjohn Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AS APPLIED FOR BY THE UPJOHN COMPANY IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V71-1.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-102. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. ORDINANCE RE: ZONE CHANGE 71-2.

ORDINANCE NO. 2221

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTH SIDE OF 190TH STREET BETWEEN KORNBLUM AVENUE AND FELBAR AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-2.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2221 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

15. HAWTHORNE/SKYPARK STUDY AREA RECOMMENDATIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with Staff recommended Plan "E-1". His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote, it was pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the subject consideration is only one phase of the Skypark problem, and that Staff will be returning with a presentation on problems of compatibility of this area with the Airport relative to avigation easements, acoustical control, etc., as well as compatibility with the Meadow Park area to the south.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

16. 1970 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE -  
AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RELATING TO CITY AND DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1970 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROGRAM.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-103. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

17. APPEAL OF CASE S71-36 - South Bay Sleep Shop, 18855 Hawthorne Boulevard. Request for sign one foot taller and one foot longer than largest sign on building.

Sign Review Committee Chairman Dundore outlined the findings of this Committee which resulted in their unanimous approval of a 20 ft. sign, noting that the proponent has permission from the adjacent tenant to permit the sign to overlap. Although the Committee turned this down, Mr. Dundore continued, they indicated that were the proponent able to lease the adjacent building thereby expanding his frontage to 40 ft., there might be reconsideration.

The proponent, Mr. C.E. Markland, was present to elaborate on the particular hardship represented in this case, and to advise that he has a letter approving the above referred to space for overlapping of the sign.

It was further pointed out by Mr. Dundore that the proposed overlapping of the sign would not solve the problem in that when that store is rented there will be a need for their signing and will only compound the problem.

Mr. Fred Vaquera, Rich Sign Company, advised that there is very little trade-in value for a sign, and then described the sign leasing arrangement in this case, with the proponent reiterating the acute need for this signing.

Following discussion, Councilman Johnson MOVED THAT the proponent be permitted to utilize his present sign, hanging it for a period of six months, with Staff verification of whether or not he has leased the adjacent property; further, that fees be waived in the event of reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Markland confirmed his understanding that it will be necessary for him to reappear in six months, and that it could work out that removal of the sign would be necessary.

Councilman Brewster reiterated his previously expressed concern about those who go into business with all available facts and figures and knowledge beforehand -- to tear asunder a City ordinance in order to provide relief for problems brought on by the applicant is not in order.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson at the time of his "yes" vote that he realizes this is a very difficult corner for any kind of public viewing, hence his affirmative vote.

Mayor Miller stated that his "no" vote was for the reason that a precedent would be set and like requests would follow from other tenants.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

18. Execution of the License Agreement with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

That the subject License Agreement be executed.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

- 19. City Manager request for budget amendment changing one position of Intermediate Stenographer Clerk to position of Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council approve a change in the City Manager's budget, effective as soon as possible, changing one position of Intermediate Stenographer Clerk to the position of Secretary. For the balance of the fiscal year this will require an additional salary of \$123.20, which is available in the City Manager's salary budget because of a lengthy leave of absence without pay by a former employee.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman outlined the needs of the City Manager's office which prompted the above request.

It was the comment of Personnel Officer Donovan that what is proposed represents reclassification of an existing position for which there is a procedure set up in the Code; this is a matter which should first go to the Civil Service Commission.

Past procedures, according to Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, involving budgeted positions have been that if a change of classification is required, with an incumbent in the position, the standard procedure is followed -- each July the Council approves positions, deletes positions, creates positions without a requirement for reclassification, and in recent months positions have been created and changed without going the classification route. It was further pointed out that there is no incumbent in the position; this, then, is a budget change, not a reclassification.

Discussion followed regarding procedures, Civil Service Commission review, consideration at budget time, etc., it being determined that some urgency surrounded the request in view of the fact that the present temporary employee has exceeded the maximum six-month period of service and an urgency in view of a four week vacation in the immediate future for one member of the secretarial staff.

The following action finally resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to abolish the position of Intermediate Stenographer Clerk and to create a position of Secretary in the City Manager's office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That this matter be referred to the City Attorney to determine whether the Council is operating on legal grounds, and whether or not the matter should go to the Civil Service Commission prior to Council action. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Mayor Miller indicated that he would have voted no on the entire proposal on the basis of his weariness with repeated requests for consideration because of the fact that the six-month period allotted for temporary employees has just expired or is about to expire -- such future requests must be presented at the 4th or 5th month for action by him; he will no longer entertain any such last-minute pleas.. Councilman Johnson indicated concurrence with these remarks; further, situations should not be changed in between the budget periods.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of City Manager Ferraro that this is the first such request ever processed by his office to the Council, and while he has the responsibility for the departments, he is not responsible for requests which have emanated from the City Attorney's office.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

21. LICENSING OF FIREWORKS STANDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

That the City Code be adhered to and there be no change in the present policy of licensing Fireworks Stands in the City of Torrance.

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

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At 6:35 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A 10-minute recess followed at 6:36 P.M.

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22. COKE DUST PROBLEM.

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

Mr. George Spencer, 2311 Del Amo Boulevard, stated that the Staff-recommended controls are existing controls which have proved inadequate in the past. The City of Long Beach, according to Mr. Spencer, has their coke in A-frame structures, and Torrance should do the same thing.

It was questioned by Councilman Wilson if Staff, in making its study and recommendations, had taken into account the experience of neighboring cities -- Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that they are aware of what has been done in Long Beach, but there is no ordinance on their books specifically controlling problems of this nature. It was further stated by Mr. Jackson that a study of other agencies with similar problems was made by the Planning Department but none had restrictive ordinances. Were the coke pile being put there today, according to Mr. Jackson, the City would place restrictions and mandate certain changes before this could take place. It was Councilman Wilson's recommendation that these requirements be reviewed as to actual control of the coke; if not, more stringent requirements should be evolved.

There was discussion pertaining to the housing of the coke, as is done in Long Beach, it being generally indicated that the merits of such an arrangement should be investigated.

Recent findings by the Council Legislative Committee that the Council has the right to legislate in these types of pollution problems so long as the City is stricter than the State were pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz, along with the obvious fact that existing controls are inadequate and the only remaining solution is to prepare ordinances which will permit the City to move into the field, with proper authority to act.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff and instruct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that will allow control of the situation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that the City Attorney be instructed to go beyond those terms that have been suggested by the City Manager's office and to look into even tougher methods of controlling the problem. City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that it would be preferable to have the City Manager check out methods of control, and to work in conjunction with the City Attorney's office in the preparation of an appropriate ordinance. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Edna Spencer, 2311 Del Amo, read a communication from "the Committee to Control Black Coke Dust" (a matter of record) comprised of 101 homeowners and renters on Del Amo Boulevard between Crenshaw and Van Ness, outlining their complaints and the problems

created by the coke dust and their seven recommendations for control by enactment of appropriate ordinances.

Mayor Miller recalled the long standing existence of the coke dust problem, and stated that it can no longer be ignored. There is a further problem, according to the Mayor, in that it is a very ugly thing at one of the entrances to the City, and some type of concealment should be given consideration.

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

This matter will return in 30 days, with notification to homeowners and Great Lakes Carbon when it appears on the agenda.

Councilman Surber commended both the homeowners and Staff on a very thorough job and a creditable presentation. Mr. Spencer, in turn, expressed appreciation to the Council for their interest, on behalf of the residents.

City Manager Ferraro confirmed that the action taken by the Council would encompass like problems throughout the City.

Mayor Miller recommended that this situation be reviewed by the Environmental Committee, in view of recent indications by industry to cooperate in the elimination of all types of pollution.

- 23. ORDINANCE re: imposition of a tax on producing or severing oil from the earth in said City; and establishing provisions for the administration of said tax.

ORDINANCE NO. 2222

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 28 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX ON PRODUCING OR SEVERING OIL FROM THE EARTH IN SAID CITY, AND ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAID TAX.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2222 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 24. A. ORDINANCE (Emergency) re: place of holding Council meetings.
- B. ORDINANCE (Regular) repealing the above.
- C. OPINION NO. 71-38 - Location of Council meetings.

Mayor Miller invited discussion on this matter, with the comment that he has given more thought regarding Council meeting places and the likelihood that residents would want meetings held in their neighborhood on specific issues. The Mayor acknowledged the need for a larger meeting place but now feels that the meetings should remain on the Civic Center.

In concurrence was Councilman Surber who indicated that other requests have been made for Council meetings at another location, and who is of the opinion that every controversial item could necessitate the drawing up of an ordinance. Mr. Surber would agree that it would be wise to stay within the confines of the Civic Center.

Hearings at Torrance High School on the freeway were recalled by Councilman Uerkwitz -- now the matter appears an issue. He does not disagree with the idea of moving off the Civic Center, but recognizes that there might be some feeling on the part of residents relative to a given area; there is an acute need for larger quarters under certain circumstances.

It was pointed out by Councilman Johnson that the Recreation Center is wired both inside and out with sound -- Mr. Johnson would also agree that the Council should not move off the Civic Center.

Further concurrence was indicated by Councilman Brewster who added that the Civic Center area is "neutral ground" and the Council's role in having hearings is to accept testimony from both sides and this should be done in an impartial manner..

Concern regarding the limitation of people who might be able to attend the meetings was expressed by Councilman Wilson -- there are sometimes issues involving several hundred people, and there are no adequate facilities on the Civic Center. Even to move to the Recreation Center would necessitate an ordinance, Councilman Wilson noted.

Following further discussion, it was the suggestion of Councilman Johnson that the ordinance spell out that the Council not go off the Civic Center which would retain the "neutral ground" aspect for hearings -- further, the Recreation Center is capable holding 800-900 people by using outside speakers, and the new Council Chambers will be expandable to accommodate 500-600 people -- otherwise there will be repeated requests to hold meetings at other locations, and many problems will be presented.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject ordinances be returned to the City Attorney for incorporating therein that the Council remain on Civic Center with its meetings. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that his vote is a "procedural no" -- he is in disagreement with the procedure represented by the motion, not with the concept.

"Mixed emotions" were acknowledged by Councilman Uerkwitz at the time of his "no" vote -- regardless of the vote, this should help get an auditorium on the Civic Center!

The merits of the arguments presented were conceded by Councilman Wilson, but, in principle, he must vote "no".

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:25. ROSE PARADE FLOAT 1972.RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE: That the City Council consider the whole idea of a Torrance float in the 1972 Rose Parade now, and appropriate \$500 immediately, from the Rose Parade Float trust account, for filing this year's application. It is further recommended that the City Council commit the City of Torrance to appropriate \$15,500 in the coming fiscal year budget for the design and construction of the float and next year's application.

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

The pros and cons of a Rose Parade Float were reviewed by the Council -- particularly the value of a \$15,500 expenditure for 30 seconds of television time. Mr. Bob Vroman was present to indicate the assistance other than financial offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Wilson commented that it should be unnecessary to take the \$15,500 out of the City treasury -- a large volunteer group of interested people in the community could make this a community project and raise a considerable sum of money. Dr. Wilson added that he would very much like to see the Torrance Youth Band in the Parade, even if it meant trading off the float. Mr. Vroman reported the optimistic outlook for the band being in the parade in 1972.

It was stated by Councilman Uerkwitz that a product is not involved in that Torrance is not selling more people in an attempt to fill vacant land; he questioned the value of such advertising.

Mr. Dan Walker expressed his opinion that there are very few ways to develop any type of community spirit -- there is a feeling of pride when a Torrance citizen sees that float and has nothing to do with attracting industry to Torrance, etc.

Councilman Brewster, in line with the Committee's thinking, recommended that there be one last try with another concept, the Recreation Department being in a better position than the Chamber of Commerce to involve many people in the community.

Mayor Miller indicated agreement with the "one last try" philosophy and that he would vote in favor of the recommendation, but, in the meantime, requested that Staff and the Chamber return next year with a report on monies being raised by donations from the community for this float. Consideration in the report may be given materials donated, as well as an offset for any reduced decorating costs.

In concurrence also with "another try" was Councilman Surber who expressed his particular pride at seeing Torrance's float in the parade and the hope that there would be more community participation.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,  
Wilson, and Mayor Miller (for one more  
year).

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2220.

ORDINANCE NO. 2220.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF  
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY  
THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED  
AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF MARICOPA AVENUE,  
EAST OF AMIE AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN  
ZONE CHANGE 71-1.

(Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2220 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2218.

ORDINANCE NO. 2218

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.38.1  
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH SETS  
FORTH PERMITTED USES IN THE HOSPITAL-  
MEDICAL-DENTAL DISTRICT (H-M-D) TO DELETE  
ANY USE PERMITTED IN THE R-3 ZONE: ADDING  
A PROVISION THAT CERTAIN ANCILLARY FACILITIES  
SHALL BE PRIMARILY FOR THE USE OF DOCTORS AS  
WELL AS EMPLOYEES, PATIENTS AND VISITORS, AND  
THAT ANY SIGNS USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH  
SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING  
COMMISSION: AND ADDING COMMERCIAL USES TO  
THOSE PERMITTED BY A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2218 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:28. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$654.05 to Automatic Printing of Torrance for 50,000 printed book order forms as requested by the City Librarian for library use.
2. \$3065.45 to Constructors Supply for 432 various traffic control signs as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for stock.
3. \$768.37 to Consolidated Electrical Distributors for one (1) only lighting panel, 16 pole breakers, 2,220 ft. of wire and other material as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use in providing electricity for the Armed Forces Day Parade and displays.
4. \$593.72 to Jackson Mfg. Company for one (1) only outdoor backdrop receptacle complete with 2 portable carts as requested by the City Librarian.
5. \$1620.00 to South Bay Disposal of Torrance for renewal of annual rubbish pickup contract as requested by the Custodial and Recreation Departments for City Hall, Police Dept., City Library (Central) and Recreation Center.
6. \$525.00 to 3M Company for 100 rolls of microfilm as requested by the City Librarian for use in their recording process.
7. \$761.72 to Park Son Inc. for 5 only 6" valves and one (1) only 8" valve as requested by the Water Department for stock.
8. \$347.71 to Pacific States for 15 only 6" water pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
9. \$2769.38 to Jones Chemical Inc. of Torrance for annual chemical requirements which include sodium chlorite; pittchlor; and muriatic acid which is required to control the Ph factor of Benstead Plunge.
10. \$360.36 to SCM Walton Printing Corporation for 40,000 continuous sheet legal forms for the Legal Department.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

11. \$1094.45 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 111 adult and 52 juvenile books.

- 29. POLICY RE: Citizens' Right of Appeal  
Adoption of Council Policy.
- 30. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Copper Water Tubing, Reference Bid #B71-15.  
RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:  
That contract be awarded to Familian Pipe & Supply Company for the required tubing in the amount of \$18,648.00.
- 31. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23565  
(Subdivider: C & F Development Company) Location: between 231st and 232nd Streets w/o Walnut.  
RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER AND PLANNING DIRECTOR:  
That subject final tract map be approved.
- 32. TRACT NO. 30602 - RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS  
(Subdivider: Gallareto Design and Construction)  
Bonding Company: Transamerica Insurance Company  
Performance Bond: #5240-20-63 - \$95,500  
Lien Bond: #5240-20-63 - \$47,750  
Inspection Bond: #5240-20-64 - \$3,350  
RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:  
That subject bonds be released.

Mayor Miller referred to item #29, Citizens' Right of Appeal, and noted that he will expect the Council to give him some latitude in adhering to this policy. City Attorney Remelmeyer commented that this policy refers only to appeals; it would seem to him that the same rationale would be applicable to such matters as variances, change of zone, etc. It was clarified by Councilman Brewster that the policy should apply to all hearing items before the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #28, 29, 30, 31, and #32. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Johnson indicating that he will ABSTAIN on item #31 because he may have a financial interest.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

- 33. ZONE CHANGE 71-9, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Change of zone from R-3 to R-1 on property located at the northerly and southerly sides of Del Amo Boulevard between Crenshaw Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Zone Change 71-9, and invited those present on this matter to speak at this time.

City Clerk Coil advised that five letters of disapproval for the proposed zone change have been received and have been incorporated in the record.

Following the Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, the first speaker was Mr. Ruben Ordaz, 2231 Del Amo Boulevard, who stated that he favored the R-1 zoning -- Mr. Ordaz indicated that there is a need for clarification to the residents that the existing structures may remain.

Mrs. Armida Grajeda, 2204 Del Amo Boulevard, with Council approval, requested a show of hands of those present in favor of R-1 zoning, with a substantial number of people so doing -- a smaller number of people indicated opposition to R-1 zoning.

Next to speak was Mr. Henry Duarte, 2230 Del Amo Boulevard, who recommended that the Council take action on the zoning at this time, rather than delay the matter.

Mr. Ron Chavez, 2406 Del Amo Boulevard, expressed his opinion that there was need for more notification and clarification before proceeding with the public hearing. From the audience, Mrs. Stella Billings noted a further need in that taxes should be explained.

Mrs. Annie Luna, 2151 Del Amo Boulevard, stated that the major problem seems to be one of communication -- the majority of the community is Mexican-Americans who do not understand English, and there is a need for clarification.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter should be continued, to permit needed clarification, including letters and notices in Spanish.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject hearing be continued for three weeks. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, City Attorney Remelmeyer, on behalf of his "client", the City of Torrance, pointed out that the City is the largest landowner in the area, owning the Crenshaw-Del'Amo Boulevard frontage which should prove to be an extremely significant commercial-industrial corners in the City, hardly a residential property. Other properties owned by the City in this area were displayed on a map as well, and Mr. Remelmeyer pointed out that R-1 zoning would be most unfavorable financially for his "client".

Mrs. Charlotte Gonzales, 2315 Del Amo Boulevard, advised that, to her knowledge, only two families in this area speak only Spanish. Mayor Miller commented that it is fairer to assume that there is a language barrier than not to do so, and the three week delay would seem to be in order.

The importance of Staff going into the community to afford the necessary explanations was stressed by Councilman Johnson.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

Another problem on Del Amo was pointed out by Councilman Brewster in regard to a cut in the island that runs down the street, with a letter forthcoming from the residents. Under the normal procedure, Mr. Brewster continued, such a letter would first come to Council for referral to the Traffic Commission -- in order to short-cut the procedure, Councilman Brewster MOVED that the subject letter go directly to the Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Tony Gass, 2215 Del Amo Boulevard, presented yet another problem -- an unused alley which should be vacated by the City. This was referred to Staff for study and recommendation.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

34. FINISHING THE FURNISHING OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY/DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY/ AND CITY LIBRARIAN. That the offer of Knoll International and Carroll Sager Office Interiors, Inc. be accepted.

Following clarification by City Librarian West, Councilman Wilson MOVED to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised re: the contract with O'Melveny & Myers as bond counsel that the standard phrase referring to payment of \$1000 if the election is not a success was left out -- therefore, Mr. Remelmeyer requested permission to modify the contract to so read. Mayor Miller MOVED to concur with the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. City Clerk Coil requested a meeting of the Finance Committee re: Workmen's Compensation self-insurance -- the date selected was May 19th at 4:30 P.M.

37. Fast spreading rumors regarding West High School having double sessions were reported by Councilman Brewster with the request that City Manager Ferraro check with the School District and report back to the Council.

38. Councilman Johnson referred to Information Item B re: Monterey Park resolution relative to methods of cutting costs for elections, and asked that the merits, if any, of these methods be reviewed by the City Clerk and City Manager.

39. The status of the requested report on the Library Bond Issue expenditures was questioned by Councilman Johnson; City Librarian West advised that the report would be available next week.

40. Councilman Johnson reported on action taken at a recent Independent Cities Board meeting, along with representatives from contract cities, regarding police costs which resulted in the formation of a committee of six (three members from each group) to serve as a task force to take to the Supervisors a joint and unanimous vote of the Independent and Contract Cities Boards on certain matters of agreement. Mr. Johnson further indicated that he was fortunate enough to be a member of this committee, and that he is extremely optimistic about its accomplishments.
41. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that Councilman Wilson serve as Mayor Pro Tem from May 15th to November 15th, in line with the established procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.
42. In view of the invaluable service of Mrs. Naomi Leavitt both as a Library Commissioner and a member of "Friends of the Library", Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that an appropriate perma or tile plaque be prepared for her. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.
43. The opinion from the City Attorney regarding Council Policy on reproduction of material now at hand was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta who requested that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Council meet in this regard. Councilman Wilson, as chairman of this committee, indicated that he would set up such a meeting.
44. Objects of historical significance to the City of Torrance in need of a storage place concerned Councilman Sciarrotta who referred the matter to the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee.
45. Councilman Surber advised that the May 13th meeting of the Transportation Committee will start at 4:00 PM instead of 5:00 PM.
46. Councilman Surber reported his understanding that if Congressman Bell receives enough written information and/or requests he would seriously consider holding up funds for Federal Housing as pertains to 236 and 202.

It is his desire, Councilman Surber continued, to introduce a resolution to be addressed to Congressman Alphonzo Bell and Congressman Glenn Anderson and both Senators, if need be, to work in their official capacity to have all Federal funds held upon Federally subsidized rental housing under HUD and FHA and the City of Torrance until City Attorney Remelmeyer provides the Council with a written legal opinion, and the citizens of Torrance have an opportunity to exercise their rights under the State Constitution to a referendum vote, if at all possible.

It was added by Mr. Surber that this pertains not only to Sections re: 236 and 202 units, but all other such housing in that they will all be an added burden on the taxpayers due to their having to be owned upon, or before, completion by non-profit organizations or cooperatives -- also, FHA does not allow such units to have pools and other recreation facilities normally included in multiple units constructed with private funds.

Councilman Sciarrotta indicated concurrence with the preparation of such a resolution for reading next week so long as it would not hold up people seeking an FHA loan to repair or remodel their homes, or to build a swimming pool, etc. -- he would certainly be in agreement where housing projects alone are concerned. Mr. Surber indicated that he would revise the FHA reference to indicate that it should be only as it applies to 236 or 202 or any other low cost subsidized rentals or sale of property.

Mayor Miller deemed the foregoing a direction in that Councilman Surber is entitled to have such resolution written and returned to the Council for its vote.

It was the further request of Councilman Surber that the language could be "fancied up" but were there any changes that he be contacted.

47. Mr. Glen Zachary, Walteria Homeowners Association, 2919 Winlock Road, who arrived late at the meeting was advised of the earlier action taken relative to the Council meeting place and the decision that the Recreation Center be used when large crowds are anticipated.

48. Councilman Wilson advised that the date of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting, earlier referred to, would be May 12th at 4:30 P.M.

49. Action taken by the Gardena City Council concerning the Radium Theatre Swap Meets was noted by Councilman Wilson who commented that it will be necessary to take measures where parking in Torrance is concerned. City Manager Ferraro advised that this will be considered by the Finance Committee.

50. Councilman Johnson recommended that City Attorney Remelmeyer attend hearings in Sacramento on May 10th regarding S.B. 190 (Cable TV), and there were no objections.

51. Lieutenant Charles Oates, Legislative Chairman, TPOA, read a prepared statement (a matter of record) regarding testimony given before the Industrial Relations Committee of the State Senate, as well as the merits of S.B. 333.

A spirited discussion followed, it being Lieutenant Oates recommendation that S.B. 333 be made an agenda item for full review of the legislation. No formal action was taken by the Council.

52. The new president of the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association Mr. Arnold Johnson, was present to introduce the new officers and Board members of this organization, and to announce the formation of CHAT (Council of Homeowners Associations of Torrance).

53. Mr. Glen Zachary, on behalf of the Walteria Homeowners Association, launched a discussion on earthquake fault zones in the City of Torrance, with clarification provided by both Building and Safety Director McKinnon and Water System Manager Borgwat.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

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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