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Adjourned at 9:40 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 18, 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, and City Clerk Coil.
Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Members of Cub Scout Pack #951, sponsored by the North Torrance Lions Club, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend J.A. O'Gorman, St. James Catholic Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 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 Brewster, 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:Finance Committee:

May 17th meeting cancelled -- will next meet on May 19th at 4:30 P.M.

Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Met on May 17th; report forthcoming.

Transportation Committee:

Councilman Surber requested a brief meeting at one of the recesses this evening re: the Kidwell lease.

Police and Fire:

Regular meeting cancelled due to lack of problems!

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 9A. "POPPY MONTH" - May, 1971.
 "POPPY DAYS" - May 21-22, 1971.
9. "REALTOR WEEK" - May 24-29, 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. ORDINANCE re: Zone Change Case 71-3.

ORDINANCE NO. 2225

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 SOUTHERLY SIDE OF 235TH STREET, WESTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-3.
 (Don Wilson Builders)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2225 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. ORDINANCE re: Zone Change Case 70-4.

ORDINANCE NO. 2226

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 LOMITA BOULEVARD, EAST AND WEST SIDES OF MADISON STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-4.
 (Torrance City Council)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2226 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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12. ORDINANCE RE: Zone Change Case 71-4.

ORDINANCE NO. 2227

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 SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 182ND STREET AND
ST. ANDREWS PLACE, AND DESCRIBED IN
ZONE CHANGE 71-4.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2227 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ZONE CHANGE 70-27. A-1 COAST RENTALS, INC.

Request for modification of a previously approved zone change on property located at 23930 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Sr. Planner Hagaman reported that the subject matter has been reviewed, and that it is on the May 19th Planning Commission agenda.

The proponent, Mr. Al Billings, advised that the outcome has only resulted in more conditions -- particularly noted were the requirements for a block wall, the driveway, noise control, building materials, and landscaping.

The question before the Council, in Councilman Brewster's opinion, is whether or not a Precise Plan is desired for the property in order to protect adjacent Torrance residents -- accordingly, Councilman Brewster MOVED to deny the request to waive the Precise Plan requirement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

There was discussion prior to roll call vote on the motion regarding the fact that there is only 25 ft. of property involved in Torrance, the considerable remainder being in the City of Lomita, and the extent of Council jurisdiction. The block wall was deemed imperative.

The motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "no" vote, that so long as the block wall is constructed to handle the north-south people, the plan (which has been checked out by Staff) can be accepted -- the Precise Plan requirement is "fighting windmills". Mayor Miller stated that he voted "no" on this same basis.

Discussion resumed as to appropriate action, and the following stipulations resulted. Mayor Miller noted that these stipulations pertain to those things which affect the City of Torrance side of the proponent's property:

Block wall, per Building and Planning Department requirements to protect the residents;
 Noise level requirements, per Planning Department condition #8;
 Landscaping requirements, per Planning Department condition #3.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that the granting of an Occupancy Permit be subject to all Staff stipulations on the Torrance side; further, that it not affect the Lomita side under any type of Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

It was clarified by Mayor Miller that it will be necessary for the proponent to agree to Staff requirements relative to the above stipulations; it was reiterated by the Mayor that the Lomita side is not to be affected even should it mean a block wall on the Torrance side and a grapestake fence where the Lomita side begins.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Considered, out of order, at this time:)

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. ORDINANCE "A" re: drilling permit.
ORDINANCE "B" same as above.
ORDINANCE "C" re: creation of an Oil Board.

Following clarification of the proposed legislation by City Attorney Remelmeyer, Mr. P.L. Lacombe, representing Chanslor-Western, Torrance Unit, stated that it is felt they could work through the Oil Board system -- this seems a fairer system from the standpoint of the present workload of the Planning Commission, the fact that a different type of Staff input is required, and the rapport that could be established with a group who can talk about necessary details.

Mrs. Arnold Johnson, 2278 West 232nd Street, representing SETHA's Oil Committee, stated that SETHA's position with regard to legislation proposed in Ordinances B & C remains unchanged. Mrs. Johnson added that the Oil Committee has not yet been able to complete its study report on the subject of environmental quality management of the local petroleum industry; if Council tonight approves legislation for oil resource management which makes no specific provision for Planning Department and Planning Commission participation in establishing conditions to be met as requirements for the granting of permission to drill or redrill oil wells, SETHA must work toward its amendment in the future.

It was the comment of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this does not affect the situation in Southeast Torrance where the "O" zone has been abolished -- in order for there to be any drilling in Southeast Torrance there must be a change of zone or an exception granted by the Council, and only if secondary recovery zones were created there would this ordinance be applicable.

Discussion was then directed to consideration of the Planning Commission vs an Oil Board. Mrs. Johnson returned to recommend that a Planner be included in the event the Oil Board is selected -- the

Planning Department certainly ought to have a say about the land surface use of properties in the City of Torrance -- further, in connection with precise planning and planned development, it would be right and proper for the Planning Department to have some input.

Councilman Johnson maintained that while one may be heard before an Oil Board, it does not have the same validity as going through the regular Planning Commission procedure. Mayor Miller pointed out that there would be the same right of appeal with an Oil Board as there is with the Planning Commission. The Mayor added that he is of the opinion that an Oil Board, with a Planning Staff member, would do the job in much less time.

Representing the Palo del Amo Homeowners Association, Mr. Thomas F. Wisen, 2863 - 232nd Street, stated their preference for the Oil Board -- it is felt that there can be more direct involvement.

Mayor Miller requested that City Clerk Coil assign a number and read title to ORDINANCE "B":

ORDINANCE NO. 2228

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 97.4.4 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT OIL WELLS IN THE O-1, O-2, AND O-3 COMBINING OIL DISTRICTS SHALL BE DRILLED, REDRILLED OR DEEPEMED ONLY UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A DRILLING PERMIT THEREFOR.

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2228 at its first reading, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson, prefaced with the comment that the minority report spelled out that the Planning Commission is the body established to hear from the people, and through such hearings the Council receives the best possible recommendations -- the people rely upon what they have heard there which gives them a great deal of confidence and a feeling of having participated. Further, the Oil Board will necessitate an oil expert and entail a cost that would not happen with the Planning Commission. Councilman Johnson then moved that Ordinance A be given a number. The substitute motion failed for lack of a second.

The motion for approval of Ordinance No. 2228 at its first reading carried, as follows:

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

Mayor Miller then directed City Clerk Coil to assign a number and read title to Ordinance C:

ORDINANCE NO. 2229

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE THE OIL BOARD FOR THE CITY ESTABLISHING ITS COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES AND THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL AND COMPENSATION OF ITS MEMBERS.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No 2229 at its first reading, with the stipulation that under Section 13.14.1bit be stated that one member of the Board shall be a full-time employee from the Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson.

Further action was taken by way of a MOTION by Councilman Brewster that the Council concur with items #3 and #4 of the subject majority report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:55 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 15 minute recess followed at 6:57 P.M. which incorporated an Executive Session pertaining to salary and wage matters.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. Proposed Standards for Commercial Development.

ORDINANCE NO. 2230

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 95.2.7 TO REDUCE THE TIME PERIOD THAT A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REMAINS ACTIVE AFTER THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ISSUED.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2230 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that he can see no real purpose in the subject ordinance -- he would agree that the Council, in the event the property changes hands, should be in a position to evaluate the situation in order that the original purpose of the CUP is maintained. Further, with current problems regarding loans, and the continuing tight money situation, it could happen that extensions would be necessary -- a time-consuming and unnecessary process, in Councilman Johnson's opinion.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION and agreement with Southern California Humane Society for Pound Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR POUND SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SPCA) DOING BUSINESS AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE SOCIETY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-109. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION re: Manned Flight Service Station of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF

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TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINIS-
TRATION, TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A MANNED
FLIGHT SERVICE STATION ON THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-110. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

17. VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD.

Communication from Director of Recreation Van Bellehem informing the City Council that Ken Keller, of Torrance, will be the recipient of the annual Volunteer Bureau Service Award at a banquet in Hollywood on May 24, 1971.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that an appropriate plaque be presented to Mr. Keller. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

18. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER AS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER.

A. Communication from the Park & Recreation Commission recommending that City Council amend the ordinance establishing the Park and Recreation Commission to permit the Board of Education to appoint at least one of its members as a regular voting member of the Park and Recreation Commission.

B. Letter from the League of Women Voters urging the City Council to amend the ordinance establishing the Parks and Recreation Commission to permit the Board of Education to appoint a representative as a voting member of that Commission.

Mrs. Louis Lanzer, League of Women Voters, expressed the feeling of the League that the responsibilities and concerns of the City and the School District for recreation are overlapping; the best possible planning can be done by having a member of the School Board on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta recommended that this be referred to the appropriate Council Committee for investigation, and so MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

19. Traffic Control Devices on Palos Verdes Boulevard from Torrance Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard.

Staff presentation was made by City Traffic Engineer Horkay. Questioned by Councilman Brewster were the merits of a 4-way stop sign

at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Ruby Street; such a sign was not favored by the Traffic Department. Next discussed was the present striping on Palos Verdes Boulevard and the problems presented in negotiating the driveways and parking.

Mr. Bill Garrison, 216105 Palos Verdes Boulevard, described the absence of problems prior to the revisions made by the Traffic Department some two years ago, and outlined the efforts of the City of Redondo Beach relative to alleviating traffic problems; Mr. Garrison urged that the City of Torrance afford the same determined protection as do the surrounding communities. It was further stated by Mr. Garrison that it must be realized that the arterially engineered portion of Palos Verdes Boulevard begins at Sepulveda, not at Torrance Boulevard, and this short narrow deadend section from Torrance to Sepulveda should be restored to what it was originally designed to be -- a residential collector street, not an arterial. It is therefore requested that there be a 25 MPH speed limit which is the norm for a strictly residential street; for a traffic-actuated signal or stop sign at Ruby Street, a year-round school and playground crossing; and, most important, that the street be restriped to one wide lane in each direction, a two-way center left turn lane to accommodate the 83 driveways and 12 side streets in this 1/2 mile long street; these measures will still allow plenty of use of the street by the Peninsula and Redondo Beach traffic, but it would also allow better use of the street by the residents of the area, and should go a long way to restore safety and livability to these homes.

Next to speak was Mr. Paul Lipinsky, 21305 Palos Verdes Boulevard, who pointed out the desire of the residents to return the street to a residential character and the feeling that restriping would accomplish this, as well as eliminate the present accidents and annoyances. It was further noted by Mr. Lipinsky that references have been made to rezoning the street to R-3, in view of the arterial treatment for this street, and might be a consideration in protecting the property values.

A motion was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz at this point: That the Council concur with Traffic Commission recommendations #1 and #2; that the street be restriped to two lanes with a left-turn pocket; that there be no parking restrictions; that TOPICS monies be used for the actuated traffic signal; that the speed limit be reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Lieutenant Dave Cook, Torrance Police Department, deemed 25 MPH an unrealistic speed limit for this street in that problems with the court result -- a 30 MPH zone was recommended by Lieutenant Cook.

Discussion was then directed to the Ruby Street intersection and the necessary wait before installation of signals -- it was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that this intersection be made a 4-way stop as an interim measure. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he would add this to his motion.

Consideration was again directed to the speed limit, with Councilman Uerkwitz reiterating that it should be 25 MPH and his motion^s to concur with Traffic Commission recommendations #1 and #2, as well as the 4-way stop sign at Ruby.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Brewster: That Council adopt the Traffic and Lighting Department recommendations #1,2, and 3, with an amendment to Item #1 which would allow for the installation, as an interim measure, of a 4-way stop sign at the corner of Ruby and Palos Verdes Boulevard -- amending item #4 to allow for the two driving lanes, the two parking lanes, and one left-turn center lane. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Uerkwitz.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "no" vote, that he feels that the speed limit should be 25 MPH.

Councilman Surber indicated that he voted "yes" with a qualification -- he is of the opinion that 25 MPH would be preferable, but must go along with the Police Department and the City Traffic Engineer; there is nothing more discouraging than being "beat down" in court, noting as well the unnecessary overtime that is created.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that his "no" vote is not against the items 1,2, and 4 -- his negative vote is only because of the speed limit.

Mayor Miller instructed the Police Department to return in six months with a report on the number of citations issued, the number that went to court, the number found guilty, and the number found not guilty. The Mayor further requested that Mr. Garrison be furnished a copy of this report as well. Councilman Surber suggested that accidents be included in the report, and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Russell, 5231 Lee Street, stated that there is an extreme need for patrol cars in this area in view of the constant racing down her street. Chief Nash will investigate this situation. Mr. Owen Rybell, 21233 Palos Verdes Boulevard, concurred with Mrs. Russell's request, noting the need specifically in the morning and afternoon when the children are going and coming from school.

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Johnson that an appropriation from the Gas Tax Funds not to exceed \$2500 be approved, for the necessary sandblasting and repainting of the street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. Revised Class Specifications - Senior Systems Analyst.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject item be referred to the Council Civil Service Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

22. Request from Officer Phillip Joseph, President of the Torrance Police Officers Association, to reinstate Officer Taylor due to an insubordination offense.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Johnson that the days in question be counted as working days, calling for the reinstatement of the officer on the basis of 12 days off instead of the 15; further, there is a need for the establishment of policy for the future. Councilman Johnson so MOVED, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Police Chief Nash stated that the firm intent was 15 days off in this case, not 12 days -- the question regarding the 15 days was precipitated by Officer Joseph at a Civil Service Commission meeting.

Discussion followed on the apparent confusion regarding "calendar" day vs "working" days, as well as the requested hearing for Officer Taylor.

Mayor Miller ruled the above motion by Councilman Johnson out of order, and entertained action regarding the establishment of a hearing date.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the date of June 1st be set as the hearing date for Officer Thomas Taylor, the hour being 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson reiterated the need for a policy that will clearly define days off, labelling them calendar days or working days -- it was the consensus of the Council that this be a consideration of the Civil Service Committee.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

23. Request for time by Brian Bell.

Speaking in Mr. Bell's behalf, Mr. Jack Eardley, 21722 Ladeene, referred to the City's "Sister City" program and the possibility of adopting a city in Japan. Councilman Sciarrotta indicated that he would serve as liaison between Mr. Bell's citizen committee and the Council, and will return with a report to the Council.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to refer this matter to the citizens committee formed for this purpose. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

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The hour being 8:25 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:24. ORDINANCE NO. 2224.ORDINANCE NO. 2224

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 12.1.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PLACE OF HOLDING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2223 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2224 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$411.09 to West Publishing Company for various legal reference books as requested by the City Attorney's office.
2. \$439.40 to Kirst Pump and Machine Works for the repair of a Fairbanks-Morse pump.
3. \$614.25 to Western Highway Products for 2 only 120" x 48" advance warning street signs and one only 144" x 48" directional sign as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$335.45 to Johnson Stationers for 4 arm chairs as requested by the Police Department as replacement units for their Communications Center.
5. \$1077.30 to Magnetic TVI Corporation for 36 reels of 1-hour Sony video tape as requested by the Police Department.
6. \$1864.40 to Lennex Industries, Inc. for 6 only replacement heat exchanger units required to replace "down" units at the Recreation Center.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

7. \$2252.51 to Automatic Signal for labor and material required to repair traffic signal control cabinet damaged in an accident. The City will be reimbursed via insurance claim.

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8. \$891.45 to Hersey Corporation for one only 2" and one only 6" Hersey Sparling water meters as requested by the Water Department for installation at Loews Theatre. Payment has already been received for this service.
9. \$423.68 to Park Son Inc. for miscellaneous pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for Loews Theatre water service. Payment has already been received for these materials.
10. \$557.60 to Martin-Hannum, Inc. for 17 oz. of jewelry gold and 49 ozs. of sterling silver as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their jewelry classes. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via fees collected from class participants.

C. SPECIAL

11. \$742.35 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 74 adult title books.
26. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Custodial Supplies (Bid B71-17)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following contracts for the amounts and items specified:

1. \$874.49, including tax, to A-1 Chemical for Items 2,5,7, and 18.
2. \$971.58, including tax, to Easterday Supply Company for Items 24,26,40,41,63,64,68,79,81,86,87,88,90 and 91.
3. \$1872.57, including tax, to Galé Supply Company for Items 16,32,33,35,36,38,43,45,47,49-52,54,55,57,58,62,66,73,74,77,78 and 84.
4. \$658.04, including tax, to Proctor and Gamble for Items 17 and 30.
5. \$1875.54, including tax, to Best Maintenance Company for Items 1,3,4,37,65,69,72,75 and 92.
6. \$1164.83, including tax, to National Sanitary Supply for Items 6,15,19,21,22,23,46,53,56,59,71,76,82,83, and 85.
7. \$8037.32, including tax, to Firstco for Items 8-14,20,27,28,29,31,34,39,42,44,48,60,61,67,70,80 and 89.
27. CALIFORNIA "COOPERATIVE" CONTRACT RE: ADDRESSOGRAPH-MULTIGRAPH CO.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the extending of "cooperative" contract placed with the Addressograph-Multigraph Company until June 30, 1971 so that contract dates will coincide with those of the State of California. Budgeted funds will cover this extension. (Anticipated expenditure during this extension period will be \$1300.00.)

28. EXPENDITURE FROM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AND REVISION TO STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$7,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the construction of a storm drain from 234th Street to 235th Street easterly of Crenshaw Boulevard per subject sketch. (Drainage District 8C)

29. GAS TAX APPROPRIATION - CURB AND GUTTER INSTALLATION ON CARSON STREET (NORTH SIDE) AT FLOWER AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$1,500 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced construction - SS Project 243.

30. GAS TAX APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS PROJECT DESIGNS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$6,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for Skypark Drive from Garnier Street to 1500 ft. easterly (SS Project 236)
2. That \$6,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for Sepulveda Boulevard from Hawthorne Boulevard to Madrona Avenue (SS Project 215).
3. That \$3,000 be appropriated from 2107 Gas Tax Funds for storm drain from Torrance Boulevard and Victor Street to Bishop Montgomery Sump (SS Project 242).

31. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS - BUILDING INSPECTOR.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve the revised class specifications for Building Inspector, with continued regular standing for the incumbents in this class.

32. CLASSIFICATION STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION for reallocation of position of Building Inspection Supervisor to class of Principal Building Inspector.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the subject reallocation be approved.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That the incumbent be "H" rated at his present salary. This would mean that the incumbent would continue to receive any general increases.

33. CLAIM of Bruce Wayne Brilhart for personal injuries.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and #33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

34. ZONE CHANGE 71-11, RONALD E. MORAN.
Change of zone from M-1 to C-3 on property located on the north side of 190th Street, east of Hawthorne Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

34A. APPEAL OF DIVISION OF LOT 71-14, RONALD E. MORAN to divide one lot into three parcels, located on the northeast corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and 190th Street.
DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Miller announced that the subject items would be heard together, and that this was the time and place for such hearing.

Following the Staff presentation by Sr. Planner Hagaman, and confirmation by Mayor Miller that this would not affect the land proposed for Columbia Park, there was discussion pertaining to the recommendation of the Recreation Director that there be a 40 ft. access easement between Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 which will provide access to the recreational facilities to the rear of the park property (a recommendation concurred in by the Planning Department). The desired easement was discussed by Director of Recreation Van Bellehem who advised that the park is still in the planning stage with Los Angeles County and it is necessary that access be preserved in that section of the park for the offstreet parking. It was added by Mr. Van Bellehem that the requested access at that location in the property was for the reason that there is already existing a 12 ft. easement and it appeared the easiest arrangement -- this matter has been reviewed with Mr. Moran, and it appears that a 50 ft. private street is proposed for the west end of the property, and that would be satisfactory, so long as there is access, according to Mr. Van Bellehem.

Representing Mr. Ronald Moran was Attorney Larry Bowman who noted that the Precise Plan submitted calls for a road at the west end; they would have no objection whatever to reasonable access across the property. Mr. Bowman added that it is not possible to dedicate a street in view of the CBS transmission lines.

Mr. Moran was also present and stated that the logical place for such access is at the west end of the property in that that will be a 50 ft. street anyway -- Mr. Moran further confirmed his conversations with Mr. Van Bellehem and that there would be no problem; access and use of this street was assured by Mr. Moran.

Concurrence with C-3 Precise Plan zoning was indicated by Mr. Bowman, as well as their willingness to concur with any reasonable recommendations. Concurrence as well with the conditions imposed on Division of Lot 71-14 was indicated by Mr. Bowman.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed on Items #34 and 34A. Seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of ZC 71-11 from M-1 to C-3 Precise Plan. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Planning Department for approval of D 71-14, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Fire Chief Lucas extended an invitation to the Council and the public to attend the Citywide Bicycle Rodeo on May 22nd at 9AM at Del Amo Fashion Square.

36. Councilman Brewster stated, for the benefit of the 50-year Torrance residents, that his absence from the ceremony commemorating them was due to illness; Mr. Brewster's congratulations and good wishes are to be added to those previously expressed by the Council.

37. A thank you to Mr. Dick Cahill, president, Local #1117, for his very complimentary letter to the City of Torrance with regard to their negotiating abilities, fairness, and justice was extended by Councilman Brewster.

38. Councilman Brewster pointed out the growing problems with the Jefferson Middle School at Anza and Sepulveda, and the Crossing Guard situation -- the residents desire that Council hear this matter prior to the closing of school in June, and Mr. Brewster requested that it be so expedited.

39. Singled out for recognition by Councilman Brewster were the eloquent waxings of the City Attorney and his representatives -- the unending flow of verbiage which can turn utter chaos into mass confusion is deserving of recognition.

Presentation of a plaque (net worth \$1.28) by Councilman Brewster followed -- inscribed thereon: "I KNOW YOU BELIEVE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU THINK I SAID, BUT I AM NOT SURE YOU REALIZE THAT WHAT YOU HEARD IS NOT WHAT I MEANT." There was loud applause; City Attorney Remelmeyer was at a complete loss for words of gratitude.

40. The status of the requested resolution for the Torrance Irish Club for its St. Patrick's Day Parade was questioned by Councilman Johnson; he was advised it will be on the May 25th agenda.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta referred to the procedure regarding attendance at Conferences, and the merit of selecting the most pertinent subject matter to be presented, and MOVED that the Council, Clerk, Treasurer, and Staff be given a choice of Conferences so long as no additional expenditure of money is involved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

42. The acute need for providing accommodations for those desiring to listen to and to copy tapes of Council and Commission meetings was pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta. City Clerk Coil will investigate the possibilities.

43. Councilman Surber requested that his prepared oral communication be incorporated, verbatim, in these minutes. It follows:

"Following are the verbatim minutes from the City tape of my oral at the May 4th Council meeting - as well as comments made by others and myself regarding that oral:

"COUNCILMAN SURBER: I have received word that if Congressman Bell receives enough written information or requests that he would seriously think about holding up funds for Federal housing as pertains to 236 and 202. I would like to introduce a resolution to be addressed to Congressman Alfonso 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 Mr. Remelmeyer, our City Attorney, gives this body, the Torrance City Council, 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. This pertains not only to Sections re: 236 units and 202, but all other such housing. They all will be an added burden on the taxpayers due to their having to be owned upon completion, or before, by non-profit organizations or cooperatives. Also, FHA does not allow such units to have pools and other facilities for recreation normally included in multiple units constructed with private funds. I would like to make that in the form of a motion for a resolution.

"COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Are you talking about they will hold up just those coming to Torrance, or for those programs generally any where?

"COUNCILMAN SURBER: No, just for Torrance.

"COUNCILMAN BREWSTER: Do they as individuals have the power to do that?

" (Can't distinguish voice) They can request it of HUD.

"COUNCILMAN SCIARROTTA: Well, the thing is this -- he is only requesting a resolution. After you read the resolution, then next week -- I'm not opposed to writing a resolution, then next week, because there's one phase there of what you said, if it's going to hold up some people that want to get an FHA loan to repair their homes, or remodel their homes, or build a swimming pool, or something like this, I'm not for it. But if you say housing projects and housing projects alone, then I certainly would go along with you. But FHA includes all kinds of loans -- it includes repair loans, it may include buying a home on FHA terms....

"COUNCILMAN SURBER: I'll change the FHA as it applies to 236 or 202 or any other low cost subsidized rentals or sale of property.

"MAYOR MILLER: That's a direction -- Mr. Surber is entitled to have you write that and bring it back -- I don't think there is any action on the part of the Council at this point; bring it back and we'll vote on it.

"COUNCILMAN SURBER: Bring it back next week and vote on it?

"CITY ATTORNEY REMELMEYER: Yes, sir.

"COUNCILMAN SURBER: You can fancy up the language if you want to, Stan -- if you change anything, I'd appreciate a call though.

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"Our City Attorney, Mr. Remelmeyer, at the time of his Staff oral May 11th, handed my fellow Councilmen and myself what I presumed to be, and he so stated, the resolution I had requested.

"None of us, including myself, took time to read it right then, as we should have done. I talked to what I had requested - and some talked as though they were already familiar with the contents of the prepared resolution. I had been led to believe the previous week that we would discuss and vote on my requests May 11th.

"Even though I read from my notes explicitly what I desired to be the contents of the resolution - it was quite evident the next day, upon reading the prepared resolution, that there had apparently been a gross misunderstanding of my requests.

"I commend the attention to accuracy, shown by Mr. Mead, in reporting in the May 12 editions of the Daily Breeze, the Council discussion and contents of the prepared resolution.

"I further laud the efforts of the Daily Breeze Staff in giving the article a full top, front page placement and extensive space.

"I also appreciate Mrs. Lee having reported the announcement of the upcoming May 25th public hearing on this issue in The Times, South Bay edition, Sunday, May 16.

"I certainly have no reason to ask for a public retraction from the Daily Breeze as Mr. Mead only wrote what was said regarding the resolution before us - and from the contents of the copy of it given him.

"However, as I did not request what the prepared resolution or the article said I had - and because of the reaction by some to the article - I do at this time, publicly and sincerely, request that my oral tonight be given at least the same space, the same placement, and in the same editions of the Daily Breeze - particularly in view of the fact that no mention of the contents of my requests were made by the press, to my knowledge, in the May 12th Daily Breeze editions, or any other edition of either newspaper.

"I know from experiences of the past week that some people were misguided as to what my intent and requests were - from reading the May 12th article - and were not enlightened if they attended last week's Council session and not the prior week.

"I am also positive that Mrs. Lee, Mr. Mead and my fellow Councilmen fully realize the importance of clarifying the publicized result of what, I am sure, was inadvertant misunderstanding of instructions given Mr. Remelmeyer."

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Mayor Miller responded to Councilman Surber's remarks -- it was the majority decision of the Council not to take action on the subject resolution in view of the pending hearing on the matter; it is the further prerogative of the Council to act, or not act, as they see fit on any given matter. It was the further comment of the Mayor that harassment is unnecessary, noting as well that Councilman Surber as a Council Committee member has recommended certain action, and on its return to Council, Mr. Surber has voted against his own recommendation, the Mayor meantime having spent considerable time studying and evaluating the Committee recommendation -- all of which results in an embarrassing situation.

His firm determination not to prejudge the matter at hand was reiterated by Mayor Miller -- all sides will be heard on May 25th, and a determination can be made at that time, based upon facts.

It was stated by Councilman Surber that his primary concern is that his request be properly recorded -- no opposition was to be expressed; the request was merely to hold up funds for such housing until there could be a public hearing, and it did not come out like that; the record should be set straight.

Councilman Sciarrotta commented that it should be made clear that he would not prejudge a hearing by voting on such a resolution.

44. Mr. R.C. Harrison, Marble Estates Homeowners Association, 23040 Cerise Avenue, called attention to problems in his area -- the need for clean-up in the parkway area on Crenshaw between 225th and 235th, and the Greenwood-232nd Street intersection which is very dangerous for the children in the neighborhood.

City Manager Ferraro advised that remedial action is forthcoming on the parkway. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED that the above referred to traffic problem be referred to the Traffic Commission for study and recommendation; there were no objections, and it was so ordered. Councilman Brewster included the Victor-Garnet intersection, also minus a stop sign, for study by the Traffic Commission.

It was also stated by Councilman Brewster that the parkway problem in this case exists in many other locations in the City, and review by the Public Works Committee would be appropriate -- City Manager Ferraro stated that he would refer his report to this Committee. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that like information be furnished Mr. Harrison.

45. The retirement of Marie Vigil, principal-teacher at the Pueblo preschool, was announced by Councilman Wilson who described as well her considerable contribution to this community in the struggle to maintain this school. Dr. Wilson MOVED that proper recognition by way of a plaque be given Mrs. Vigil. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

46. A progress report on Ainsworth Avenue and the power poles was read aloud, at the request of Councilman Wilson -- it was determined that a temporary restraining order has been granted; a hearing will next be held on June 1st at 9 A.M. in the Superior Court, and interested parties have been notified.

47. Councilman Wilson recommended that there be a meeting of the Charter Review Committee -- the date selected was May 25th at 6 P.M.

48. It was the request of Mayor Miller that there be review of the franchise arrangements and possible future controls for the City, particularly noting the proposed substation at 235th and Crenshaw.

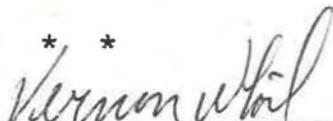
Mr. Lowell Goss, Southern California Edison Company, stated, regarding Ainsworth Avenue, that they will be meeting with the residents on May 19th to provide them with more information. As to the substation route, this route has been explored and under general order #131 of the Public Utilities Commission it authorizes and requires a utility come to a City body, and they will abide by that. It is recognized, Mr. Goss continued, that 235th Street is a residential street; it is also recognized that that street needs to be cleaned up, and it will be when the transmission line goes through.

Councilman Wilson recommended that the residents in the area of the 235th substation be advised of what is proposed to avoid repetition of what happened on Ainsworth.

49. Mr. R.C. Harrison returned to donate a soon-to-be removed pine tree to the City. City Manager Ferraro will check this offer out.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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City Council
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