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4:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 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, Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert. Absent: City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The Gra-Y Vikings led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Milton Sippel, First Christian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 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 Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

Report on revenue sources will be made in two weeks.

Police, Fire and Public Safety:

Regular meeting cancelled due to no agenda items.

Transportation Committee:

June 22nd at 4:30 P.M. re: Jefferson lease.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Met this date, and a report regarding a School Board representative serving as an observer on the Park and Recreation Commission will be forthcoming.

The next meeting of this committee will be on July 7th re: the Quimby Bill.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Presentation of tile plaque to Marie Vigil in recognition of her outstanding service to the children of the Pueblo community.

Councilman Wilson, on behalf of the Council, made the presentation to Mrs. Vigil with praise for her humanitarian efforts.

10. Presentation of tile plaque to Jim H. Stanley in recognition of his outstanding musical achievements with "Young Americans in Concerts."

The presentation to Jim Stanley was made by Councilman Uerkwitz, on behalf of the Council, with an enumeration of Jim's accomplishments and congratulations therefor.

- 10A. Torrance Police Reserves presentation.

Officer Phil Joseph, on behalf of TPOA, the Council, Mayor, and Chief of Police, presented plaques to Messrs. Dave Large and Zeke Alter in recognition of their many years of dedicated service with the Torrance Police Reserves.

- 10B. "Youth Economy Run"

Officer Al Jackson, Torrance Police Department, introduced the participants in the forthcoming "Youth Economy Run", and outlined the remarkable achievements of these young men.

PROCLAMATION:

11. "Race Unity Day".

Delayed for two weeks, at the request of City Manager Ferraro.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

## 12. Letter from Dan Butcher regarding Ordinance No. 2232.

Mr. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, was present to elaborate upon his June 2nd communication -- Mr. Butcher stated that since August 11, 1970, at which time his apartment plans were approved by Council, he has spent in excess of \$40,000 for plans and building preparation, representing months of bidding and efforts to acquire the financing now attained. Further, according to Mr. Butcher, his plans have been plan-checked by the City, permit fees have been paid -- however, in seeking a building permit, prior to adoption of the moratorium, he was refused such permit because of this expected moratorium.

The proposed development, Mr. Butcher continued, will put \$4½ million dollars into the South Bay economy, what with virtually all the sub-contractors being from this area.

If construction cannot be started prior to June 15th, according to Mr. Butcher, his interest alone on the project will raise \$351,000, and it is expected to raise through the 90-day moratorium period \$1,404,000, plus construction costs which are increasing daily.

In conclusion, Mr. Butcher stated that the moratorium has created an extreme hardship on him, and it is hoped that he will be permitted to continue on and build this beautiful apartment building.

Mayor Miller invited a motion for reconsideration; none was forthcoming.

At Councilman Wilson's question, Senior Planner Hagaman advised that Planning Commission hearings should take place in approximately 35 days, which would mean that the matter should be before the Council in approximately 60 days.

The City's legal position in this case, if the moratorium did not apply in cases such as this, (where units have already been approved,) was questioned by Councilman Johnson. Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary advised that it would be unwise for the City Council to make any concessions to local people in that all parties must be considered alike -- there is a common remedy for all - the Superior Court -- should the Judge decree that a building permit be issued, the Council would not be involved, thus insuring fair treatment for all.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that there appears to be no other alternative -- since the Council's original intention was to stop the density, the entire density must be stopped, not a particular piece of property.

## 13. Letter from Dudley Gray, Attorney at Law, regarding Permit No. 58549-B, 20555 Earl Street.

The request from Mr. Gray to continue this matter to June 22nd was noted, and there were no objections. Mayor Miller requested that Mr. Gray be advised of the above action on Item #12.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- 14. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 230th Street Assessment District  
No. A'11-70-1.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1. That the contract be awarded to Mushroom Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected;
- 2. That the subject Resolution of Award be approved and adopted; and
- 3. That the subject Notice of Award be published and recorded.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WORK OR IMPROVEMENT ORDERED BY RESOLUTION NO. 71-96 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL.  
(230TH STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-70-1)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-125. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 15. PROPOSED VACATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF MADISON STREET, 238TH STREET, AND THE ALLEY W/O WARD STREET LYING WITHIN THE AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF MADISON STREET, 238TH STREET, AND THE ALLEY WEST OF WARD STREET LYING WITHIN THE AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-126. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 16. PROPOSED VACATION OF THE EASEMENT IN THE VACATED ALLEY IN BLOCK 1, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 30, MEADOW PARK TRACT.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE THE EASEMENT IN THE VACATED ALLEY IN BLOCK 1, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 30, MEADOW PARK TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-127; his motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:17. LETTER FROM SETHA REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY PROBLEMS IN SOUTHEAST TORRANCE.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council consider this request for a change in priorities when the Capital Improvement Budget is presented by the City Manager.

Representing SETHA, Mrs. Arnold Johnson referred to their communication of June 2<sup>nd</sup> outlining the pedestrian and vehicular needs of Southeast Torrance, and pointed out that they cannot wait until 1974 or 1975 for needed improvements; such improvements should be made without delay. The June 8<sup>th</sup> letter to the Council from Mrs. Barbara Werre, 23805 Arlington Avenue, on the problems and hazards of Arlington Avenue between 235<sup>th</sup> and the Lomita City Limits, was read aloud as well by Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Sharon Allen, 2331 West 230<sup>th</sup> Place, expressed her concerns in this matter, particularly as they relate to the hazardous traffic conditions at 235<sup>th</sup> and Arlington for small school children.

The extreme need for sidewalks, curbs, and gutters at Arlington and 233<sup>rd</sup> was pointed out by Mr. L.B. Brown, 2242 West 233<sup>rd</sup> Street. City Engineer Weaver indicated that Staff would make a study of an involuntary assessment district in this situation, with a report back to Council.

Mr. Lou Sismondo, 1974 West 235<sup>th</sup> Place, reiterated the concerns regarding the traffic situation at 235<sup>th</sup> and Arlington -- it is of utmost necessity that a signal be installed at this intersection in view of the increased traffic on 235<sup>th</sup> Street.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the matter of priorities be referred to Management for reappraisal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At this point Mr. Homer Crew, 2320 West 235<sup>th</sup> Street, reported that speeding traffic along 235<sup>th</sup> Street presents a real hazard to the school children travelling this route; anything that can be done by this Council to help the situation will be very much appreciated by every resident along that street.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Engineer be directed to create an involuntary assessment district on 233<sup>rd</sup> Street at Pennsylvania Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. SAFE SCHOOL ROUTES DUE TO "MIDDLE GRADES"

Prior to the Staff presentation on this matter, it was the request of Councilman Brewster that in the future the Traffic Commission make some kind of motion which will result in a recommendation to Council -- Mr. Brewster noted that many times action is taken, the motion loses,

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and then the Commission takes no further action in the way of a positive motion to the Council.

The extensive findings of both the Traffic and Lighting Department and the Traffic Commission regarding the Safe School Route problems caused by the School District "Middle Grades" school changes were outlined by Traffic Engineering Assistant Carothers.

Following this presentation, consideration was first directed to the SEPULVEDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, and Mayor Miller invited those desiring to speak to do so at this time.

Comments regarding the busy Anza-Carson intersection (the 9th busiest corner in Torrance), the hazard presented to young children and the need for their protection, the lack of visibility at this intersection, the fact that between 8 AM and 9 AM approximately 1450 vehicles travel north and south between Carson and Sepulveda on Anza, with some 800 crossings per day by school children, the overall recommendation being that there should be a crossing guard at this corner -- such being expressed by John Ratslaff, 21922 Marjorie, Donald Nurwriter, 22001 Marjorie, and Mrs. Grace Nardone, 22030 Ocean Avenue.

Mrs. Polly Watts, 4501 Via Corona, stated that she was a School Board member at the time of adoption of the changes in boundaries and of Jefferson School as a Middle School -- it is important that the Council know that the School District is moving into the Middle School program which is being done to improve the instructional program. In this particular case, Mrs. Watts continued, the Board felt that satisfactory arrangements could be worked out for the safety of the children, their safety being the major concern of all. In her opinion, it would be impossible for the children to cross this busy street without a Crossing Guard at an appropriate intersection -- it otherwise might jeopardize an improvement in school arrangements at the very time when the City and the Schools are moving into new areas of cooperation.

Speakers further stated that a recent Traffic Department survey recommended that a pedestrian-actuated signal should be installed at Carson and Kent, or a Crossing Guard retained; also, a concrete-embedded pole was recently knocked down again; the crossing problems presented by inclement weather; the learning habits, reflexes, and makeup of young children -- the speakers were Mrs. Pauline Gabely, 22038 Ocean; Peter Schreiber, 22026 Marjorie; Mrs. Judith Alexander, 22034 Ocean; and Mrs. M.L. Franklin, 22013 Marjorie.

Council discussion followed, incorporating review of the overall Crossing Guard program, the problems created by Middle Schools, the specific needs for the safety of the school children attending Sepulveda Elementary School, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that a Crossing Guard be placed at Anza and Carson, in addition to the Crossing Guard at Anza and Lenore. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A further MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That a red hand-actuated signal be put at Kent for pedestrian crossing, and that the Crossing Guard be retained there until such time as the signal is operative and the children have had an opportunity to learn crossing habits.

There was no second to Councilman Johnson's motion, and discussion returned to the problems at this location, and it was the consensus of the Council that there be further consideration of this matter by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

Councilman Johnson then restated his MOTION: That Staff study the problem of the Kent/Carson Crossing Guard and hand-actuated signal, with a report back to Council one month before school starts -- such study to include the parents in the area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 7:32 P.M. to resume consideration of agenda item #18:

ADAMS SCHOOL:

Following clarification of the situation at Adams School by Traffic Engineering Assistant Carothers, residents reiterated earlier expressed concerns regarding the intersection of 235th and Arlington; the heavy traffic on 235th Street per se and the hazard to school children; and the matter of school boundary waivers. Noted too were the proposed high tension wires and storm drains for this area and the construction thereof. These speakers were Mr. Conrad Jung, 23066 Andreo and Mrs. Sharon Allen.

Council discussion was directed to the appropriate procedure in this case, it being particularly noted that the school waivers should be discontinued, true needs for Crossing Guards, and the imminent storm drain construction. Lieutenant Cook, Torrance Police Department, advised that there are some 200 waivers for Adams School as of now; this week a notice went out from Anza Elementary School informing parents that, if desired, they may make application for waivers.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the Traffic Commission, the Traffic and Lighting Department, and Police Department which recommends the removing of the Crossing Guard at Arlington and 235th Street. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Uerkwitz that the motion be amended to state that the Crossing Guard would be removed upon completion of the storm drain construction period. There were no objections, and the motion was so amended. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NEWTON "MIDDLE GRADES" SCHOOL:

There was clarification of this situation by Traffic Engineering Assistant Carothers -- particularly noted was the closure of the service road at Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor and installation of storm drain improvements.

Mrs. Atkins, 4801 Newton Street, indicated complete concurrence with what is proposed -- however, it should be stipulated that the storm drain will be finished before school starts in September so that they can cross safely, otherwise there will be construction problems. City Manager Ferraro indicated that such stipulation could not be made. It was the consensus of the Council that the Crossing Guard be permitted to remain until this construction is completed.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with Staff recommendations re: Newton "Middle Grades" School, with the understanding that the Crossing Guard will remain until the work is completed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:00 P.M. a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

- 19. Request of Radio Station KKOP to sub-lease transmitter facility to Blue and White Cab Company.

Mr. Vernie Deutsch, 4817 Via el Sereno, presented a petition of protest in this matter which outlined reception problems created by Radio Station KKOP and an absence of cooperation by KKOP. Reception problems were also reported by Mr. William Doty, 4813 Via el Sereno, and Mr. King Starrs, 4814 Via el Sereno.

The approval of the original request for this location for KKOP by the Riviera Homeowners Association was noted. Mr. Ted Baciu was present, and pointed out that such approval was with the stipulation that should there be any interference with local sets KKOP would be obligated to make necessary restitution.

The manager of KKOP, Mr. Steve Edwards, 1617 South Pacific Coast Highway, indicated a lack of knowledge regarding the above problems, and a willingness to remedy same, there apparently being a lack of communication.

It was the consensus of the Council that Staff should first investigate this situation prior to consideration of the sub-lease. MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to hold the sub-lease application until the report from Staff comes back, following an "on-the-spot" check. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, with the request that Staff determine if landscaping was part of the agreement. Also, that there be background information on the original application -- such report to be back in 6 weeks. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. Request from Newport Systems, Inc. to address Council to propose making a survey of the City's Data Processing functions.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to the Administrative Staff.

MOTION: Councilman Sicarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2234.

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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 NEWTON STREET, WESTERLY OF MADISON STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-5.

(Hugh L. Dunn and Zula B. Haig)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2234 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2235.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 4 AND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE REGULATIONS OF HOG FARMS AND DAIRIES AND ADDING ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1 TO DIVISION 4, ENTITLED "SWINE".

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2235 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

23. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$441.00 to Engineers Sales Service Company for 1 only Reliance submersible sewer pump motor (explosion proof) as requested by

the Traffic and Lighting Department as a replacement for the sewer pump motor needed at El Retiro sewer station.

2. \$352.80 to Rolling Hills Nursery, Inc. of Torrance for 21 15-gallon size trees as requested by the Park Department as replacements due to wind damage.
3. \$342.35 to Fred Lite Blocks for cement blocks, cement, reinforcing rods, and P.V. stone as requested by the Park Department to construct sign at Palos Verdes Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

4. \$1628.55 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one only 8" Hersey water flow detector (L.A. design) and two 2" Hersey water meters as requested by the Water Department. These meters are for installation at the Rolling Hills Village (2 each 2") and for fire protection service for the Upjohn Company-CPR Division (8"). Payment has already been received for these services.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

5. \$389.76 to Western Binding Company for rebinding 207 books.
  6. \$1933.21 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 264 books.
24. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT - Window Cleaning Service of City Buildings - Allstate Building Maintenance Company - (Annual Expenditure \$4,700.00)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of renewal of City's window washing contract for another year with the Allstate Building Maintenance Company in accordance with the 5% renewal provision of contract, which is considered reasonable.

25. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For traffic signal hardware - Automatic Signal Division-LFE Corporation. (Anticipated Annual expenditure \$8,000.00)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the awarding of an annual contract for LFE traffic signals and parts to LFE Corporation Automatic Signal Division in accordance with the same terms and conditions the County of Los Angeles has with this company. (Reference L.A. County Agreement #27534 dated 11/6/70). This is part of a continuing "Cooperative Purchasing" program with L.A. County which has been expanded in the last few years.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:26. SECOND READING - ORDINANCE NO. 2233.ORDINANCE NO. 2233

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING UNITS WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2232 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2233 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that the Crossing Guard policy be reviewed by the Council Public Works Committee, in view of discussions earlier this evening.

A further recommendation by Mr. Brewster was that there be some investigation of the merits of a voluntary assistance arrangement for Crossing Guard services.

28. The fact that the editor of the TPOA newsletter is unidentified -- and yet the author of editorials -- was noted by Councilman Brewster.

29. A most successful Girl Scout Awards Dinner was reported by Councilman Johnson, with the suggestion that Staff investigate the possibility of the City picking up the sponsorship of this event.

30. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that City Clerk Coil direct a letter to President Nixon commending him for his concern for Police widows in providing a subsidy for them -- Mr. Sciarrotta so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Discussion ensued. The reproduction of the subject news article furnished by Councilman Brewster (at private expense) was noted, it being made clear by Mr. Brewster that it represented "information only", and minus any position by him in the matter.

Councilman Surber commented that such a subsidy is a "Federal dole", and added that the article in its entirety further stated that: "a spokesman for the law enforcement officers expressed appreciation for Mr. Nixon's concern, but agreed that police claims were a local matter which Federal agencies should enter only on request. Nixon noted that local authorities would prefer to handle such cases as with local crimes." Most police agencies do supply insurance, according to Mr. Surber, at a very nominal fee, and undoubtedly quite less than the Federal government would pay for a \$50,000 policy.

Councilman Surber would agree that this is a local matter -- and will vote "no" -- further, it was his request that Staff investigate the cost of a \$50,000 policy for each policeman and fireman killed in the line of duty.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

31. The merits of starting all Council meetings at 7:00 P.M. was presented to the Council for their consideration at this time, and decision at a later date, by Councilman Sciarrotta -- or starting the early meetings at 4:30 P.M., in view of the increased length of Council meetings.

32. The Finance Committee recommendation regarding Councilmanic Travel Allowances (communication of June 8, 1971) was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta: That councilmanic out-of-town travel required by approved membership in organizations such as the South Bay Councilmen's Association, the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County, etc. shall not be charged against the \$1500 per annum allowance for attendance at conferences, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the above recommendation be Council policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

33. Clarification of the record relative to his request for the State Attorney General's ruling on Section 236, 235, and 221-D re: low-cost housing projects was made by Councilman Surber in that it is the apparent consensus of the Council that he is the only one requesting same -- further, according to Mr. Surber, the letter sent to the Attorney General singles him out as being the only one to make such a request. Mr. Surber then referred to a previous letter sent by the City Attorney, and requested that he be furnished a copy of this letter.

It was Councilman Surber's further request that the City Attorney hold any and all tapes concerning low-cost housing, incorporating statements made by the Mayor and the Councilmen. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The manner of making requests of the Attorney General was reviewed with Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary pointing out that such requests are generally given only to State officials, such as Assemblymen. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he would join Councilman Surber in his request if it would be of any value, as did Councilman Johnson.

34. Councilman Wilson noted that the fact that the North High baseball team won the C.I.F. Championship, and that there be appropriate recognition of this achievement -- it was agreed that

a tile plaque be given the school and bronze anniversary coins to the team members.

35. It was the request of Mayor Miller that Staff study the possibility of the City going into the utility business.

36. City Treasurer Rupert requested authorization to issue each of the Councilmen some of the anniversary coins to take back to the Philadelphia Conference for distribution to officials there; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

37. Mrs. Kowatsch, 2274 West 233rd Street, reported her recent difficulties caused by an adjacent oil well and oil spots on her property; she also described her unsuccessful attempts to remedy the situation. City Manager Ferraro indicated that this would be investigated tomorrow morning, and a report made at the next Council meeting.

38. Mrs. Oddy was present to express gratitude to the Council, the Police Department, and Staff for a most enjoyable weekend in North Torrance due to the action taken relative to the Swap Meet. At her question, Mrs. Oddy was advised that the pertinent ordinance in this matter would be on the June 22nd Council agenda.

Lieutenant Dave Cook reported that 100% cooperation had been received once it was explained that the district had to be of considerable size to be effective.

39. Representing Mr. Art Duarte, 2222 Del Amo Boulevard, Mr. Richard Rodriguez (?) requested that the Council reconsider their May 25th action which rezoned the Pueblo area from R-3 to R-1, and noted that 57 people who filed individual letters of protest were not properly advised as to the criteria for making a decision.

Mayor Miller entertained a motion for reconsideration, and none was forthcoming -- a decision which met with considerable vocal displeasure from the audience and necessitated a request from the Mayor that they leave the Council Chambers.

A further problem in this area was introduced by Armida Grajeda, 2204 Del Amo Boulevard, in that one of the lots is being used as a scrap yard for railroad tracks, etc. Building and Safety Director McKinnon reported that this is presently being investigated.

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At 9:25 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session regarding salaries and wages. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 10:10 to formally adjourn to Thursday, June 17, 1971, at 4:00 P.M. for Budget Workshop Sessions, on a motion by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Brewster, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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