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Adjourned at 10:30 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, July 6, 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: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Members of the Riviera Little League team led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Don McCaughey, Church of Christ.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of June 18, 1971 be approved as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Public Works Committee:

Met this date; next meeting scheduled for Friday, 9th, at 4:30 P.M. A meeting is also scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st, at 4:30 P.M. to continue discussion of the proposed ordinance regulating the processing, storing, and stockpiling of potential dust-producing substances.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

July 10th at 4:30 P.M. This committee also to meet with the Cultural Heritage and Arts Commission on July 19th at 7:30 P.M. It was noted by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that the 4 Library Commissioners serving on the Cultural Heritage and Arts Commission may pose a problem relative to the Brown Act; this will be checked out with the City Attorney. Councilman Wilson suggested that the Library Commission be requested to reduce their representation by one member.

Finance Committee:

July 8th at 4:30 P.M.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

July 20th, to review Fire Department proposals, at 4:30 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Presentation of permaplaque to Eva I. Bisou in recognition for her devoted service to the community and to the Torrance Safety Council.

Mrs. Bisou's long record of dedicated public service was recited by Mayor Miller who conveyed as well the appreciation of this Council for her contribution to this community. There was grateful acceptance by Mrs. Bisou.

10. Presentation of Tile Plaque to the North High School Varsity Baseball Team for winning the C.I.F. - AAAA Championship.

A dual presentation by Mayor Miller and Councilman Wilson recognized the outstanding achievements of the North High Varsity Baseball Team, and included a tile plaque and guest tickets to "Torrance Night" at Dodger Stadium on July 27th.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. APPEAL OF CASE B71-3, request for billboard at 3915 Torrance Boulevard.

Representing B&L Outdoor Advertising, Mr. Dickerson commented that the proposed billboard is within the City and is for advertising within the City -- a six-month permit would be acceptable, with perhaps a request for extension at the end of that time; further, a \$500 bond would be furnished, if necessary.

Council discussion followed relative to the time necessary to achieve full occupancy of the apartments to be advertised, with Mayor Miller acknowledging the urgency and concern in getting the apartments rented but this would not represent continuous signing; the fact that "first time" rentals are involved; the general absence of billboards advertising apartments for rent; and the likely need for an extension of the requested six-month period.

A motion was offered by Mayor Miller: That the subject request be granted for a six-month period, with no extension. (Mayor Miller indicated that he would not vote for an extension, recognizing the right of the proponent to request such an extension.) The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Sign Review Committee for DENIAL of the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, with roll call vote as follows, "yes" being for denial:

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

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- 12. PROPOSED VACATION of a portion of an alley south of 182nd Street west of Ashley Avenue (Beneficiary: Shell Oil Company)

RESOLUTION NO. 71-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN ALLEY SOUTH OF 182ND STREET WEST OF ASHLEY AVENUE 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. 71-147. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 13. APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS for Street Maintenance.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM STREETS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-148. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Councilman Surber confirmed that this is strictly State money before casting his "yes" vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

- 14. ANNEXATION OF CITY AREA to the Los Angeles County Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GIVING CONSENT AND GRANTING JURISDICTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE INCLUSION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITHIN THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-149; his motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Councilman Surber's "yes" vote followed confirmation that this is strictly County money.

REAL PROPERTY:

- 15. RESOLUTION and Assignment of a portion of Welch Hangar Lease to Charest.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO WELCH AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED JULY 6, 1971 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THOMAS H. WELCH AND VIOLET E. WELCH AND AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED JULY 6, 1971 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ROBERT D. CHAREST.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-150. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 16. RESOLUTION re: purchase of Parcel No. 19 required for the widening of Del Amo Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 19 REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

(Vaughn C. and Della L. Golden)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-151. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

17. RESOLUTION requesting the State Division of Highways to furnish data on DASH BROWN ROUTE of the 1/107 FREEWAY.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS TO FURNISH DATA ON "DASH BROWN" ROUTE OF THE 1/107 FREEWAY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-152, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the request of Councilman Johnson, in view of his objections to the Red Route and his feeling that if there must be a freeway at all it should be equally shared by benefiting cities, that the merits of the following route be investigated by the City Traffic Engineer and the State: the old Blue Route generally split the line between Torrance, Redondo Beach, and other beach cities along Prospect -- were that line extended straight and followed generally east of St. Lawrence School, continue up the hill slightly west of the Riviera Elementary School, and then would begin to turn and take the northeast tip of the Palos Verdes Country Club, then proceed in an arc southeasterly along a gully to Western and there connect with the old Blue Route, just northeast of the Botannical Gardens.

It was added by Councilman Johnson that such a route would find a great deal of gully, vacant land, and would travel through the Riviera something less than a mile. Mr. Johnson urged that this route be studied and returned to the Council as an alternative to the Red Route presently proposed, and reiterated his request that such information be furnished.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 71-152 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz, *JOHNSON (see minutes 10/12/71 pg. 18)*

Councilman Surber's "yes" vote followed confirmation that there will be public hearings when any freeway routes are considered.

It was indicated by Councilman Uerkwitz that his "no" vote was for the reason that he feels a great deal of valuable State time is being wasted studying any freeway routes; Mr. Uerkwitz can see no real need for the proposed 6 or even the DASH BROWN route -- the hearing should be on whether there should be a freeway at all rather than any other routes.

18. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES on Del Amo Boulevard between Prospect and Anza Avenue.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer, as follows:

1. That the Police Department be requested to use radar speed enforcement as much as possible on this section of Del Amo Boulevard.

2. That no 4-WAY STOP signs (or 3-WAY at T-intersections) be installed on this section of Del Amo Boulevard.

3. That the School District be advised of pedestrian crossing problems for high school students, and that they request a flashing signal installation at Del Amo Boulevard and Entradero. Further, that under the provisions of the California Vehicle Code, Section 21367, the School District request will result in one-half the cost of said signal being borne by the District. (Estimated total cost \$1,750.00).

The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. RESOLUTION rejecting all bids for improvement of Torrance Boulevard Street Lighting between Maple Avenue and Madrid Avenue, and authorizing City forces to accomplish the necessary work.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD STREET LIGHTING BETWEEN MAPLE AVENUE AND MADRID AVENUE (B 71-22), AND AUTHORIZING CITY FORCES TO ACCOMPLISH THE NECESSARY WORK.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-153. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION and Agreement for Legal Advertising for 1971-72.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTH BAY DAILY BREEZE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1971-72.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-154. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

21. ORDINANCE RE: PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX.

There was clarification regarding his version of the subject ordinance - Ordinance A - by Councilman Johnson; with like clarification of Ordinance B by Councilman Brewster, authored by him.

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Council discussion followed, it being noted that the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee will meet on July 7th; reviewed were the revenue estimates, the relationship to the Quimby Bill, a possible "sliding scale" arrangement, etc.

Councilman Brewster MOVED that title be read to Emergency Ordinance B, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That Emergency Ordinance A be read. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Vickie Birdsall, League of Women Voters, stated that neither Ordinance A nor Ordinance B appears to be adequate -- but, in any event, there should be enactment of the emergency ordinance of the highest amount possible -- the history of money for parks and open space land is one of going downhill, and is a matter of concern to the League.

Next to speak was Mr. Anthony Barash, attorney representing property owners in Torrance, who outlined the extensive efforts to date in arriving at conclusions in reference to the Park and Recreation Facilities Tax, in conjunction with Staff and meetings pertaining thereto. It was his recommendation that the proposed legislation incorporate a credit allowance.

Discussion returned to the complex considerations yet to be resolved, and the likelihood of finding it necessary to rescind any ordinance adopted at this time, with resultant damage to the Council's image.

There having been no objections to the main motion above, Mayor Miller directed the City Clerk to assign a number and read title to Ordinance B:

ORDINANCE NO. 2255

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 223.2.2 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 23, DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 223.2.2 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 23, DIVISION 2 PERTAINING TO SAID TAX AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2255 at its first and only reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the comment that the findings of the Committee will not be available for a month or so as to future procedure, hence his second to the motion.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that he would concur that this is a most complex matter, and he would prefer not to act at this time, when the entire matter can soon be finalized. The Mayor indicated that he would, therefore, cast a negative vote but with the idea in mind that the whole matter go back to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee.

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

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

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that the subject item be referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee for study, along with their other considerations, to incorporate the earlier comments of the Building and Safety Director regarding a "sliding scale". The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the request of Councilman Surber that the matter of private recreational facilities be investigated as to savings and usage by tenants as compared with usage of City facilities.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PARK AND RECREATION:

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2214 (QUIMBY BILL):
23. ORDINANCE NO. 1631 (BEDROOM TAX):

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that agenda items #22 and #23 be referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and there were no objections.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

24. RESOLUTION re: Memorandum of Understanding regarding appointment of Torrance representative to the Transit Advisory Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT (S.C.A.G.) AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TORRANCE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-155. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the City withdraw from S.C.A.G. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Surber, Uerkwitz.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson, and
 Mayor Miller. (an emphatic "no").

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 71-155 carried, as follows:

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

Councilman Johnson indicated that his "yes" vote was for the reason that this action pertains to transportation; ordinarily he would vote "no".

The authority granted the City Manager to make such appointment was noted by the Council.

PERSONNEL:

25. Request from Bruce P. Wolfe, Attorney at Law, that date be set for hearing on appeal from ruling of Civil Service Commission regarding Sgt. James Farrar - Torrance Police Department.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the request for a hearing be granted; the hour and date to be 5:30 P.M., July 13, 1971. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2241.

ORDINANCE NO. 2241

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART VI OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND ADDING A NEW PART VI TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2241 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2250.

ORDINANCE NO. 2250

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 29 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXCLUDING DWELLING UNITS OR ADDITION OR ACCESSORY STRUCTURE THERETO WITHIN THE CITY, OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION OR IMPROVEMENT TO A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING BUILDING AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2249 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2250 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2252.

ORDINANCE NO. 2252

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 32.1.19 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING SECTIONS 35.7.1 AND 35.7.2 OF ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX FOR MINING EARTH, GRAVEL, AND SAND AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A SEVERANCE TAX AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2251 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2252 at its second and final reading; his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2254.

ORDINANCE NO. 2254

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 16 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SWAP MEETS AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 3 PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING AND TAX UPON SWAP MEETS AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2253 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2254 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

30. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$310.35 to Graybar Electric for six portable and weather-proof lampholders as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department as replacements.
2. \$1200 to Mike Brown Grandstands, Inc. for rental of bleachers with 750 seating capacity as requested by the Recreation Department for the 1971 Aquacade.
3. \$750.75 to Game Time, Inc. for two picnic tables and 13 portable park benches as requested by the Recreation Department as replacements.
4. \$432.08 to A.J. Bayer Company of Torrance for 22 cast metal letters (10" to 16" in height) as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department to be used on the new entrance sign being constructed at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.
5. \$398.45 to Bay Central Lumber Company for 1,216 square feet of ceiling tile and miscellaneous size lumber as requested by the Building Maintenance Department for use at the McMaster Park building.

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6. \$502.94 to Joslin Lumber Company for various size lumber, metal sheeting and nails as requested by the Building Maintenance Department for use in constructing a new steel and oil storage building.
7. \$699.05 to Herbert L. Strock Productions, Inc. for additional film footage as requested by the Recreation Department for the completion of their leisure film "That's What Livings About". (The original film expenditure of \$5980.00 was previously approved by Council on November 13, 1970.) **
8. \$304.40 to Johnson Stationers for two couches as requested by the City Librarian for use in the Staff rooms of the North Torrance and El Retiro libraries as replacements.
9. \$1026.90 to South Bay Reloading for 12,000 rounds of reloaded .270, .223 and .38 caliber ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use on the target range.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

10. \$425.00 to Chief, Card Division, Library of Congress, for one set of proofsheets for period July 1, 1971 through June 30, 1972.
11. \$824.25 to Putnams-Coward-McCann for renewal for full Greenaway Plan of approximately 320 titles.

** (NOTE: Councilman Uerkwitz recorded a "no" vote on Item A - 7 above.)

31. SPORTING EQUIPMENT BIDS:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

- (1) That Council reject all bids (3) received pertaining to #B71-24.
- (2) That Council approve the award of contract for all sporting goods for fiscal year 1971-72 to Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop in the amount of \$18,268.04 including tax.

32. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drains and Catch Basin in various locations. (Jobs 65031, 72007 and 83002 - B71-29).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to G.W. Shore Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected; and
2. That \$2,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund to cover incidental costs.

33. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - TRACT NO. 24183.

Subdivider:	C.N. Cake		
Bonding Co.	Pacific Employers		
Bond No.	01-B-77689	- Amount:	\$61,500.00
Bond No.	01-B-77638	- Amount:	\$30,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER.

That subject bonds be released.

34. REPORT OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION, Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk at the Northeast Corner of 2567 Sonoma Street and Elm Avenue (Chapter 27 Short Form 1911 Act 71-1)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council set 5:30 P.M. on July 20, 1971 as the date for the hearing on the subject Report of Cost of Construction.

35. REPORT OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION, Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk at 2563 Sonoma Street and Elm Avenue (Chapter 27, Short Form 1911 Act 71-1)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council set 5:30 P.M. on July 20, 1971 as the date for the hearing on the subject Report of Cost of Construction.

36. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY SERVICE ROAD CLOSURE AT CALLE MAYOR.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$25,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the subject project.

37. CLAIM of Mrs. Julia Battaglia for personal damages.

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 #30,31,32,33,34,35,36, and #37. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A "no" vote on item #30 - A - 7 was recorded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

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At 7:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the 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 7:10 P.M.

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HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

Considered together:

38. CONTINUED HEARING - ZC 71-7, ALBERT LEVITT.
Change of zone from A-1 to C-2 to C-3 (PP) on property located at the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard bounded by Newton Street and Park Street.
- 38A. PP 71-1, ALBERT LEVITT.
Approved by the Planning Commission subject to conditions 17 and 26 being approved by City Council.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing.

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

Staff presentations were made by Sr. Planner Hagaman and City Traffic Engineer Horkay, following which the proponent, Mr. Al Levitt, described the site, deeming it extremely difficult to develop, with the logical development being either apartments or commercial -- their choice is commercial development and a most unique project is proposed. Mr. Levitt also described the traffic circulation problems, specifically noting the need for an entrance at Via Valmonte and their willingness to install a traffic signal at this location.

Renderings were displayed by Mr. Roy Young, architect, with further clarification of what is proposed on this site.

Council discussion was directed to the conditions to be resolved, starting with the sidewalk. MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the Planning Commission in approving elimination of sidewalks on Hawthorne Boulevard, subject to any Staff requirements relative to any necessary installations in the parkway area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections. It was stated by Councilman Surber that it should be understood that the City will not entail any additional expense should it be necessary to tear up the street or something of that nature. The Mayor reiterated the request that the proponent work with Staff, with Staff to return to the Council should there be problems. At City Engineer Weaver's request for clarification, it was confirmed that the sidewalks on Newton Street and Park Street are to be installed adjacent to property lines, in the standard manner. Mr. Levitt voiced his objections to this, expressing his desire to have the sidewalks adjacent to the curb in the interest of maintenance and overall appearance, but the request was denied, with reaffirmation by the Council that the Code be followed, with all possible Staff cooperation in the area of aesthetics.

As to the Marbelite street lights, Mr. Levitt indicated that they only desired to meet City standards in this regard. City Traffic Engineer Horkay indicated that the official City pole is a Marbelite pole.

Signalization at Via Valmonte and Hawthorne, and the varying recommendations pertaining thereto, was next reviewed. Mr. Glen Zachary, 2919 Winlock Road, representing the Walteria Homeowners Association, expressed their approval of the proposed project, and, specifically, recommended the installation of a signal at Via Valmonte and Hawthorne, and deemed it long overdue.

Possible City liability, were the signal installed and it became evident that it was unwise, was questioned by Mayor Miller. Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary pointed out the negative recommendation in this regard by the City Traffic Engineer; further, should it later be decided to revoke the signal, the proponent likely would have an action against the City for damages. Any "hold harmless" arrangement would be up to the developer, according to Mr. McNary.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed on #38 and 38A. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A series of motions evolved, as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Traffic and Lighting Department on Item #3 (Condition 19) regarding the signal. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Johnson: That the Council permit and require the traffic signal and the center median, offset left turn lanes, providing as nearly as possible the left turn minimum requirements for Newton and the maximum requirements for the left turn into the Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Discussion was then directed to the Mayor's suggestion that there be some kind of stipulation from Mr. Levitt to the effect that should this develop into a safety hazard that he be held responsible for his tenants in this regard. It was the comment of Councilman Surber that this is a good argument for not putting in the signal because of the very doubts expressed. Concurrence with Mr. Surber's remarks was indicated by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the comment that this would be a "built-in" law suit. Mr. Uerkwitz, therefore, withdrew his second to the substitute motion.

Mayor Miller responded that this could be said of every intersection in Torrance; these are decisions that must be made by officials in the hope that they are doing the right thing. Councilman Johnson alluded to the difficulty of developing the subject area, and the earnest efforts of Mr. Levitt to arrive at a creditable development -- the intersection of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne, at this time, is a most hazardous one, and has always required a signal even now; the Council is derelict in not putting it in, with or without this development.

The substitute motion was seconded by Mayor Miller. It was pointed out by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that there should be a condition of the Precise Plan so that the installation and modification will be at the subdivider's expense. Councilman Johnson confirmed that such is a condition of the substitute motion.

There was further discussion regarding traffic progress in this area, as well as the proposed signal and the likely traffic control, in view of the present difficulties at the Via Valmonte intersection.

Councilman Johnson then restated his SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the Council concur with the Planning Commission relative to Item #19 calling for the installation of the subject signal, at the developer's expense, and eliminating the "right turn only" aspect; this to include signal and associated road work. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

(It was clarified by Councilman Johnson that the above refers to the center divider with the deceleration lanes, modified to necessary engineering in Staff's best judgment, to the end that a good condition results at Newton as well.)

The substitute motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Surber stated that he is not sure in this matter, and, when in doubt, he votes "no".

It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that the southernmost driveway be a "right turn in", "right turn out" only -- there was concurrence with this suggestion, and Councilman Johnson incorporated it in his SUBSTITUTE MOTION above.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission in their entirety re: Precise Plan 71-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, in light of the preceding discussion.

Item #38: ZC 71-7

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a change of zone from A-1 and C-2 to C-3 Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Considered together:

39. ZC 71-14, DEL AMO BUILDING ASSOCIATION.
Change of zone from C-3 to R-3 on property located at the northeast corner of Lomita Boulevard and Samuel Street.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

39A. LETTERS OF PROTEST re: ZC 71-14.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing.

The contractor in this consideration, Mr. Karl Fechner, 4105 Pacific Coast Highway, acknowledged the present climate in the City relative to apartments and deemed it suicidal to proceed with this zone change; denial is anticipated by Mr. Fechner. Mr. Fechner added his opinion that the problem in the City is traffic flow, and apartment developments, housing non-voters, have become the scapegoat for everything that is wrong in this City. Development in the Del Amo Center, Mr. Fechner continued, has been doubled yet there have been no positive steps in handling the traffic that will be created.

In response, the following statistics were offered by Mayor Miller: in 1960 there were approximately 2,000+ units in Torrance; with a 486% increase between that time and 1970, representing some 17,000 units -- further, the 1960 population was some 100,000 people, with the major population influx in recent years created by apartment developments and resultant high density and the problems created thereby.

In defense of the commercial development, the Mayor pointed out that 20% of the City's entire budget is paid by sales tax, and is a sum that will prove meaningful in the capital improvement program of the future.

Mrs. James Pierson reiterated the feeling of the League of Women Voters that planning in the subject area should be compatible with airport uses, the hospital, and other development at this location.

Mr. Bob Dunn, 3651 Newton Street, stated that he is an owner of considerable property in Torrance and that there is a need for clarification of what is going to happen to his land, specifically as it pertains to his property in the Victor Precinct. Mr. Dunn was referred to the Planning Commission meeting of July 7th where this matter will appear on their agenda.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for DENIAL of ZC 71-14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that, in his opinion, commercial development, such as a shopping center, would be better at this location.

Noted by Councilman Surber were the Planning Commission and Planning Department recommendations for denial, along with like requests from residents in the area, so this is not a sole action by the Council.

It was clarified by Councilman Uerkwitz that the above action pertains only to the subject property, with no bearing on additional Planning Commission action pertaining to property across the street.

Considered together:

40. CONTINUED HEARING, V 71-8, RALPH L. KIRSCH.

Request for a variance to the off-street parking code requirements to construct a day care nursery on property located on the east side of Madrona between Carson Street and Monterey Street.

RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

40A. COMMUNICATION regarding Parking Requirements for Day Care Centers.

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 Items #40 and #40A.

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Sr. Planner Hagaman reviewed the history of this matter, including Planning Commission/Planning Department recommended amendments to the Code.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Gerald Klawans, attorney at 1440 Pacific Coast Highway, stated that most of the problems would be resolved if there is concurrence with the Planning Department recommendation of 1 parking space for each 25 students. It was the consensus of the Council that a reasonable compromise would be 1 for 20.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Item 40A):

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of a new standard pertaining to Day Care Centers, Nursery Schools, and Kindergartens of 1 parking space for each 20 students, plus 1 parking space for each teacher and/or employee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A need for some redesign was pointed out by Mr. Hagaman, and the following action resulted on Item #40:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of V 71-8, subject to all Staff conditions, adding condition #18: That the parking ratio be the one established in the above action; and condition #19, That the parking and loading area be subject to approval by the Planning Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered together:

41. ZC 71-10, LAURIE R. BELGER.
Reconsideration of change of zone from R-1 to C-1, C-R, or R-P on property located at 25905 Crenshaw Boulevard.
- 41A. HEARING ON APPEAL OF CUP 71-6, LAURIE R. BELGER.
Reconsideration of Appeal of Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of a single-family residential structure for law offices in a C-1 zone at 25905 Crenshaw Boulevard (per Item #41.)

Affidavits of Publication on Items #41 and #41A were presented by City Clerk Coil; they were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing.

First to speak was Mr. Robert E. Courtney, 307 East Queen Street, Inglewood, who hopes to join Mr. Belger in the practice of law at the location now under consideration, and who prefaced his comments with the observation that "an attorney who represents himself has a fool for a client".

Mr. Courtney reviewed past circumstances in this matter, and expressed gratitude for this rehearing -- letters of recommendation from Attorney General Younger, Judge Thomas P. Floyd, and Judge William McFadden were furnished the Council -- followed by reiteration of their desire to practice law, in a somewhat unique manner, in the subject dwelling; a practice that should prove an asset to the community.

Council discussion followed as to possible avenues of granting the request, were it so decided, and a method which might permit the use but with an R-1 reversionary procedure. Noted by Mayor Miller was the fact that he does not particularly object to the law office use, but he would be concerned about other potential uses, hence his reluctance to change the zone for an all-out commercial use. It was ultimately agreed that the legal aspects and possible solutions in this matter should be reviewed by the City Attorney and the Planning Department, to be returned to the Council on July 20th.

Mr. William MacCabe, attorney at 18309 Crenshaw, spoke at this time and stated that the City would probably be well satisfied with an R-P zone; he urged that offices in general, of a professional nature, be permitted.

Opposition to any zone change on this property was expressed by Mr. John Davis, 2936 Winlock Road, on behalf of the Walteria Homeowners Association -- he would recommend postponement for further legal clarification.

Mr. Laurie Belger reported on his understanding that no difficulties would be presented so long as he was willing to agree to any stipulations imposed.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Discussion returned to mode of procedure, with reiteration that there be review by the City Attorney, with continuation of the matter for one week. The solution, in Councilman Brewster's opinion, would be the establishment of a Professional Zone which might be very similar to the R-P zone, minus residential, barber shops, etc, and then make everything by Conditional Use Permit which would afford proper control.

Mr. Mike Donaldson commented at this point on the hardship represented by this land -- it has been for sale for a long period of time with no buyer interest and many limitations as to its use.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that agenda items #41 and 41A be continued to July 13th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:42. IMPERIAL BANK - REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF INSPECTION CHARGES.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That no reduction in inspection fees be granted to Imperial Bank, and that they pay the City \$1,077.00 for inspections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

43. RELIEF FROM NOISE REGULATIONS.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That relief be granted to Mr. Duncan, operator of an ice cream truck, and that a change in the ordinance be made to exempt this type of sound amplification in connection with vending trucks for the following reasons:

1. That the noise is of a short duration at only one location.
2. When stops are made by the truck, the sound is turned off and does not linger in any one location.
3. Sound is quite directional from the amplifier, and, therefore, does not carry over a large area.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

44. PETITION RE: VIOLATIONS OF CODE - WEBBER-BUTTER OIL COMPANY, PROPERTY ON 227TH STREET.

Mr. Carl Seaberg, 3610 West 227th Street, presented the subject petition, and the matter was referred to Building and Safety Director McKinnon who will report back in two weeks.

45. RESOLUTION COMMENDING HOP LOUIE AND MINNIE WOO.RESOLUTION NO. 71-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING HOP LOUIE AND
MINNIE WOO FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-146. His motion^{was} seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

46. It was the request of Councilman Brewster that the Planning Department and Planning Commission investigate the merits of some type of Professional Zone as to uses and conditions.
47. Recent publicity regarding obstetrical accomplishments of his son, Officer Ronald Surber, California Highway Patrol, was read aloud by Councilman Surber -- talent is talent.
48. Civic Center development was reviewed by Councilman Surber, with the suggestion that there be some reconsideration of agreements, if possible, in view of the fact that the development to date does not appear to be in line with the desires of the citizens of Torrance. Councilman Surber noted the fact that a park was proposed for this area, which would be welcome, but not the proposed high-rise parking.
49. Mayor Miller's oral -- courtesy of Mrs. Connie Johnson:

"THE TOPSY TURVEY WORLD

If the butterfly courted the bee,
 And the owl the porcupine --
 If Torrance was under the sea
 And three times two was nine,
 If the horse rode the master,
 And the buttercup ate the cow,
 If the cat was chased by the mouse,
 And Edison's tower beautified SETHA's house
 The world would be upside down."

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At 10:00 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council recess for the purpose of an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Miller announced that the Council would conduct no further business on its return.

P.M.

The Council returned at 10:30/-- Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, July 13, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Vernon W. Coil

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

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance