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Adjourned at 5:55 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, July 27, 1971, at 4:30 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 Clérk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by representatives of the Torrance American Little League.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by City Clerk Coil.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 1971 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, 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 Surber, 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:

No reports.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:9. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 24209, DON WILSON BUILDERS.

Request for approval of a tentative tract map on property located at the south side of 190th Street at the westerly City limits.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Planning Department, and Engineering Department for approval of Tentative Tract No. 24209, subject to certain conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 23389, DON WILSON BUILDERS.

Request for approval of tentative tract map on property located at the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard, approximately 200 feet south of 235th Street.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Tentative Tract No. 23389, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

City Engineer Weaver advised that the Planning Commission minutes were in error relative to deletion of the condition: "That all lots be graded in accordance with the City of Torrance Code requirement." Such was not the case, and there is now no conflict; Mr. Don Wilson was present and indicated concurrence with the condition.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-9.ORDINANCE NO. 2257

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 NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY SIDES OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND ARLINGTON AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN

ZONE CHANGE 71-9.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2257 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. COMMUNICATION FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR requesting Council to set a hearing date for ZC 71-15 and Amendment to the Master Plan of the Victor Precinct.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to hold the subject hearing on August 17, 1971, said hearing to be set for 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CODE regarding Flags, Pennants, Banners and Cloth Signs.

Mr. Edward McLean, vice president, Tarbell Company, 4403 Torrance Boulevard, requested clarification of the proposed amendments, and was advised that it would not apply to "For Sale" signs.

Also present was Mr. Don Wilson, Union Bank Tower, who stated that what is proposed is discriminatory, and recommended that the matter be deferred for further discussion.

It was the opinion of Councilman Johnson that the assignment to the Planning Department and Planning Commission was not fulfilled, in that the Council request was for "the development of necessary laws to permit the pennants and flags under specific controls."

Councilman Sciarrotta recommended that there be further review by an ad hoc Council Committee to the end that a more acceptable law might result. Mr. Sciarrotta so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Miller appointed Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, and Wilson to so serve.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22431.

Subdivider: Longstreet Homes, Inc. et al (Harry Kissel)  
 Engineer: E.L. Pearson and Associates  
 Location: S/S Newton Street at Vista Montana and Vista Largo  
 No. of Lots: 13

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the subject final tract map be approved.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

15. RESOLUTION re: CONSTRUCTION OF 1970 BOND ISSUE STORM DRAIN PROJECT 9827, UNIT 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1970 BOND ISSUE PROJECT 9827, UNIT 1, AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAINS WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-167. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

16. RESOLUTION AND HANGAR LEASE to THE TRIPLE AAA WATER COMPANY, a California Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED JULY 27, 1971, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TRIPLE AAA WATER COMPANY AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 71-131 WHICH AUTHORIZED EXECUTION OF AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE WITH CHARLES W. SODERSTROM.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-168. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1971-72.

Following discussion of the proposed expenditures, it was indicated by City Manager Ferraro that henceforth quarterly reports will appear on the agenda for the information of the Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-169. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. RESOLUTION re: agreement with TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1971-72.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-170. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. Letter from Mrs. Mary E. Wertalla protesting her license fee for oil tanks.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject extension be granted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Reconsideration of this matter later in the meeting - See Page 9.)

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING - Follow up to various salary packages.

ORDINANCE NO. 2258

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.101.1 AND SECTION 17.103.6 OF PART X, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2258 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 71-137 AND SETTING FORTH SALARIES AND WAGE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Resolution No. 71-171. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2259

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.64.1 OF PART VI, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2259 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2260

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.51.1 OF PART V, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE CERTAIN TITLES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2260 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 2261

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE LIFE OF PART VIII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2261 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Further discussion, Page 10.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2262

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

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2262 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2263

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING THE CLASS OF CITY ATTORNEY TO SECTION 17.111.1 OF PART XI, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2263 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:21. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$545.08 to Blinker Lite for various repair parts for the Paralta barricade flasher units as requested by the Water Department.
2. \$348.02 to Photo and Sound Company for one only audio visual quality Wollensak cassette system as requested by the Police Department for use in recording investigation work.
3. \$323.27 to Reliable Foundry for two each 10" flanged spools and two each 6" water tees as requested by the Water Department for stock.
4. \$724.50 to Torrance-Gardena Reproduction for 100 copies of the Meadow Park Redevelopment Specifications (237 sheets per spec.) as requested by the City Engineer.
5. \$644.70 to Center Line Products for 200 gallons of white "Premix" street marking paint as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.
6. \$2467.50 to Cataphote Company for renewal of annual contract to supply 10 tons glass beads used to make "reflective" street marking paint and delivered "as requested" by the Traffic and Lighting Department. (This contract was originally approved by Council on September 16, 1969, and the Cataphote Company has agreed to extend this contract with no increase in price for another year.
7. \$309.75 to H.C. Lawson Company for 100 only 12" rubber lock rings and 300 only 6" rubber lock rings as requested by the Water Department.
8. \$823.20 to Constructors Supply for 118 various traffic control signs with mounting hardware as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
9. \$442.63 to Standard and Poors Corporation for various subscriptions to stock guidance earnings and ratings publications.
10. \$1548.81 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 136 adult and 83 juvenile books.
11. \$2307.57 to Needham Book Finders for 650 adult books.
12. \$572.25 to R. Sharp, Bookseller for 484 used books.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

13. \$5136.60 to Hersey Sparling Products for four Hersey water meters (2 only-2"; 1 only-1"; and 1 only 10") as requested by the Water Department for installation at the W.J. MacC... services (\$873.60) and the Kingsbacher-Murphy Company (\$4263.00) services. Payment has already been received from these companies for this service.
14. \$383.51 to Park Son, Inc. for one 8" and 6" water tapping valve as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Miyako and Kingsbacher-Murphy services. Payment has already been received for these services.

22. Considered separately.

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - WATER MAIN IN VAN NESS FROM ARTESIA BLVD. TO 169TH PLACE (B71-16) Job #71148

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That contract be awarded to R.M. Vukanovich Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - TWO BUDGETED REPLACEMENT RUBBER TIRED TRACTORS - DIESEL WITH ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT (REF. BID B70-51 (1 - Street Department and 1 - Water Department) Total Contract award amount \$21,844.90.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the awarding of a contract for two only replacement rubber tired tractors-diesel (Ref. Bid #B70-51 to the Harron, Rickard & McCone Company at our previous low bid price for this same unit less the hydraulic boom extension accessory in the total amount of \$21,844.90 including tax and trade-in deduction.

25. FISHING PIER AT TORRANCE BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That this matter be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission for study and recommendation to Council.

26. REQUEST TO EMPLOY PATRICK SMITH for outstanding acquisition matters that he handled as Deputy City Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council authorize the employment of Mr. Smith on terms outlined in his letter of June 24, 1971.

27. CLAIM of Thelma Ethel Olson 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 #21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and #27. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS - Airport Maintenceman and Airport Maintenance Leadman, with approval of Civil Service Commission of revision.

Councilman Johnson voiced his objections to the proposed revisions in the Class Specifications for Airport Maintenceman and Airport Maintenance Leadman, and predicted that at next year's budget hearings, it will be necessary to justify why their salaries should not be adjusted upward. It was clarified by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson that the duties or requirements of the job will not be affected; further, the title change was made as one of the concessions in the salary discussions. It was added by Mr. Jackson that it was hoped that the title changes avoided a pay increase -- should it be otherwise, it would be specifically pointed out to the Council. Councilman Johnson reiterated his objections.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with agenda item #22 approving revised class specifications for Airport Maintenceman and Airport Maintenance Leadman, noting that it is with the understanding that this does not change the salary in any manner whatsoever, only the title. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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The Council returned to reconsider:

19. LETTER FROM MRS. MARY E. WERTALLA PROTESTING HER LICENSE FEE FOR OIL TANKS.

Mrs. Mary E. Wertalla had meantime arrived at the meeting, and discussion of Item #19 resumed, with City Attorney Remelmeyer pointing out at this time that there has been no specific request for an extension of time, but, instead, a waiver provision is requested, and it cannot be waived. It was added by Mr. Remelmeyer that if Mrs. Wertalla desires time to complete an escrow with Mr. Killingsworth, this likely could be accomplished administratively.

The circumstances of this situation were described by Mrs. Wertalla (per her July 3rd communication).

Also present was Mr. Kerry Blant (?), Archer-Finch Properties, representing the buyers of the property, who described the proposed development of the property and their desire to proceed as planned.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to rescind his earlier motion relative to Item #19, and to reconsider same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous.

It was agreed by the Council that this matter be referred back to Staff to resolve administratively; to meet with the interested parties, and to return with the item in two weeks.

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At this time the Council returned to:

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2261.

Officer Phillip Joseph, Torrance Police Officers Association, voiced their objections to the passage of Ordinance No. 2261 earlier in the meeting -- they do not feel it necessary, and, further, that it takes some of their bargaining power away. It was further stated by Officer Joseph that it is not felt that representatives of the City have met in good faith, mediation would have been of no value had there been a meeting in good faith.

It was pointed out by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson that the subject ordinance makes it possible to pay the police officers; City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that this is the proper procedure.

Mayor Miller inquired if the Council wished to revise its earlier action, and there was no response; therefore, the motion stood as previously approved.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

28. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN ALLEY SOUTH OF 182ND STREET, WEST OF ASHLEY AVENUE (Beneficiary: Shell Oil Company).

An Affidavit of Posting and 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 subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN ALLEY SOUTH OF 182ND STREET WEST OF ASHLEY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-172. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 5:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to its agenda at 5:31 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Manager Ferraro expressed his pleasure at returning to the City of Torrance, "where the action is," to resume leadership thereof.

30. The generosity of the Friends of the Torrance Library in their gift of a 16MM sound projector for use in the branch libraries was specifically noted by Councilman Brewster. (Information Item D).

31. Councilman Brewster requested that the pending "Professional Zone" be expedited for review by the Council.

32. The optimistic note re: revenue sharing sounded by Senator Cranston in a recent letter to the Council was pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta.

33. A communication of gratitude from the Mayor of the Italian town of his parents' birth was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta -- they are most anxious for the plaque presentation to be made by Mr. Sciarrotta in the near future.

34. JEFFERSON LEASE AMENDMENTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

That the extensions of time for Jefferson to construct \$4,000,000 worth of improvements on the Triangle Leases be terminated as of today (July 27, 1971), and that the City Attorney immediately notify Mr. Levitt of this action.

Councilman Surber outlined the Committee findings in this regard (per communication of July 27th); and then MOVED to concur with the above recommendation of the Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the comment of Councilman Johnson that there had been past review regarding the \$4,000,000 worth of improvements, without final analysis -- further, there has been considerable "feet dragging" on the part of the City and others, and there appears to be a maneuver here to try to recapture a parcel which it does not seem the City is morally entitled to, in view of the considerable development which has taken place. There should be an amenable solution to the existing problem, in Mr. Johnson's opinion, and his vote, therefore, will be "no".

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson.

35. Councilman Uerkwitz referred back to Item #25 (Fishing Pier at Torrance Beach) and volunteered the information that an earlier study regarding a boat harbor had elicited the fact that this channel would not support that kind of activity.

36. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that on future matters pertaining to zoning, etc. involving vacant land the homeowner associations be notified, even though they may not fall within the 300 ft. mark.

37. Councilman Wilson referred to the Council meeting of July 20th and the fact that the Council was stunned by Councilman Surber's request for a Grand Jury investigation. The record should be set straight, Dr. Wilson continued, as far as he personally is concerned -- an individual Councilman has this right, but the unanimous vote of the Council should not be reflected as a request from all the Council; such was not his request.

Continuing, Councilman Wilson stated that it was something of a vague request, in the first place, in that it is not clear what was desired: an investigation of the park purchase, the rezoning? -- there was no definitive request.

The Council should be aware of the seriousness of such charges, Councilman Wilson added, brought by any one Councilman -- such charges destroy morale and reflect on the integrity of Staff and Council; it instills distrust and suspicion, and is, in a sense, a form of vicious slander without recourse. Also, a doubt is cast on the City's image -- Torrance has weathered past scars and, until now, the "All American City" has borne up well.

In conclusion, Councilman Wilson stated that there is a need that the Council act judiciously, intelligently, with restraint, and without impulsive action in an emotional state -- he reiterated that the Council should be aware of any serious charges that might be brought, such as happened on July 20th, which, in his opinion, was unnecessary and uncalled for.

It was added by Mayor Miller that should such an investigation take place that there should be a statement from the District Attorney's office regarding their findings and the absence of any wrongdoing. The Mayor has considerable concern as to the City's image, and it is vital to the community that there be positive publicity in this regard.

Mayor Miller urged that Councilman Surber, as an individual, proceed with the investigation -- it is now at a point of "putting up or shutting up" -- in view of Mr. Surber's apparent feeling that something is amiss, it is his responsibility to do so.

In concurrence with Councilman Surber's right, as an individual, to proceed with an investigation, was Councilman Sciarrotta who further noted that this was not a Council action.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 5:55 P.M. at which time the Council departed for "Torrance Night" at Dodger Stadium.

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

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Mayor of the City of Torrance