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Adjourned at 8:15 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, August 3, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Sciarrotta (vacation).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Members of Girl Scout Troup #925, at Mayor Miller's request, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Reverend Charles E. Robinson, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the minutes of July 13, 1971 be approved as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Sciarrotta).

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 Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Sciarrotta):

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Public Works:

Met this date -- the matter of the coke dust will be on the August 17th Council agenda.

Police, Fire and Public Safety:

Will next meet on August 17th at 4:30 P.M. re: Paramedic program.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Next meeting will be Monday, August 9th, at 4:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. Proposed amendments to the City Code regarding increased parking lot landscaping for commercial and industrial developments.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

There was clarification by Planning Director Shartle of the recommended increased landscaping requirements -- specifically noted were the Planning Commission findings that no hardship would occur due to the 2% increase for parking area landscaping requirements on small lots, providing landscaping under the bumper strip be included as part of the required 5%. Further noted was the substitution of two 15-gallon trees for one 24-inch box tree on parking lots with 10 or less spaces.

In the event a graduated scale is preferred by the Council, Mr. Shartle recited the Staff-recommended scale:

- a. Parking lot comprising not more than 10 parking spaces -- 3%.
- b. Parking lot comprising not more than 20 parking spaces -- 4%.
- c. Parking lot comprising more than 20 parking spaces -- 5%.

A "combination" was recommended by Councilman Johnson -- the above scale, with credit given for parkway and bumper strip areas, which will result in more landscaping without hardship. Mr. Johnson then MOVED to concur with the graduated scale as suggested by the Planning Department, and to further concur in giving credit for plantable areas under bumpers, next to buildings, etc. as a part of the percentage. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster..

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

It was confirmed, at Planning Director Shartle's question, that any reduction in tree size would apply only to smaller developments; however, credit for plantable areas would apply to all developments.

It was pointed out by Mr. Shartle that such an arrangement would likely result in less visible landscaping on large developments. Councilman Johnson indicated that the intent of the motion would be that such planting be around buildings, little nooks and crannies, or any area which would make the parking lot attractive.

The ordinance would then reflect, according to Planning Director Shartle, an indication to the developer that he is expected to do a larger project per requirements but that Staff has the option to allow the plantable area consideration.

Councilman Brewster stated that his "no" vote was for the reason that he favors the flat 5% requirement.

10. RESOLUTION opposing Assembly Bill No. 2294.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2294 WHICH PREVENTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM CONTROLLING MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS AND REGULATING THE ZONING, SIZE, DENSITY, LOT SIZE OR REQUIRED PARKING THEREFOR.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-173, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the request of Councilman Brewster that the author of this legislation be identified, and why such preferential treatment for mobile parks -- it was his further request that Messrs. McKinnon and Shartle go to Sacramento to testify against same. Also suggested by Mr. Brewster was that copies of Resolution No. 71-173 be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Local Government.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

11. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-7.

ORDINANCE NO. 2264

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 EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BOUNDED BY NEWTON STREET AND PARK STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-7.

(Albert Levitt)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2264 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

12. ORDINANCE relating to speed limit on Palos Verdes Boulevard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2265

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 10, SECTION 1, TO DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SPEED LIMIT ON PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD.
(30 MPH)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2265 its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, but failed to carry at this time, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilmen Johnson, Surber, and Uerkwitz indicated that they had voted "no" for the reason that they felt the speed limit should be 25 MPH.

It was pointed out that defeat of the above motion would retain a 35 MPH speed -- the earlier consideration of this matter was reviewed which had resulted in the above recommended 30 MPH speed limit. Councilmen Surber and Johnson thereupon changed their votes to "YES", and the motion carried, with Councilman Uerkwitz still voting "no".

Councilman Johnson reiterated his preference for a 25 MPH speed limit, and it was pointed out by City Manager Ferraro that another change in the speed limit would necessitate another Engineering study, as well as the fact that there will be a report back to the Council in six months on the present arrangement.

13. Ordinance recommending Truck Route Changes.

Withdrawn from the agenda.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2257.

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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 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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2257 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2258.

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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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2258 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2259.

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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 Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2259 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Sciarrotta).

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2260.

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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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2260 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster, at this point in the meeting, that Personnel matters not be incorporated with Non-controversial items, as happened in the above case. City Manager Ferraro indicated that future agenda items pertaining to personnel would appear under "Personnel Matters".

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18. ORDINANCE NO. 2262.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 THE 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 Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2262 at its second and final reading, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2263.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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2263 at its second and final reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

At Councilman Johnson's question, Assistant City Manager Scharfman clarified that the subject ordinance simply amends a portion of a larger ordinance pertaining to exempt employees, adding the position of City Attorney. Mike Stetson, representing the Torrance City Attorneys' Association, indicated that he had talked to management representatives and that their Association is very satisfied with the present form.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:20. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1797.39 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for one complete replacement Motorola Radio Base Station with control panel, timer, and remote control capacity as requested by the Communications Division.

2. \$608.90 to Game Time, Inc. for one only 8-seat swing set installed, as requested by the Recreation Department, for use at Walteria Park as a replacement unit.
3. \$810.00 to Diversified Enterprises Company for 12 USED marbelite light standards and 6 pedestrian "walk-don't walk" indicators as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$423.06 to Torrance Auto Body for repair of a 1971 Plymouth (Police Unit #7142) involved in an accident, as requested by the City Garage.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

5. \$367.50 to Best Concrete Products for one only water service meter, as requested by the Water Department for installation at K-Mart facility. Payment has already been received for this service.

21. PURCHASE OF PARCEL - SUR LA BREA PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council approve the subject settlement, per July 30th communication, and direct that the said monies be paid therefor.

22. PUBLIC AUCTION - DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of Purchasing and the Equipment Superintendent conducting a "Public Auction" to be held on August 28, 1971 at 11:00 A.M. in the City Yard for the purpose of disposing of City vehicles and equipment replaced by budget approved new equipment during the 1970-71 budget year.

23. RENEWAL OF CITY UNIFORM RENTAL CONTRACT - 1971-72.
(\$19,500.00 Annual Expenditure)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve renewing of existing uniform service contract with Atlas Coverall and Uniform Supply Company at their original bid price of \$.70 per uniform for one additional year beginning October 1, 1971.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 1 ONLY 4-WHEEL STREET SWEEPER.
(\$16,126.30 Expenditure) Reference Bid #B70-50.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the offer of Dearth Machinery Company and approve of the purchase of one only 4-wheeled street sweeper at last year's low bid price in the amount of \$16,126.30, including tax and trade-in allowance.

25. CLAIM of Roy Olson for Property Damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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At 6:05 P.M. Councilman Brewster 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 (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

The Council returned at 6:06 P.M. to take the following action: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session; the motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

The meeting resumed at 7:05 P.M.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:26. HEARING ON APPEAL - CUP 71-21, JAMES E. STEWART.

Appeal of Planning Commission action for denial of Conditional Use Permit 71-21 to allow the operation of a motorcycle display and accessory sales facility in an existing building at 18425 South Hawthorne Boulevard.

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 subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation, invited those desiring to speak on this matter to do so at this time.

Representing the proponent, Attorney William N. Willens, Suite 1150, Union Bank Building, described the proposed accessory sale business, with a display of motorcycles -- such motorcycles would not be operated but strictly for display purposes.

Mr. Willens then reviewed the reasons for denial by the Planning Commission -- traffic and noise -- whereas the facts are that there presently is a motorcycle sales distributorship operated by Mr. Stewart, and connected therewith is a repair facility -- an operation which has been in existence for a considerable period of time, and is a legal operation. The additional facility requested theoretically has no particular connection with the motorcycle sales, according to Mr. Willens, and, as a practical matter, the display could be dispensed with, if necessary.

It was further noted by Mr. Willens that the proponent, at the Planning Commission meeting, had refused to accept a condition on the operation of his existing business -- an unlawful attempt, in his opinion, to condition the present operation of his business. Added by Mr. Willens was the statement that all of the present Staff conditions are acceptable to Mr. Stewart.

Discussion was then directed to whether or not a Conditional Use Permit would even be required were the proposed business limited to the sale of accessories, minus any motorcycle display -- as well as the fact that the present business operates mainly off Burin Avenue, instead of Hawthorne Boulevard and the problems presented thereby. Mr. Willens commented that it is a practical impossibility to eliminate the use of Burin although the proponent is attempting, to the best of his ability, to discourage its use -- adding that Mr. Stewart will accept reasonable conditions, and reasonable rules and regulations, with a view to the possible elimination of ingress and egress on Burin. It was agreed that this matter should be held in order that there might be further review by Staff, in conjunction with the proponent, of the problems presented.

Speaking at this time, Mrs. Helen Pliska (who lives on the corner of 186th and Burin) described the considerable noise in connection with this business and pointed out that testing and repairing is done on Burin.

Mrs. Pat Winkle, 18529 Burin Avenue, stated that she has observed the same people every day going up and down Burin Avenue who apparently are employees and are testing motorcycles some ten hours per day.

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

Discussion returned to the problems of Burin Avenue and the responsibility to those residents, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to continue the subject hearing for two weeks, with a direction to Staff to work with the proponent to see if there cannot be a solution worked out that would be reasonably right for both sides. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that the possible need for a Conditional Use Permit for the original operation be investigated. A look at the signing program was requested by Councilman Brewster.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. A recent citizen communication regarding Airport problems, directed to the Council, was deemed warped and filled with misinformation by Councilman Brewster ("Noise Pollution Bugle" by Ray Cherry, dated July 24, 1971). Mr. Brewster acknowledged the right of an individual to put out a newsletter, as well as the right to his opinion, but pointed out that he has like rights -- in his opinion, the subject newsletter is incomplete and inaccurate in representing the facts -- erroneous and presumptive conclusions are reached; there are unwarranted and unsupported assumptions and allegations, and is highly prejudicial favoring the editor's own point of view. It was added by Councilman Brewster that the likely purpose of such a communique is to mislead people and stir up emotions -- a tactic for which he has a strong distaste -- and while the employment of such tactics may be the author's privilege, it is a privilege which smacks of irresponsibility when invoked in this manner.

28. It was the request of Councilman Surber, in view of his vacation plans, that, if possible, the public hearing date for the Victor Precinct moratorium matter, slated for August 17th, be continued to August 24th when he will have returned to the city.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject hearing be held on August 24th, instead of August 17th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

29. Councilman Uerkwitz confirmed that the matter of the Crossing Guard at Carson and Kent will be on the Council's August 10th agenda, and that all interested parties will be notified.

Apparent confusion surrounding a petition submitted in this matter was noted by Councilman Surber -- clarification of necessary action (withdrawal from agenda) was furnished by City Traffic Engineer Horkay and City Manager Ferraro. There was review as well of the procedure involving matters for Council attention via the City Clerk's office, which resulted in the recommendation by Councilman Uerkwitz that consideration be given the installation of Councilmen mailboxes in the lobby, in view of the mass confusion as to how to directly communicate with Councilmen.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that any such correspondence pertaining to a public hearing should properly be turned over to the City Clerk. City Manager Ferraro added that the City Clerk is the custodian of public records; as the Council's Executive Officer, Mr. Ferraro asked that the Council direct its constituents to entrust such ^{personal} correspondence to him and he will be responsible for same.

30. Mr. Henry Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, reported the serious need for landscaping on Crenshaw Boulevard, between 225th and 235th Streets, and indicated the desire of Marble Estates residents to assist in rejuvenation of the area.

Complex problems of this nature throughout the City were pointed out by City Manager Ferraro, as well as the fact that this is a matter slated for consideration by the Public Works Committee at their September meeting. Mr. Ferraro indicated that he would return in two or three weeks with a report on the history of the subject request.

31. Councilman Wilson referred to a June 29th communication from the City of Redondo Beach directed to the Council and referred to Councilman Uerkwitz for reply -- the letter concerned a meeting of nine South Bay cities re: a regional Council of Governments for South Bay cities. This was deemed of sufficient significance by Councilman Wilson that the total Council should respond, with perhaps study by an Ad Hoc Committee, rather than the direct reply by Mr. Uerkwitz.

It was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz that the subject communication was initiated by the City Manager of Redondo Beach, and is a matter to be considered by the South Bay Councilmen's Association at its August 26th meeting. It was the suggestion of Councilman Wilson that Councilman Uerkwitz should convey the feeling of the Council, rather than his personal opinion, at this meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject matter be referred to the South Bay Councilmen's Association through Councilman Uerkwitz.

Discussion returned to proper procedure, with Councilman Wilson reiterating his feeling that the Council as a whole should express its views prior to the South Bay Councilmen's meeting -- it was finally agreed that Staff should review this matter and report back; no action was taken on Councilman Johnson's earlier motion.

32. Mayor Miller reported on the particular pleasure in entertaining the Australian Surfing Team -- at his request, the following resolution resulted:

RESOLUTION NO. 71-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THE ESTEEMED VICTORIA STATE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA SURF LIFESAVING TEAM WHO WAS HOSTED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE WHILE COMPETING IN THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL SURF FESTIVAL.

Mayor Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-174. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

33. Councilman Uerkwitz noted a remaining fireworks stand in the vicinity of El Camino College, and requested Staff investigation.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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