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Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Members of Girl Scout Troop #1752 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Charles E. Robinson, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved that the minutes of July 27th and August 3rd be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

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: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

Met this date -- next meeting scheduled for September 21st.

There will be a special meeting of this committee relative to the paramedic program on August 23rd at 4:30 P.M.

Ad Hoc Committee - Flags, Banners, etc.

Met August 16th -- report will be on August 31st Council agenda, as will ordinance.

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8A. TORRANCE ADULT CLUB - SHUFFLEBOARD OVERHEAD.

On behalf of the Torrance Adult Club, Messrs. Cole (2503 Arlington Avenue) and Fulton were present to request permission to build a shuffleboard overhead at Bartlett Center -- the necessary funds and departmental approvals have been attained.

Following commendation for their efforts by the Council as a whole, Councilman Wilson MOVED to grant the subject request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

In view of the fact that the building is on City property, Councilman Johnson MOVED that a "no fee" building permit be issued. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE to Irish Club for sponsoring the successful St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Councilman Johnson and Mayor Miller congratulated Irish Club representatives Bob O'Neil and Carmel Cook who were present to gratefully accept this permaplaque.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-12.

ORDINANCE NO. 2269

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION
9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO
RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH
IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF DEL AMO
BOULEVARD, BETWEEN MADISON STREET AND
MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE
CHANGE 71-12.

(Chris Sorensen)

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Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2269 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

11. ORDINANCE re: Commercial Development Standards.

ORDINANCE NO. 2270

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

Questioned by Councilman Johnson were the merits of the rear setback formula vs. an alley behind a commercial structure. It was the comment of Planning Director Shartle that in many cases an alley is undesirable and perhaps the requirement of such a setback would encourage putting the building further away and the parking area in the back, and would afford leverage in that regard. Mr. Johnson reiterated his concern in that there might be a waste of a person's land, and present difficulties in development; noted as well was the fact that the formula could be modified in hardship cases, and there is the right of appeal to Council.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2270 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

12. DRAFT OF AMENDED ORDINANCE TO DISALLOW RESIDENTIAL USES IN COMMERCIAL ZONES BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

The control in such cases by way of the Conditional Use Permit was noted by Mayor Miller -- what is proposed, in his opinion, would eliminate consideration of necessary situations. Discussion followed, with general review of the conditional use permit procedures.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to DENY the subject proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows, "yes" being for denial:

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

13. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 20505, WILLIAM P. FLOYD.

Request for approval of a tentative tract map on property located between 228th Street and 229th Street, west of Pennsylvania Avenue.
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with recommendation of Planning Commission for approval, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - TRACT NO. 29086.

Subdivider:	Alter Building Company	
Bonding Co.:	The Ohio Casualty Company	
<u>Bond No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
1400906	\$5,400	
1400907	\$2,700	
1400905	\$1,000	

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer that the subject bonds be released. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

15. DELETION OF EXISTING STATE HIGHWAYS FROM STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVISIONALLY SUPPORTING THE DELETION OF ROUTE 213 (WESTERN AVENUE), ROUTE 1 (PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY) WESTERLY OF ROUTE 107, AND ROUTE 91 (ARTESIA BOULEVARD) WESTERLY OF ROUTE 405 FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

Prior to taking action on the resolution, there was clarification by both City Manager Ferraro and City Engineer Weaver as to what would be accomplished by same. Objections were voiced by Councilman Johnson on the basis that at the present time these streets have to be built at least in part by the State and maintained by the State after they are built -- it would seem to him that it is a great financial responsibility for the City to carte blanche take these things over. It was the further comment of Councilman Johnson that he does not feel the City's jurisdictional control is that important; the State can and has done a very good job, with cooperation by the City -- he, therefore, will vote "no". City Manager Ferraro pointed out the needed flexibility, the excessive "lead" time required, and added that the subject resolution will relieve the City of financial responsibility, per conditions therein.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-176. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was further stated by Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "no" vote, that, in his opinion, the financial burden is far greater than the assets. Mayor Miller requested that the record reflect that financial considerations are built into the resolution.

16. DEDICATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET PURPOSES -
231st and 232nd Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY, 231ST STREET AND 232ND STREET.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-177. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Arnold S. Johnson, 2278 West 232nd Street, inquired as to the City's intent regarding the remainder of the northerly 80 ft. of Lot 1, Tract 588 which was purchased by the City in connection with the assessment proceeding used to acquire rights-of-way needed to open 232nd Street -- a matter extensively outlined in a prepared statement presented by her. Questioned as well was the intent for the westerly 55 ft. of Lot 4 of Tract 588 -- Mrs. Johnson urged that the City not procrastinate in taking necessary steps to acquire same, in the event dedication is not forthcoming. Hopefully, Mrs. Johnson concluded, the court will make a "no award" decision in this case -- one that can be used as precedent for acquisition of other similar "hold-out" parcels in the City.

Following review of Mrs. Johnson's comments, Councilman Johnson MOVED to sell the property above referred to (northerly 80 ft. of Lot 1.) The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported on the situation to date relative to the second property alluded to (55 ft. of Lot 4) and indicated that he would have further discussions with Attorney George Kurtz. Mayor Miller so directed Mr. Remelmeyer.

17. RESOLUTION re: Airspace Easement Deed, Harvey Aluminum

RESOLUTION NO. 71-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRSPACE EASEMENT DEED GRANTING AIR SPACE TO HARVEY ALUMINUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER WESTERN AVENUE AT 190TH STREET.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-178. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

18. GAS TAX APPROPRIATION - CURB AND GUTTER INSTALLATION ON 182ND STREET (NORTH SIDE) AT ST. ANDREWS PLACE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$500 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the subject construction.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer, -- to approve the appropriation of \$500 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

19. APPEAL OF CASE S71-43 - MADDALONE'S PIZZA SHACK.

Staff presentation was made by Building and Safety Director Mckinnon -- with further presentation by the proponent, Mr. Fred Maddalone who requested permission to replace an antiquated, unattractive sign with an updated version and reiterated the need for same. Mr. Maddalone confirmed his understanding of the abatement requirements, and indicated his willingness to comply.

Following overall review of the sign ordinance per se, as well as the somewhat unusual circumstances in this case, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to grant the requested appeal, subject to stipulation by the proponent regarding the approximately nine-year abatement period and the further stipulation that the rotation of an existing sign be stopped. (Mr. Maddalone so stipulated at this point.) The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The appeal process was pointed out by Mayor Miller, as was the flexibility afforded the Council by such process -- there is, however, no obligation to approve all such appeals, each is a matter of judgment.

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At 6:40 P.M. Councilman Brewster moved to recess as the City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

A 10-minute recess followed at 6:41 P.M.

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20. SIGN APPEAL - S71-46 - BUILD N' SAVE.

On behalf of the proponent, Attorney Richard Knickerbocker, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, indicated that, in the interest of attaining signing more consistent with what is desired by the City, certain revisions have been made, including complete removal of the roof sign itself, with the construction of an even smaller sign in its place.

In view of the revised request, Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to refer this matter back to the Sign Review Committee to consider as a new case, with their recommendations returned to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

21. APPEAL OF CASE S71-49 - CROCKER BANK, 4340 Artesia Boulevard and 2665 Pacific Coast Highway.

Representing Crocker Bank, Mr. W.T. Patterson, 1716 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, noted an apparent discrepancy in figures, and exhibited information which had not been furnished the Council. Mr. Patterson indicated that a one week delay, to permit full review of all the material by the Council, would be agreeable with him.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to hold Case S71-49 for one week, in order that there may be a complete package from Staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

22. TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND SAFETY LIGHTING - HAWTHORNE, MADRONA, AND FASHION WAY.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSOCIATE TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

1. That Council accept the work for the installation of traffic signals and safety lighting at the intersections of Hawthorne Boulevard and Fashion Way and at Madrona Avenue and Fashion Way, Job No. 71102.
2. That final payment be made to the contractor.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Associate Traffic Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

23. RESOLUTION re: simplified use of TOPICS funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING SIMPLIFIED USE OF
"TOPICS" FUNDS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-179. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE to provide for payment of expenses to Employee Relations Committee.

Of concern to Councilman Brewster is the fact that a precedent might be established which would be difficult to live with, noting that there presently are impositions on certain Commissions minus reimbursement.

It was the comment of Executive Officer Donovan that the Employee Relations Committee is a standing committee made up of Civil Service Commissioners who extend themselves to arrange meetings to suit the convenience of those appearing before them. Further, according to Mr. Donovan, this committee is unique in that it is set up to administer the affairs of the Employee Relations ordinance.

Councilman Uerkwitz would concur with the above comments of Councilman Brewster, and noted that there are many other committees who could likewise qualify; approval would represent a point of no return. Councilman Uerkwitz, therefore, MOVED TO DENY the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial. (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. RESOLUTION re: AIR SHOW COORDINATION SERVICES.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-180

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 CONTRACT FOR AIRPORT DAYS - AIR SHOW COORDINATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND LEE TITLE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-180. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

26. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT with El Camino College to provide Bus Transportation for Field Trips by Torrance Transit System for the Fiscal Year 1971-72.

In view of unanswered questions pertaining to increased rates and salaries, and incorporation thereof in the contract, it was agreed to hold this item for one week.

PERSONNEL:

27. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of contract between the City and State Personnel Board for testing of employees - Fiscal Year 1971-1972.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT DATED AUGUST 11, 1971 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND STATE PERSONNEL BOARD PROVIDING FOR TESTING OF EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-181. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

28. CRENSHAW BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to the Council Public Works Committee for review and recommendation at their September 7th meeting.

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MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager -- this item to be returned for the Council meeting the second Tuesday in October. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

Mr. Henry Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, urged that this long standing problem be expedited; it was the direction of the Council that Mr. Nowicki get together with the City Manager relative to plans, etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

29. ORDINANCE regulating dust producing substances.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council adopt the subject ordinance relating to regulations for dust producing substances, per recommendations of Council Public Works Committee and Staff.

ORDINANCE NO. 2271

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE BUSINESS OF PROCESSING, STORING, STOCKPILING, REMOVING AND TRANSPORTING DUST PRODUCING OR POTENTIAL DUST PRODUCING SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The considerations in the preparation of the subject ordinance were discussed by Building and Safety Director McKinnon -- specifically noted was Section 48.1.4 (b) relative to wind velocity for activating the water spray system, where there were differences of opinion. It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that the ordinance should perhaps indicate a 15 MPH steady wind up to a gust of 20 MPH. Mr. Macy, Great Lakes Carbon, was present and introduced Mr. V.J. Panday, Rainbird Sprinkler Corp., who indicated that the 15 steady and 20 gust could be achieved. Mr. Panday also confirmed that the anemometer can be adjusted for various wind velocities.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2271, with Section 48.1.4 (b) amended to state "15 MPH steady and gust of 20 MPH", at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:30. ORDINANCE NO. 2266.ORDINANCE NO. 2266

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 31.7.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING BUSINESSES REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2266 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2267.ORDINANCE NO. 2267

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 35.4.3 AND 35.4.4, ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 3, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC DANCE HALLS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2267 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

32. ORDINANCE NO. 2268.ORDINANCE NO. 2268

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.20.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE USES PERMITTED IN THE C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2268 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:33. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

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1. \$1039.50 to Alex Thompson for 30,000 rounds of reloaded .45 caliber ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use on the Police target range.
 2. \$625.49 to Park Son, Inc. for three each 6" and two 8" water valves as requested by the Water Department.
 3. \$727.65 to Park Son, Inc. for six each 6" flanged pipe valves as requested by the Water Department.
 4. \$619.50 to J.Jones Company for 500 each 3/4" iron pipe couplings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
 5. \$392.25 to Keeline-Wilcox for three only 30" boxed Carob trees as requested by the Park Department as replacements.
 6. \$700.00 to Blinker Lite Supply for rental of 500 barricades as requested by the City Airport for Airport Days October 2 and 3, 1971.
 7. \$983.33 to Johnson Stationers for 100 folding chairs and 15 folding tables as requested by the Recreation Department as replacements.
 8. \$472.50 to Emblem Manufacturing Company for 1,000 Torrance Police shoulder patches as requested by the Police Department for stock and replacements.
 9. \$732.38 to Zee Medical Supply for 50 complete first aid kits as requested by the Police Department as replacements.
 10. \$1064.53 to Needham Book Finders for 260 adult books.
 11. \$427.52 to Simon & Schuster, Inc. for 131 adult and juvenile books.
 12. \$2070.12 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 236 adult and 78 juvenile books.
34. CLAIM OF LARRY BALDWIN for personal damages.
 35. CLAIM OF VESTA M. DEIGHTON for property damages.
 36. CLAIM OF THOMAS CADILLAC, INC. for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That agenda items #34, 35, and #36 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #33, 34, 35, and #36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

37. CONTINUED HEARING ON APPEAL - CUP 71-21, JAMES E. STEWART.
 Appeal of Planning Commission action for denial of CUP 71-21 to allow the operation of a motorcycle display and accessory sales facility in an existing building at 18425 South Hawthorne Boulevard.

The result of the Staff, Applicant, Resident Meeting was reported by Planning Director Shartle -- the problems were generally resolved, per his communication of August 12th. The signing program was reviewed, and it was Mr. Shartle's recommendation that this entire matter be referred to the Sign Review Committee for analysis, recommendation, and action.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter; there was no response. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

Council discussion was directed to the possibility of eliminating the use of Burin Avenue, with Councilman Brewster noting that another driveway will be picked up on Hawthorne Boulevard, as well as on Burin. A three month trial period for CUP 71-21 was recommended by Councilman Johnson -- the solution appears satisfactory to Mr. Johnson, but a trial period would have merit. The attorney for the proponent, Mr. William Willens, was present and indicated consent to a 3-month trial period for the conditional use permit. It was clarified that the Council, at the end of that period, with a favorable recommendation from Staff, the 3-month condition could be removed.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with Staff recommendations re: CUP 71-21, with the stipulation that approval is for a 3-month trial period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was clarified by Councilman Johnson, at Councilman Brewster's question, that the motion does not include any referral of the signing program to the Sign Review Committee for the reason that the expansion will automatically necessitate review of the signing, and it would be unfair to add this problem, in view of the major problems now resolved.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. The status of the oil pumper problems in the Palo del Amo area was reviewed, at Councilman Johnson's request. It was his opinion that the proposed increased landscaping, and continuing meetings with the homeowners, would resolve any problems.

Councilman Brewster stated that, per the City Attorney's office, the City does not have a right of review pertaining to equipment used -- however, there are controls relative to acoustics and landscaping by way of ordinance. Mr. Brewster then outlined CWOD's efforts in acoustical control and landscaping, and reported their intent to contact not only

the Palo del Amo Homeowners Association but all other homeowner groups when equipment changes are contemplated. Further, according to Mr. Brewster, a color study is underway in order to improve on the present dark green.

39. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to the communication from Mrs. Sharon Allen, complaining of a neighbor's dogs, chickens, bees, etc., handed the Council at this meeting, and MOVED to refer the subject letter to Staff to investigate and report back. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

40. The recent resignation of Commissioner Joe Doss, Airport Commission was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the request that present Commission be notified of this vacancy in the event they would like to be considered via transfer.

41. Councilman Wilson noted the fact that many residents were present at the PUC hearing this date but were not permitted to testify, and asked that this situation be remedied in future hearings. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that such a request will be made of the Examiner.

42. Councilman Uerkwitz expressed his pleasure at reporting the installation of the guard rail at the 180th Street underpass.

43. Mayor Miller referred back to the PUC hearings and suggested that Southeast Torrance residents should start preparations at this date to attend future hearings to express their opposition to such utility poles.

44. Praise for City Manager Ferraro, slated for the League of California Cities program at their forthcoming convention, was expressed by Councilman Wilson.

45. Mrs. Sharon Allen elaborated on her communication (Item #39) and presented photographs -- she was advised that Staff will return with a report in two weeks.

46. Mr. E.F. Schoonover, 3546 Senefeld Drive, pointed out the expertise of the present Civil Defense Commission (modestly excluding himself) and urged that the Council recognize their efforts.

47. Further noted by Mr. Schoonover were problems involving racing motorcycles on Madison Street enroute to the Scout House and the hills beyond. A report will be made by the Police Department.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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