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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 31, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Members of Brownie Troop #583 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.

Taken at this time, out of order:

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Presentation of Certificate of Training in Public Health Aspects of Domestic Water Supplies to Water Service Leadman Heisner.

Water System Manager Borgwat recited the accomplishments of Water Service Leadman William Heisner for the Certificate of Training awarded him by the State Department of Public Health. Congratulations and an appropriate plaque were given by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the City Council and the community.

10. Presentation of Tile Plaque to Naomi Leavitt for dedicated service as Library Commissioner from 1968-1971.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Leavitt for her valuable contribution in serving as Library Commissioner, with grateful acceptance of the plaque by her.

11. Tile Plaque to Ken Keller.

Withdrawn.

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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 Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

No reports.

PRESENTATIONS:

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE establishing a new LIMITED PROFESSIONAL (L-P) ZONE.

Planning Department and Planning Commission recommendations were outlined by Planning Director Shartle, there being concurrence with the exception of the Planning Commission's amendment indicating that all signs will comply with the appropriate Sign Ordinance of the City of Torrance. More restrictive signing is recommended by the Department, as outlined in their August 24th communication.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the proposed zone is an extremely restrictive zone, difficult and costly to develop -- the purpose of a sign in such development is to attract attention and point the people in that direction. In Mr. Johnson's opinion, the Planning Commission formula is much more appropriate.

The primary intent of the L-P zone, according to Councilman Brewster, is likely for use in an area that is much like the C-R area --

that is, adjacent to residential areas. In appropriate situations the sign ordinance could be relaxed through the proper variance procedure. It would seem, Councilman Brewster added, that the L-P zone is to be used with small pockets of land, adjacent to residential areas, where development is a problem -- there should be strict controls but with relaxation of such controls where warranted.

Mayor Miller commented that the proposed zone is a restrictive one, pinpointed to professional uses, with additional restrictions proposed -- it was the Mayor's suggestion that there first be some experience with the zone, with later review regarding the signing for such zone.

In concurrence with later review of the signing was Councilman Uerkwitz who also noted the fact that there will be somewhat limited use of the L-P zone.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, with signing program review after some experience with the zone. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Discussion was then directed to the signing requirements for the C-R zone, and comparison thereof with an L-P zone -- Planning Director Shartle concurred with the suggested sign review, noting that the uses to be allowed in the L-P zone should be carefully reviewed by the Council -- i.e. should it be used in limited problem areas, or is it proposed to use it in lieu of the R-P zone along heavy arterials?

Councilman Uerkwitz' motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that his "no" vote was for the reason that it is an all-in-one motion -- he is in favor of the L-P zone, but is in disagreement with the motion on signing.

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13. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE to permit dental laboratories in the R-P zone.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the City Code be amended to permit dental laboratories in the R-P zone, with City Attorney to prepare amended ordinance therefor.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

14. ORDINANCE increasing the required landscaping for parking lots.

ORDINANCE NO. 2276

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 93.6.2 AND 93.6.4 TO INCREASE THE REQUIRED LANDSCAPING FOR PARKING LOTS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2276 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

15. ORDINANCE re: Flags, Banners, and Pennants.

ORDINANCE NO. 2277

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 88.6.5 AND SECTION 88.6.6 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 88.6.5 AND 88.6.6 OF SAID CODE REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF FLAGS AND REAL ESTATE SIGNS.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2277 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

REAL PROPERTY:

16. APPEAL OF AIRPORT COMMISSION'S APPROVAL of building on Rolling Hills Plaza Lease 2-C.

This matter was deemed an "internal dispute" between Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Levitt by Councilman Uerkwitz, who questioned the value of review by the Council Transportation Committee, as recommended by the Airport Manager. Concurrence was indicated by Councilman Surber who added that the Committee would have to serve as "referee".

It was pointed out by Planning Director Shartle that Airport Commission consideration of these matters is from the landlord standpoint, without consideration of City requirements -- in this case, there is a likelihood of inadequate parking, and the Council should be aware that any approval at this time would be as a lease, with any problems relative to City requirements yet to be resolved.

Mr. Levitt was present and indicated his understanding that compliance with conditions of other departments was necessary.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission for approval of the subject change of design of buildings to replace car wash in the Rolling Hills Plaza. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

17. REGULATORY SIGNS installed - August 20-26, 1971.

Subject report noted. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to file. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and there were no objections.

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. REQUEST BY MRS. HANNAH SAMPSON for an adjustment to a bill for damage to City property.

Park Superintendent Clemmer reported his findings in the matter of a damaged fence at the Isabel Henderson Library, and confirmed that the amount charged, in his opinion, was justified.

Of a different opinion, Mrs. Hannah Sampson, 4210 Carmen Street, presented photographs and read a prepared statement wherein she maintained that the work had not been done at the time of billing, the added pickets numbered 16 not 20, they were reclaimed pickets, and, in view of what has transpired in this matter, relief from such charge was requested by Mrs. Sampson.

There was review of the circumstances in this matter, and needed public relations, resulting in a MOTION by Councilman Johnson that the subject bill be adjusted to \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

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AIRPORT MATTERS:19. PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS FOR AIRPORT DAYS.RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That the City Council authorize the purchase of two portable handy talkie radios, complete, including nickel cadmium batteries and one desk-top battery charger from KAAR Electronics, Inc., at a cost of \$1,129.44 from Airport Retained Earnings for the purchase of said radios.

It was ascertained by the Council that there would be high usage of the radios, not limited to Airport Days -- it was the recommendation Councilman Johnson that some of the cost come from Airport Days funds.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above request of the Airport Manager, on the basis that the funds for same be 1/5th from Airport Days funds and 4/5 from Airport Retained Earnings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:20. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Clarification of the National Flood Insurance Program was furnished by Finance Director Dundore, Mr. William Brady, and City Engineer Weaver.

It was the consensus of the Council that considerable additional information was needed relative to the overall program, and that such information should be disseminated to various homeowner and business groups for their reaction before taking any formal action.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the subject information be furnished homeowner and business groups, with feedback from them prior to taking action -- further, that there be a report from the City Attorney regarding City's potential liability should this program not be made available. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 21. REQUEST OF THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION to take three days of employer-employee relations leave.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That two of the three days requested be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the request of the Torrance Police Officers Association for three days leave. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Brewster: That the two days leave as recommended by the City Manager be granted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Roll call vote on the main motion was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 22. RESOLUTION amending Resolution 67-127 providing for a Torrance City Youth Council.

RECOMMENDATION OF YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION:

That the subject resolution be revised re: membership.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 67-127 PROVIDING FOR A TORRANCE CITY YOUTH COUNCIL.

Mr. Harold Smith, Chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission, was present to report on the Commission's findings in support of their recommendation, per their August 26th communication.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-185. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

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The hour being 6:55 P.M., Councilman Brewster moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson.)

A 10-minute recess followed at 6:57 P.M.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2272 amending Division 9 of the Code reclassifying that certain property in the East Victor Precinct described in Zone Change 71-15.

The request of Councilman Wilson that the subject ordinance be held for one week, in view of his absence this date, was conveyed by City Manager Ferraro. There were no objections.

It was clarified by Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary, at Councilman Surber's question, that while listening to the tapes of meetings where one was not present would prove helpful, it would be necessary to be present at hearings in order to vote on the matter heard. In the matter of Ordinance No. 2272, only five Councilman may vote, and four affirmative votes are required for passage.

Law Clerk Stetson pointed out the need for expediting the subject matter in view of the litigation faced by the City, and reaffirmed the above expressed reservations as to the validity of listening to tapes, and the right to vote on a matter.

It was then agreed by the Council that this item appear on the Council agenda for September 7th.

Mr. Glen R. Watson, representing Larwin Companies, 615 South Flower Street, was present, and indicated that he would check with City Manager Ferraro regarding the return of the subject ordinance to the Council.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:24. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$302.40 to E.D. Poe Company for 24 only 120 ft. 3M brand magnetic tapes as requested by the Legal Department for use on their MT/ST typing system.
2. \$614.40 to California Nut and Bolt Company for 500 only 3/4" various length nuts and bolts as requested by the Water Department for stock.
3. \$644.18 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for 800 various replacement water meter parts which enables the Water Department to repair Hersey water meters in City Yard.
4. \$1379.32 to E & J Resuscitators Sales & Service for two complete Dual-Patient resuscitator units complete with carrying case, face masks, oxygen tanks and other accessories as requested by the Fire Department as replacement units.
5. \$2128.14 to Magnasync Moviola Corporation for 120 reels of special Police radio monitoring recording tape as requested by the Police Department as replacement tapes.
6. \$378.00 to Garrett Tubular Products, Inc. for ten only book trucks as requested by the City Librarian for use in the City Libraries.
7. \$2875.58 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson for 385 adult books and 13 juvenile books.
8. \$313.32 to "The Wherehouse" for 80 assorted phonograph records.
9. Stationery Supplies for 1971-72.

It is recommended that Council approve the awarding of the following contracts: (Per listing of items)

- A. \$7655.99 including tax to Inglewood Book and Stationers Co. to supply Stationery Items #22-40, 55, 63-95, 114, 122, 135-140, 149, 160, 203-236, 288-318, 256-282, 320-377, 380, 546-577, 595-612, 664, 673, 725-733, 753-757, 775, 815-833, 866-868.

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- B. \$4297.65 including tax to Boise Cascade Office Supply Company to supply Stationery Items #50, 60-62, 100, 110, 120, 131, 132, 148, 154-157, 170-195, 240-255, 285, 286, 319, 379, 415-427, 580-583, 666-668, 675, 735-748, 765-813, 842-860.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

10. \$464.31 to Park Son Inc. for one only 10" tapping sleeve and one only 10" flanged water valve as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Karney Construction Company. Payment for this service has already been received
11. \$1894.20 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 10" and one only 2" Hersey water meters as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Karney Construction Company. Payment has already been received for this service.
25. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT No. 29143.
 Subdivider: Homer and Hubert Rogers
 Bonding Co.: General Insurance Company of America
 Bond No. 500966 - Amount: \$4,400.00
- RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
 That subject bond be released.
26. Considered separately.
27. Withdrawn (Improvement of Carson Street).
28. Considered separately.
29. EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX FUNDS - IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BLVD. FROM VAN NESS AVENUE TO WESTERN AVENUE (SS-182)
- RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
 That Council appropriate \$85,000 in 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced project.
30. TIME EXTENSION TO COMPLETE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS - TRACT NO. 26425 (Del Amo Financial Center)
- RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
 That an extension of one year be granted (From February 15, 1971 to February 15, 1972).
31. Considered separately.
32. CLAIM OF JACK F. LYTLE for property damages.
33. CLAIM OF MICHAEL E. JOHNSON for personal/property damages.
34. CLAIM OF LEONARD CRESPO for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That agenda items #32, 33, and #34 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #24, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, and #34. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Surber).

26. AGREEMENT with Southern Pacific Transportation Company for upgrading of railroad crossing protection in connection with the improvement of Carson Street at Border Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

1. Approval of subject agreement and authorization of the execution of the agreement between the City of Torrance and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company for the upgrading of railroad crossing protection in connection with the improvement of Carson Street at Border Avenue.
2. Appropriate \$10,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds.

The need for a resolution in this matter was pointed out by Councilman Johnson -- Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary indicated that this item would be returned, with an appropriate resolution, on September 7th.

28. REQUEST FOR REFUND because of 1% Construction Tax, amounting to \$411, being charged A-1 Coast Rentals, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the subject request be referred to Staff for investigation and report.

Mr. A.C. Billings was present to elaborate upon his August 11th communication.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above request of the City Manager, with the subject item to return in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and there were no objections.

31. RECOMMENDATION that Council adopt a motion to settle the Antitrust Water Meter Suit as to Defendant Hersey-Sparling Meter Company.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council adopt a motion empowering the City Attorney to execute all documents necessary to settle the action as to the Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for \$376.

At the request of Councilman Brewster, Law Clerk Stetson clarified that this litigation was entered into with 35 other public entities with consolidated trials, and while the settlement is small, it appears to be a reasonable figure; further, dismissal would not affect other suits.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

35. HEARING - ZC 71-16, CLARA B. BOLDUR (Verburg).

Petition for approval of a change of zone from M-1 to R-3 on property located on the north side of Artesia Boulevard, west of Gramercy Place.

RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Affidavit of Publication presented, and ordered filed.

The proponent's request for a continuance to September 21st, due to a family emergency operation, was noted.

Mayor Miller ascertained that there was no one present who wished to speak on this matter. Councilman Brewster MOVED to concur with the proponent's request, to continue the subject hearing to September 21st. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

36. HEARING - ZC 71-13, DESPINA CHALEKSON.

Petition for approval of a change of zone from C-2 and A-1 to R-3 or C-2.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO R-1 AND R-3 PRECISE PLAN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Affidavit of Publication presented, and ordered filed.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 71-13.

Following the Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, those present on this matter were invited to speak at this time.

On behalf of the applicant, Mr. Robert Hirsch, 15233 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, noted, first, the present income from the existing bicycle shop, and, secondly, the need for a greater depth than 150 ft. for proper R-3 development as proposed. The proposed development, according to Mr. Hirsch, is one for Senior Citizens, to be financed by HUD, under the 221 Program for rent supplement, and the 40-year loan which must meet HUD requirements for the entire term of ownership, a loan which cannot be paid off within 25 years. It was further noted by Mr. Hirsch that their most recent project, a most successful one, is located at Del Amo and Long Beach Boulevards in Long Beach.

Mr. Mike Gesham, 16710 Patronella, expressed his concern for the fate of the property facing Patronella. It was stated by Mr. Hirsch that they would completely wall off Patronella, with no ingress or egress, and that the rear 50 ft. of Patronella remain R-1 to serve as a landscaped buffer strip.-- with same to be recorded.

It was added by Mr. Hirsch that they would be agreeable to dedication of the proposed green area as a "vestpocket" park, noting, however, that such property would then come off the tax rolls and necessitate maintenance -- Mr. Hirsch then stated that they would include some recreational benches, etc. as has been done in other cities.

Mrs. Grace Murray, 16612 Patronella, expressed her objections to R-3 zoning for the entire lot -- she would have no objection to so zoning the front 150 feet. In her opinion, to take one lot out of the entire area between Yukon and Crenshaw and permit development of the total depth is not in keeping with the rest of the neighborhood, and would seriously affect its privacy.

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

Council discussion followed. Councilman Brewster recommended a get-together between the residents and the proponents to review the proposed development and perhaps reach an agreement -- Mr. Brewster also requested additional information regarding the rent subsidy aspect of this program. In concurrence was Councilman Johnson who recommended continuance to permit a further look at the situation, particularly as it relates to the "vestpocket" park.

Mayor Miller reiterated his established opposition to R-3 -- however, there are areas where R-3 is almost a necessity where little else is appropriate -- in this case, R-3 would be acceptable along the front, but commercial would be even better for all concerned; the Mayor would not favor R-3 encroachment in the R-1 area in that it would break a planned pattern.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Uerkwitz that the existing zoning be retained, without prejudice, to permit remodification by the proponent, and he so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber. It was added by Mr. Uerkwitz that he would prefer commercial on the front property, and he would not favor R-3 the entire length of the property.

Mrs. Despina Chalekson, the proponent, was permitted to speak at this time; she reported her difficulties in trying to sell the subject property, and the fact that there has never been a buyer interested in commercial use. It was the request of Mr. Hirsch that postponement of this case be entertained by the Council in order that he might meet with the residents and to incorporate some of the foregoing comments into an additional plan.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That ZC 71-13 be continued to October 6th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller pointed out to the proponent that any drastic revisions -- such as all commercial -- would necessitate returning the matter to the Planning Commission. Mr. Hirsch confirmed his understanding of this.

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

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

It was pointed out by Planning Director Shartle, for the information of the proponent, the plan submitted calls for a reduction in required parking -- if this is pursued, a variance will be necessary.

Councilman Surber referred to his previous request for a ruling from the Attorney General as to the possibility of the people voting on whether or not they want subsidized housing, and inquired as to the status of his request. It was indicated that such report is in progress and should be available on October 6th with this matter.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

37. "OLD TORRANCE" PAINTINGS:

RECOMMENDATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

That Council appropriate \$1650 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund, and approve the purchase of 11 paintings of "Old Torrance" from Mrs. Yvonne Castner.

Following praise of the paintings, Mayor Miller MOVED to concur with the above recommendation of the 50th Anniversary Committee and approve the purchase of the subject paintings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Councilman Brewster MOVED that an appropriate permaplaque resolution be prepared for retiring Airport Commissioner Joe Doss. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

39. Praise for recent efforts of Chanslor-Western Oil Company in response to reports of a broken oil line was extended by Councilman Johnson, particularly in light of recent criticism of their activities in the Marble Estates area.

40. Councilman Johnson referred to the City of Pomona's "low cost housing" resolution and requested that the City Attorney's office study same, with the idea of bringing a similar resolution to this Council. It was Mr. Johnson's further request that the resolution to be prepared exclude any reference to low cost housing for senior citizens.

41. In reviewing Traffic Commission minutes, Councilman Johnson has noted the absence of any consideration of traffic corridors for the City of Torrance to the end that present and future traffic problems might be resolved. It was Mr. Johnson's suggestion that the Commission's attention be so directed, with the request that the City Manager and

City Traffic Engineer convey the recommendation that they look to the Master Plan of Streets to determine alternative ways and means of relieving the traffic problem.

42. The unfinished business relative to the 50-Year Silver Coins was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz who MOVED that the Councilmen draw straws, in alphabetical order, for these coins. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Sciarrotta, Wilson).

43. Mrs. Jim Allen, 2331 West 230th Place, reviewed the previously reported problems involving her neighbor -- dogs, bees, flies, dirt, etc. -- City Manager Ferraro indicated that Staff will work directly with Mrs. Allen regarding her complaint.

44. A Transportation Committee meeting on September 14th at 5:30 P.M. was scheduled by Councilman Surber.

45. In view of the League of California Cities convention in San Francisco, it was noted by Mayor Miller that the night of September 28th will be a "dark night" for this Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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

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