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Adjourned at 9:45 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, September 14, 1971, at 7:00 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, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Members of Brownie Troup #820 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Lloyd H. Newlin, First Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Surber noted the following omission from the minutes of August 31st: Item #18 - Request by Mrs. Hannah Sampson for an adjustment to a bill for damage to City property, Page 5, paragraph 3: "Councilman Surber MOVED that the City foot the bill for the fence. The motion died for lack of a second."

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of August 31st, as above corrected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: 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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Met on September 13th; report on Quimby Bill will be made in approximately three weeks.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF THE AAA PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARD to the City of Torrance and individual distinguished service awards to deserving citizens.

Southern California Automobile Club representatives, Harold Nolan and Chuck Davis, were present to bestow the AAA Pedestrian Safety Award plaque to the City of Torrance, the second highest such award in pedestrian safety activities in the nation. There was grateful acceptance by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the City of Torrance.

Presentation of individual distinguished service awards followed -- recipients were Sgt. Tom Wooldridge, Torrance Police Department; Mr. Hal Carothers, Traffic and Lighting Department; and Mrs. Bonnie McElroy, Torrance Traffic Commission.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Constitution Week" - September 17-23, 1971.
11. "Greek Festival Days" - October 2 and 3, 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

12. CUP 71-32, DANIEL AND PATRICIA WELLS.
Appeal of Planning Commission action for denial of Conditional Use Permit 71-32 to allow a board and care home for the aged at 18312 Mansel Avenue (R-2 zone).

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.

The attorney for the applicants, Mr. George E. Atkinson, Jr., presented a petition in support of the subject use signed by virtually every homeowner in the immediate area of the proposed board and care home, and displayed pictures of the subject property and like properties.

It was stated by Mr. Atkinson that necessary permits and licenses have been obtained from the County which permit care of 10 elderly people ; there has been Fire Department approval, as well as appropriate City and County department approval -- the only exception is that it is not zoned properly and necessitates a conditional use permit. Also noted by Mr. Atkinson was the fact that the proponent has expended some \$6968.00 putting this property in condition for the proposed use for elderly people.

The great need for such accommodations for elderly people was next outlined by Mr. Atkinson in view of the shortage of reasonable board and care homes -- the proponents' training and experience will result in specialized care at a reasonable rate.

Discussion followed, with specific reference to the Planning-recommended six boarders. It was clarified by Building and Safety Director McKinnon that the magic number of six is the break-off point for Fire and Building regulations -- a number in excess of that has very restrictive requirements, including fire sprinklers, fireproofing of the building, etc. for the protection of the people entrusted to their care. It was added by Mr. McKinnon that any approval of this request should be subject to the approval of the various City departments.

Questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz was the proposed use of eight bedrooms by ten people -- it was indicated by Mr. Atkinson that there are cases where companionship is desired by the boarders and rooms are shared.

Next reported by Mr. Atkinson was the fact that there has been extensive installations, such as a fire detection system, special windows, a special roof, etc. to comply with fire requirements, with no complaints by the Fire Department of record. It was stated by Fire Chief Lucas that this building was constructed, not as a home for the aged, but for a child care center, and the basis of the original approval was for such a center -- Chief Lucas confirmed that seven, or more, boarders require that there be an automatic fire sprinkler system throughout the entire structure in every room. It was further noted by Chief Lucas that there is a question regarding the alarm system, which must be approved by the State Fire Marshall.

It was stated by Mr. Atkinson, concurred in by Mrs. Wells, that if, for any reason, fire or otherwise, 10 boarders cannot be allowed, they will either conform to that number, or will keep the number allowed (six).

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

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The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that re: CUP 71-32 permission be granted, subject to Planning Department recommendations, conditions #1 and #2 to be recorded, for six boarders for the time being, with the understanding that if and when the proponent complies with conditions set forth by the Fire Department the number could be increased to 10 without coming back to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the Council concur with the recommendations of the Planning Department, and that the proponent be allowed to come back when the necessary improvements have been completed for Council approval of 8 boarders. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The main motion carried, with roll call vote unanimously favorable.

Pointed out by Councilman Brewster was condition #4 which permits annual review by the Planning Commission, if desired. Mr. Brewster indicated that he was concerned about possible parking problems.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he was "forced to vote yes because I want to see ^{the} home go in, but I do not agree with the number."

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 13. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 23912, CREATIVE HOMES (JAMES TAYLOR).
Request for approval of a tentative tract map on property located between 234th Street and 235th Street, approximately 150 feet west of Cabrillo Avenue.
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval subject to certain conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to the vote, it was clarified, at Councilman Surber's question, that (1) the property owner would be Mr. James Taylor, the transaction now in escrow, it being noted that a somewhat flexible approach has been taken in these matters in view of the many sales of property throughout the City subject to conditions imposed by the City and has resulted in permitting the applicant to make application; and (2) clarification regarding Planning Commissioner Alter's abstention at the May 6th meeting and "yes" vote at the August 18th meeting in that Alter Realty had the subject property in escrow at one time but it failed to close (the escrow, and financial interest, being the situation the first time around); the second time around, however, was a new escrow not involving Mr. Alter.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

- 14. PROPOSED VACATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF 235TH STREET AND THE ALLEY, BEING PORTIONS OF LOT 14, BLOCK E, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 29, MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Affidavits of Publication and Posting were presented by City Clerk Coil, and they were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the subject proposed vacation, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF 235TH STREET AND THE ALLEY, BEING PORTIONS OF LOT 14, BLOCK E, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 29, MEADOW PARK TRACT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-191. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

15. SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH BAY INDUSTRIAL PARK (THREE RESOLUTIONS).

RESOLUTION NO. 71-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A SANITARY SEWER FROM MOBIL OIL CORPORATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFFIRMING THE RIGHT OF DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY TO INSTALL A LATERAL CONNECTION TO A SANITARY SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN AN EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY BY DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN PIPE LINE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA, AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolutions No. 71-192, 71-193, and 71-194. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

16. RESOLUTION re: Appraisal Services, James R. Leonard.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND JAMES R. LEONARD.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-195. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. REQUEST FOR TAX REFUND - A-1 Lomita Rentals.

There were no objections to the proponent's request to hold this matter -- however, the requested date, September 28th, will be a "dark night" for the Council. It was agreed that this matter be returned to the October 5th agenda.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

18. PRESENTATION BY POLICE CHIEF NASH of the Grant Proposal for Law Enforcement Records Keeping System.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-196. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as follows:

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer was authorized to appropriately amend the resolution title.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with R.L. Kautz & Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND R.L. KAUTZ AND COMPANY FOR CERTAIN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS OF THE STATE AS A RESULT OF INURIES TO ITS EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-197. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Finance Director Dundore confirmed that the subject company was the "best in the field", at Councilman Uerkwitz' question.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

20. RESOLUTION re: Tournament of Roses Parade Float contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-198

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 A TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT BETWEEN THE CITY AND DONALD J. BENT.

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-198. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (the money should be used for the Southeast Torrance Library).

21. RESOLUTION re: BICYCLING.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ENCOURAGE ITS CITIZENS TO UTILIZE THE BICYCLE AS A MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-199. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller entertained comments from those present on this matter.

Mrs. Rose Wasserman, 4421 Pacific Coast Highway, urged that there be publicity regarding Vehicle Code 21.20, subject d, wherein it is illegal to ride bicycles on the sidewalks at night without lights, thereby endangering pedestrians. Mrs. Wasserman then described the personal unfortunate experience of her and her husband (a matter of pending litigation).

Of further concern to Mrs. Wasserman is the method of oral interviews for police officer candidates, in view of their "gung ho" attitudes, and the absence of good judgment by the officers in the above referred to incident.

The extensive educational campaign by both the Police and Fire Department on proper bicycling was described by City Manager Ferraro. Mayor Miller requested that a notice defining legal requirements of bicycling be sent to all the schools.

Next to speak was Mrs. Ethel Kovach who urged that there be consideration of motorcycling needs. Mayor Miller requested that an earlier indication regarding such use of the Airport property be pursued.

A "motorbike park" would be a good thing for the City, in Mrs. Kovach's opinion, and would be welcome by the children of Torrance, along with the establishment of good public relations by having police officers instruct them in the wearing of helmets, etc. -- along with the fact that it would bring in revenue to the City.

Roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution No. 71-199 was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the above suggestion made by Mrs. Kovach re: "motorbike park" be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission for further study and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller reiterated his request regarding notification to schools on bicycle legal requirements. It was the suggestion of City Manager Ferraro that the matter of oral interviews for police officers, a testing function, be referred to the Civil Service Commission; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$393.75 to Best Concrete Products for one only 54" concrete meter vault as requested by the Water Department for stock.
2. \$598.50 to Pacific States Electric Wholesale Company for 5 "Line Material" mercury vapor light fixtures as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for vandalism repair at Los Arboles Park.
3. \$861.00 to Pacific States Electric Wholesale Company for ten post top luminaires as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department to repair and replace street lights at the Hollywood Riviera Lighting District #15.
4. \$622.94 to Magafile Company for one gross of magafiles as requested by the City Librarian.
5. \$1711.68 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 207 adult books and 5 juvenile titles.
6. \$456.00 to Martin Chevrolet for repair of 1969 Dodge Pickup (Unit #8074) as requested by the City Garage.

23. Considered separately.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Construction of Curb and Gutter on 182nd Street (N/S) from St. Andrews Place to 66' W'ly. (Informal Bid)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Nick Vargas, there being no other bids.

25. Considered separately.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on items #22 and #24. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard from Crenshaw Boulevard to Arlington Avenue, including water line construction to Western Avenue (Job Nos. 68034 and 71122) B71-40.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. That the contract be awarded to O.T.Y., Inc. and all other bids be rejected; and
2. That \$20,000 be appropriated from the Water Revenue Fund to cover costs.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer/Water System Manager that the contract be awarded to O.T.Y. Inc., and all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to approve the appropriation of \$20,000 from the Water Revenue Fund to cover costs. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. CLAIM of Richard Leroy Grossman for property damages.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the subject claim be denied on the grounds that there is insufficient information to process the claim.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to deny the subject claim because there is insufficient information to process same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

26. ORDINANCES re: Personnel Function and Executive Officer.

Councilman Johnson advised that the Council Civil Service Committee has extensively reviewed this matter -- Ordinances "C" and "D" reflect the Committee's findings.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned numbers to Ordinances "C" and "D", as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2279

(Ordinance "C")

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR HIS APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, DUTIES AND SUPERVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ASSIGNMENT OF THE DUTIES OF THE PERSONNEL CLERK AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR.

ORDINANCE NO. 2280
(Ordinance "D")

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO DIVIDE THE DUTIES OF THE PERSONNEL CLERK BETWEEN THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE PERSONNEL MANAGER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinances No. 2279 and 2280 at their first readings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Rudy Limon, representing the Civil Service Commission, stated the belief of the Commission that the revisions of the functions have made it more or less a quasi-department head, with something of a question mark as to its legal status. It is the further feeling of the Commission that the appointment of the Executive Officer should be made by the Civil Service Commission and not by the City Council, which would remove such appointment from the political arena.

A further concern, according to Mr. Limon, is whether or not the Civil Service Commission is really as efficient as it was to the employees governed by this Commission and to the people of Torrance?

Mr. Limon further stated that a real problem exists in that Article 7, Section 1, of the Charter provides, among other things, that "the City Council shall not have the authority to withdraw any department, appointive officer, or employee from the operation of such system, either by outright appeal of the Civil Service ordinances or otherwise, unless and until the withdrawal thereof shall have been submitted to the qualified electorate of said city at a regular or special municipal election held in said city."

It is the belief of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Limon continued, that Ordinances "C" and "D" are in direct violation of the City Charter, and that the enactment of Ordinances "C" and "D" would be illegal and void -- certainly, at the very least, worthy of deferment by the City Council to permit further study and legal research.

City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that Mr. Limon's comments were most deserving of consideration -- there is a possibility that the ordinance is illegal, and prudence would dictate that the Council refrain from adopting the subject ordinances at this time -- further, that the ordinances be referred to him for the study requested by Mr. Limon, with a report back to the Council on completion of the study.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Sciarrotta: That the subject ordinances be referred to the City Attorney for complete study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RELOCATION OF AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That the contract to relocate the Airport fence be awarded to Guardian Fence Company and \$2,565.00 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings to pay for said contract.

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MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (did not have chance to read
material).

28. ORDINANCE creating a LIMITED PROFESSIONAL OFFICE DISTRICT (L-P).

ORDINANCE NO. 2281

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LIMITED PROFESSIONAL OFFICE DISTRICT (L-P) AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE LAND USES FOR SUCH ZONE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2281 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, prior to roll call vote on the motion, that he heretofore has opposed the subject ordinance solely based on Section 91.12.8 SIGNS and has voted "no" -- but Mr. Brewster is really in favor of such an ordinance and will now vote "yes", although his concern regarding "SIGNS" remains.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:25 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 8:26 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Librarian West reported re: the existing informal reciprocal agreement with the City of Los Angeles for library service -- Mr. West was advised this date that the City Council has decided to withdraw this agreement, and that all non-residents (Torrance) would be charged \$10 if they wish to use Los Angeles City Libraries. Like withdrawal of its reciprocal agreement by Torrance was recommended by the City Librarian, with a \$5 non-resident fee to be charged all Los Angeles City residents who use Torrance libraries.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Johnson that an attempt be made to talk to Los Angeles City Council representatives to the end that this decision might be reversed -- such attempt to be made via the Library Commission. In the meantime, Mr. Johnson added, it should be an "eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth", and not \$5.00 but \$10.00.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that Torrance charge the Los Angeles library patrons the same amount charged Torrance - \$10.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That this matter be referred to the Library Commission to make every possible determination, even if they have to meet with the Library Commission of Los Angeles to see what can be done before taking any action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Discussion followed, it being the consensus that additional time is necessary to resolve this situation, particularly in view of the importance of the reciprocal agreement to those patrons availing themselves of this service. It was confirmed by Mayor Miller, at City Librarian West's question, that the Torrance libraries continue its present service until the matter is reviewed.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

30. Personnel Manager Gregory reported on the PEP Program to date -- some six people will be working on August 15th and the balance of 17 people will be employed very shortly; the Civil Service Commission will form a committee to formulate any necessary rules, etc.; Executive Officer Donovan will work with Staff. Employee groups have signed Memorandums of Understanding, and negotiations with the School Board are underway as to the funding.

At Councilman Surber's question as to the effect of this program on the Civil Service system, Mr. Gregory responded that there will be no detrimental effect to Civil Service -- the employees will be brought in as trainees, and a method will be worked out to incorporate these people into regular City employment by way of Civil Service examination. Councilman Surber noted the many years it took to establish the present good Civil Service system, and added that it would be better not to have the program at all if it would in any way jeopardize this Civil Service system.

It was reconfirmed by Councilman Uerkwitz that these people would take the standard Civil Service examination before being accepted for any level Civil Service job in the City as permanent employees.

In reference to the School Board negotiations, it was recalled by Councilman Brewster that the School District receives an allocation of funds for certain recreational uses which they are not using for that purpose -- it was the suggestion of Mr. Brewster that they be requested to use those funds properly before the City makes any funds from this program available to them. City Manager Ferraro indicated that these comments would be forwarded to the School Board.

31. Councilman Johnson advised that the Independent Cities will meet on September 22nd in the City of Burbank, with an interesting program planned.
32. The status of the recent Grand Jury investigation was questioned by Councilman Sciarrotta -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the foreman of the Grand Jury advised that the Grand Jury would not conduct an investigation because there was no evidence produced of any wrongdoing, with Mr. Surber being referred to the District Attorney.
33. Councilman Surber advised Councilman Sciarrotta that there is also an FBI investigation underway -- the originator of same as yet unknown.
34. Questioned by Councilman Surber was the meeting date for the Ad Hoc Committee on the Victor Precinct. Councilman Brewster advised that the meeting has been scheduled for September 16th at 4:00 P.M., with the initial meeting to be an Executive Session for briefing on the status of the litigation -- following this, time permitting, the door will be opened for public hearing, with additional open meetings to follow.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reviewed the policy regarding Committee meetings, and added that in the matter of the public hearings on the Victor Precinct and the absence of Councilmen Sciarrotta and Surber during such hearings, and their ability to vote in this matter, it is Mr. Remelmeyer's opinion that if these two Councilmen were to read all the material, listen to the tapes of the meetings, and the Council were to schedule, at the end of the Committee meetings, one more "mop up" public hearing in order that these two Councilmen could ask any desired questions, that Messrs. Sciarrotta and Surber could then vote on the Victor Precinct matter.

35. Councilman Wilson recommended that there be a proclamation for "Pueblo Fiesta Days", September 24, 25, and 26th, and there was concurrence by the Council.

Mr. Ruben Ordaz, 2231 Del Amo Boulevard, was present to request that the same fees be waived as were waived at last year's Fiesta. Mayor Miller MOVED to concur with the subject request, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. It was clarified that such waiver of fees did not pertain to those applicable to Building Department permits, but to local, individual booths, as was done last year. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A cordial invitation to all present to attend the Fiesta was extended by Mr. Ordaz.

36. Recognition of Pittsburgh Paint and Glass by the Environmental Protection Agency, Researchers, for their emission control techniques in the paint and varnish industry was pointed out by Councilman Wilson, with the request that this achievement be recognized with an appropriate permaplaque. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
37. Councilman Wilson reported on forthcoming concerts at El Camino College and the need for a sponsoring group in the South Bay area, with Torrance sponsorship most welcome -- such sponsorship would be without cost to the City, and would acquaint residents with very fine music.

Councilman Wilson then MOVED that this request be submitted to the Cultural Heritage and Arts Committee for study and consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

38. Mr. Loren Schwink, 24035 Ocean Avenue, representing the Walteria Homeowners Association, requested review of Civil Defense practices in the City, in light of what might become of the Nike Site at the Airport.

He was advised that there would be a meeting on this very matter on September 21st at 4:30 P.M., and was invited to be present.

39. Mr. John Blaisdell, chairman of the Airport Commission, extended an invitation to the Mayor, the Council, and City Staff to attend Airport Days on October 2nd and 3rd -- this annual event will be particularly outstanding this year, and the Airport Commission will look forward to a large attendance.

R.S.V.P. to his communication regarding a flight over the City of Torrance was also requested by Mr. Blaisdell who deemed it a most rewarding experience.

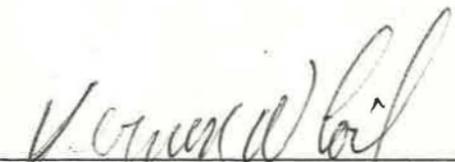
40. Praise was forthcoming by Mr. Blaisdell, as a private citizen, for the Dog Obedience Training Program offered by the Recreation Department -- it is deserving of fullest support.

At 9:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller announced that the Council would return to formally adjourn, but that no further business would be conducted.

Councilman Brewster, at 9:45 P.M., moved to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

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