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Adjourned at 8:06 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, October 19, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, members of Boy Scout Troop #951 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Reverend Ron Bolt, Pacific View Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 1971 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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32. VICTOR PRECINCT AD HOC COMMITTEE: Mrs. Mary Ann Lee, 12
Councilman Brewster reported that this committee is engaged in
virtually daily meetings, with another meeting scheduled for 12
October 20th -- hopefully, a written report will be before the
Council by October 26th. 12

33. POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: commissioners 12, 13
October meeting cancelled because of the Victor Precinct Ad
Hoc meetings. Will have regular November meeting. office 13
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38. Mayor Miller re: Executive Personnel Session, and
9. HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS' DAY - October 23, 1971: 13, 14

10. DRUG WEEK - November 1-7, 1971.

10A. UNITED NATIONS DAY - October 24, 1971.

10B. UNITED STATES DAY - October 23, 1971.
Adjourned at 8:06 P.M.
So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-18.

ORDINANCE NO. 2286

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 SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
AND 182ND STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE
CHANGE 71-18.

Shell Oil Company (Floyd How)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2286
at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman
Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

12. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS of an approved
Conditional Use Permit (CUP 71-19) to allow on-premises
consumption of beer and wine in conjunction with a bona fide
eating establishment (WOODEN SHOE RESTAURANT, INC. dba
GOLDEN SHOE, SIDNEY R. ORZOFF).

Following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle,
and a review of the past history of the subject property, as well
as present negotiations with attorneys, Mayor Miller invited
Mr. Orzoff to speak.

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Mr. Sidney Orzoff, 3720 Sepulveda Boulevard, voiced his objections to conditions imposed by the Planning Commission, for the reason that he is a lessee of the property, and the landlord has refused to meet any of the conditions -- all other requirements have been met by him. The difficulties surrounding the location of the trash enclosure were described at some length by Mr. Orzoff.

Also present, representing the property owner, was Mr. Carroll Terry, 4626 Cathann Street, who confirmed that there are still legal problems to be ironed out, and questioned the fairness of tying the subject request in with their forthcoming Precise Plan.

It was the further comment of Mr. Terry that Mr. Orzoff has a lease assigned to him by former owners who took it upon themselves to enclose the trash area and rearrange the trash bins -- this trash area is available to Mr. Orzoff, and he has been so advised. Mr. Orzoff was not in agreement that this area could be used for trash containers, and could see no reason for knocking down this part of the building. Further, Mr. Orzoff had no objection to moving the trash away from adjacent residential areas, but placing the containers at another location.

Mr. Terry responded that they have provided a place, by plans signed by all the tenants, for trash areas covered with a screen on three sides -- in this case, the trash area has been converted to a storage bin.

Councilman Brewster noted that there are identical conditions on two Precise Plans with regard to the 11-foot dedication and the tree wells and street trees.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Items #1 and #2 be deleted as conditions, and that condition #3 be negotiated between Staff, the renter, and the owner.

Discussion followed regarding the above action, with Councilman Sciarrotta restating his motion as follows: That items #1, 2, and 3 be deleted re: CUP 71-19, in order that Mr. Orzoff not be compelled to go along with these conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Uerkwitz: That CUP 71-19 be granted, subject to the trash enclosure being located next to the restaurant but not adjacent to the residential property. The substitute motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Clarification, prior to roll call vote, was requested by Mr. Orzoff -- it was provided in that the matter of the trash container location is to be resolved with Staff; City Manager Ferraro pointed out the obvious personal disagreement between the renter and the landlord, a factor that the City will not become involved in; the Staff requirements are to be met or the permit will not be issued.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Mayor Miller directed that Staff meet with Mr. Orzoff as soon as possible to work out this matter -- further, the Mayor reminded Mr. Terry that the pending development on this property will have conditions pertaining to the dedication, which is of considerable concern to him -- Mr. Terry indicated his understanding and agreement with such a condition, along with his reservations as to working out the trash arrangement with Mr. Orzoff.

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. REQUEST FROM RONALD MORAN CADILLAC for waiver of 1% Commercial Construction tax (resubmitted).

City Manager Ferraro advised that the proponent requested this item be withdrawn; it was so ordered.

- 13A. REQUEST FROM DON H. TALLMAN for waiver of Bedroom Tax.

Councilman Johnson expressed his concern in this particular case as to the time element of the enactment and effective date of a tax, and needed Code clarification pertaining to same -- Mr. Johnson then MOVED that this matter be referred to the proper committee to see if an appropriate ordinance can be drafted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

It was pointed out by Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary that Section 223.2.3 of Ordinance No. 2283 states: "The tax imposed by Section 223.2.2 shall be due and payable at the time of the issuance of the building permit." -- this language appears in both the bedroom tax ordinance and the commercial construction tax ordinance.

Councilman Johnson reiterated his concern for the timing, and, in his opinion, consideration should be given for a time lapse period in which there is a grace period for those construction projects to avoid sudden extra costs.

Discussion was then directed to the fact that the Emergency Ordinance had created these situations, and that these will not be continuing problems.

In reference to the specific request of Mr. Tallman, Building and Safety Director McKinnon refuted certain of Mr. Tallman's statements to the effect that he was ready for his building permit on October 1st; such was not the case, according to Mr. McKinnon, in that there were certain discrepancies regarding the soil condition of the property.

Mr. Don Tallman, 1400½ Esplanade, Redondo Beach, restated the situation as outlined in his October 12th communication (a matter of record) and indicated disagreement with the above findings of the Building and Safety Director, as well as his feeling of unfair treatment.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That the subject request be DENIED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "yes" vote, that there is no alternative; the point presented is a valid one but there is no other course of action.

Councilman Surber indicated that his "no" vote was for the reason that he has sympathy for these people -- many builders are unsophisticated and cannot continually check at City Hall.

Recognition of the hardship was indicated by Mayor Miller -- the problems exist, even with a grace period, and requests for extensions of time continue -- and is a situation that arises with any tax imposed at any given time. Mayor Miller then noted the lengthy consideration, at several Council meetings, of the subject tax, as well as the attendant newspaper publicity.

It was the further comment of Councilman Surber that the Council many times takes for granted that the people know what is going on, and there should be a study as to adequate notification in appropriate cases -- it should not be incumbent upon the citizens to read in the paper that a tax is proposed.

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At this point in the meeting, Mayor Miller introduced new appointees, Miss Marilyn Harris, Citizens Advisory Committee, and Mr. John Dunbar, Water Commission -- they were appropriately congratulated and sworn in by City Clerk Coil.

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AIRPORT MATTERS:

14. W.A.S. DOUGLAS REQUEST FOR RELIEF.
(AIREPAIR/AIRSALES LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.)

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

That liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,120.00 not be assessed against W.A.S. Douglas.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Transportation Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

15. RECREATION ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: That Council not rush into adopting the Recreation Element of the Master Plan at this time, rather that the City proceed with the orderly development of the City's Master Plan, using standards set forth by the Planning Commission in their recommendations on the Recreation Element as a guide in the development of that portion of the City Master Plan. This recommendation is made since the urgency to adopt a Recreation Element at this time no longer exists since the enactment of the "Bedroom Tax".

The Committee also suggests that attention should be paid to acquiring a number of small green areas as we go along. These areas, once acquired, could be developed through the efforts of civic groups, a la Pueblo Recreation Building and Pequeño Park.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

16. BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR SOUTHEAST TORRANCE BRANCH.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

The Library Department has evaluated its requests for staff requirements for the Southeast Torrance Library and the present Library operating budget. It is determined that through

internal economies, delay in book purchasing, and use of bond funds already allocated for book purchase, certain funds already allocated can be transferred to help finance the opening of the Southeast Torrance Library. It is recommended that the City Council authorize the following method of funding of the Southeast Torrance budget.

1. Transfer from book budget for current fiscal year	\$15,000
2. Transfer of staff, salaries, and materials and supplies from Post Avenue	<u>24,083</u>
TOTAL FUNDS TRANSFERRED	\$39,083
3. Additional allocation from General Fund	<u>\$10,288</u>
TOTAL BUDGET FOR SOUTHEAST TORRANCE LIBRARY	<u><u>\$49,371</u></u>

There was clarification by Assistant City Manager Scharfman in that (1) the General Fund allocation is required because these are not funds for construction of a building but for the operation thereof; bond funds cannot be used for this purpose; and (2) that presently a policy of not filling position vacancies immediately is being pursued, with review of such positions as vacancies occur; further, employees hired under the Public Employment Program are used to supplement regular staff, all employee organizations have been consulted, and Civil Service rules are rigorously followed.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that there be periodic reports from the Finance Director as to funds used from the Unappropriated Reserve. City Manager Ferraro advised that a team has been formed to advise him regarding likely necessary budget cuts.

Councilman Johnson stated that it is imperative that the Post Avenue Library not be completely closed. City Librarian West pointed out the proposed reduced Library hours at the Post Avenue Library.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz, in view of the above clarification, moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Librarian. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 71-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INDICATING A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-214, but the motion died for lack of a second.

A need for additional input was noted by Councilman Brewster; discussion followed, with clarification by Mr. William Brady.

A MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the subject resolution be filed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Discussion returned to the need for detailed explanation, which resulted in the withdrawal of the above motion by Councilman Uerkwitz. Councilman Wilson thereupon MOVED that the subject resolution be tabled until there can be a presentation to Council at some future date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; there were no objections and it was so ordered.

City Engineer Weaver indicated that this matter could be returned in approximately two weeks.

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The hour being 6:40 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.

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

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 18. REQUEST FROM TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION to attend Police Officers Research Association Conference. (Oct.26-30).
EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS LEAVE

Concurrence with the request was confirmed by City Manager Ferraro.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject leave be granted. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 19. ROSE PARADE FLOAT - 1972.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: That the City Council appoint a seven-member citizen task force to act as the Steering Committee of the Rose Parade Float Association.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Wilson, as Chairman of this Council Committee, that the number not be limited to seven, in view of the fact that there likely will be additional names to be submitted by the Council. Dr. Wilson then MOVED to concur with the Committee recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman

Sciarrotta.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Uerkwitz that the money proposed in this case be saved and placed in the Library fund. Mayor Miller expressed sympathy with this idea, but felt the matter had gone too far. It was confirmed by City Manager Ferraro that a contract has been signed.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

20. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$459.68 to Inglewood Book and Stationers for 26,000 printed envelopes requested by the License Division for license renewal notification.
2. \$651.23 to Franklin Square Subscription Agency for renewal of magazine subscriptions requested by the City Librarian for the Southeast Branch Library.
3. \$547.64 to Sprayway Company for one each 5-gallon and 2-gallon spray tank assemblies complete with fittings, gauges and spray regulators as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for street paint striping.
4. \$548.22 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for field tests and repairs of 3 only Hersey Sparling Water Meters, 3" and 4" size, as requested by the Water Department.

21. ACCEPTANCE OF DEMOLITION WORK - RE: ALI BABA RESTAURANT.
 (PROJECT COUNCIL APPROVED 9-7-71)
 AMOUNT: \$1575.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the demolition work on the Ali Baba Restaurant, on Airport property, as satisfactorily completed, and approve of payment for said work to Hintz Wrecking Company. This project was financed by the Airport Fund.

22. FURNITURE BIDS - SOUTHEAST TERRANCE LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

1. That Items 1-11 and Item 14 (per October 14th communication) be awarded to Bellview Furniture Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$5,008.50, including tax.

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2. That Items 12 and 13 be awarded to A. Johnson's Stationery and Supply Company in the amount of \$1,489.09, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

The existing allocations from the 1967 Library Bond Construction Fund for the Southeast Library to date have only provided for land acquisition and construction. The intent has been to ask for an additional allocation from the Bond Fund when all equipment and furnishing bids are known. However, at this time it is important to award the above items in order to allow for the manufacturer's lead time. It is RECOMMENDED, therefore, that \$6,500 be allocated from the accumulated interest earnings in the Library Bond Fund to cover the above equipment. There is approximately \$150,000 of unallocated interest earnings available in the Bond Fund at this time.

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - DEL AMC BOULEVARD FROM VAN NESS TO WESTERN AVENUE (Job #67051) B71-45.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Radjan Company, Inc., and all other bids be rejected. (This project is financed by \$85,000 appropriated August 31, 1971 from Section 2106 Gas Tax Funds.)

24. WITHDRAWN. (Report on Reduction of Sunnyglen Construction Company bond on Tract No. 30376.)

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

It was pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz, re: Item #23, that the contractor in this case has underbid; therefore, Staff should be aware of the job.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. Deputy Attorney Allen advised that the Writ of Mandate filed with the State Supreme Court by Mr. Dan Butcher was denied. It was added by Mr. Allen that post card notification to the City regarding this had been overlooked.

26. The retirement of Park Superintendent Casper Clemmer was announced by City Manager Ferraro who outlined Casper's lengthy career with the City -- every good wish for his retirement future was extended by the Council.

27. Noted by Councilman Brewster was Police Chief Nash's report on special problems apparently building up with the scheduling of high school football games and possible Council action at this time. Chief Nash stated that this is information only for the present.

28. Councilman Johnson offered the following prepared oral re: Traffic Problems and Traffic Commission Planning:

"From time to time we have all stated our concern that traffic congestion is one of our most serious problems in Torrance. A couple or three weeks ago under orals, I again expressed my concern that not enough interim and long range planning is being done to solve this growing problem.

"On reading the minute account of the Traffic Commission's activities, it is evident that they have been caught up in the whirlpool of day to day mundane assignments that generally fall into the category of 'fire drills'. It is evident from these proceedings that the Traffic Commission is not being presented, or that the Commission is not generating, the necessary studies to find short range, intermediate or long range solutions to this ever growing problem of traffic congestion.

"'Fire drills' will continue, for it is necessary that this work be accomplished as a matter of routine. By 'fire drills' I mean the usual hearings on stop signs, speed limits, etc. These hearings and recommendations are necessary, for the people must be heard. Nor do I criticize Staff or the Commission for handling these kinds of assignments. A good job is being done.

"In my view, however, it will be none too late if Staff and the Commission commence now to seriously evaluate the present existing conditions which cause congestion, where the congestion is being caused, and to make recommendations for eliminating as nearly as possible the problem that exists.

"Based upon their findings and projected traffic buildup, especially in the east-west, north-south corridors, a projection of possible future traffic problems can be made and then it can be determined what will be necessary to effect a solution within the most acceptable cost means.

"One can envision a graphic presentation which would indicate traffic buildup in our major thoroughfares in the next five, ten, fifteen, and twenty year 'milestone' periods (per graph on record). A sub-graph for each of our major corridors and even a sub-sub-graph of the major bottleneck intersections can also be devised to indicate the traffic buildup data for these particular locations.

"Each of these problem areas should then be studied and a solution applied, perhaps even with several alternatives so that a superimposed line upon the graph would demonstrate graphically that if the solution is applied, what the reduction in traffic congestion will be."

City Traffic Engineer Horkay advised that the Traffic Commission has formed a committee to institute the above requested studies -- members are Commissioners McElroy, McMullen, and Delaney.

29. A prepared resolution regarding the Sister City affiliation was furnished the City Attorney by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the request that it be returned to the October 26th agenda.

30. Councilman Surber referred to Information Item B - the City Manager's communication to Mr. L.H. McGuire re: the findings of the FBI investigation - and inquired as to the response, if any.

City Manager Ferraro advised that in a telephone call to Mr. McGuire it was learned that he could only reiterate his instructions from Washington, D.C. -- that the investigation was called by a member of the Assistant Attorney General of the United States; it was a written request; no further information could be obtained.

The City Manager was then directed by Councilman Surber to write to U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell or Mr. Herb Kleindist, U.S. Deputy Attorney General, and request a complete report on the complaint made against this Council and this City, the contents of the complaint, by whom the complaint was made, the agency from which it originated, and the disposition of the whole unwarranted allegation.

31. Councilman Surber inquired as to the status of the legal opinion in reference to the right of the people to vote for or against subsidized housing -- Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary indicated that this report would be expedited.

32. Councilman Surber complimented Mrs. Mary Ann Lee of the Los Angeles Times for her impartial, comprehensive coverage of the action, or lack of action, taken by the Council on resolutions re: low-cost housing introduced by him and Councilman Johnson.

33. The October 14th issue of the Los Angeles Times, according to Councilman Surber, contained an extensive article concerning secret meetings which he found extremely interesting -- permission to reproduce the necessary copies for distribution to the Council, City officials, Commissions, etc. was requested by Mr. Surber. There were no objections.

34. Council action on October 5th approving an appropriation of \$2250 for school ground lighting was noted by Councilman Wilson -- Dr. Wilson then advised that the revised figures indicate that the City's portion would be \$2718; it is, therefore, necessary to increase the City's allotment some \$468. Councilman Johnson so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. Mayor Miller noted the apparent misunderstanding regarding attendance requirements on the part of Water Commissioners Brooks and O'Brien, it having been indicated by both gentlemen that they desire to continue to serve on this Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Commissioners Brooks and O'Brien's absences be excused, and that they continue to serve

on the Water Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz, while in concurrence with the above situation and action, that it has been the general policy to review these matters in Personnel Session. In concurrence was Councilman Surber who felt that a steady posture should be maintained by the Council, with each such situation considered in the same manner.

Councilman Johnson requested that a letter be sent to the Commissions which would explain Council policy in the matter of attendance, noting the fact that long range absenteeism should come to the Council for approval. It was agreed that it should be up to Commission Chairmen to police members' attendance.

City Clerk Coil noted that quarterly Commission Attendance Reports are presently being prepared, and will be before the Council very shortly.

It was clarified by City Manager Ferraro that the above action reinstated Commissioners Brooks and O'Brien, not reappointed them.

36. A communication from Head Deputy John M. Provenzano, Office of the District Attorney, commending the Torrance Police Department for its investigation regarding the solicitation of murder of the Superintendent of Schools of the Torrance Unified School District, was read aloud by Mayor Miller.

It stated, in part:

"The successful investigation of this crime in no small measure is due to Chief D.E. Nash, who was personally involved in the case from its inception. As the Chief of the Torrance Police Department, he sets an illustrious example and model for his organization. Parenthetically, I would like to say that I have always found Chief Nash extremely cooperative in matters of mutual concern. A complex case of this nature is only concluded successfully by a well trained unit. One cannot hope to commence preparation and training at the eleventh hour and hope for success. The actual investigation was superbly handled by Lieutenant M. Hone, Vice and Intelligence Unit, who was ably assisted by Sergeant J. Weyant."

Appreciation for this thoughtful gesture by the District Attorney's office was expressed by Mayor Miller, along with congratulations to Chief Nash.

37. The announced retirement of Supervisor Chace was noted by Mayor Miller, as was the need to properly honor him.

38. Mayor Miller stated that an Executive/Personnel Session would follow -- to be considered, for one thing, will be Rose Parade Float Association members -- and that the Council would return to announce these appointments.

The hour being 7:25 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for an Executive and Personnel Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous.

The Council returned at 8:05 P.M. to announce the Rose Parade Float Association Members, as follows: Ed Enrietta, Mrs. Ruthy Enrietta, Harold Smith, Doug Hedde, Robert Vroman, Mrs. Florence Robertson, and Mrs. Dawne Wilhelm, with two Alternate Members yet to be selected.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

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Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil

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