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Adjourned at 11:08 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, November 9, 1971, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Dan Walker, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Elmer Christiansen, Christ the King Lutheran Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the minutes of October 26, 1971, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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 Wilson, 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 Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

Will next meet on November 16th at 4:30 P.M. to discuss financing of the Paramedic program and Civil Defense Commission duties.

Finance Committee:

Next meeting slated for November 18th at 4:30 P.M.

Transportation Committee:

Met on November 8th re: undeveloped acreage at Airport -- report forthcoming.

Public Works Committee:

Met this date re: beautification of unattended parkways in the City -- such study to be continued -- their next meeting on November 15th will consider the Civic Center Master Plan problem.

Park, Recreation, Community Development:

Councilman Wilson reported that this committee met with School Board representatives on November 8th, and that the outlook for cooperative arrangements between the City and the School District on such items as the computer facilities, playgrounds, etc. (a further report under Oral Communications) is most favorable.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:

9. Administration of Oath of Allegiance by City Clerk Coil to newly-appointed Oil Board members.

The Oath of Allegiance was recited by Mrs. Arnold (Connie) Johnson and Mr. E.C. Babsco, formalizing their recent appointments to the Oil Board.

PROCLAMATION:

- 9A. DANNY THOMAS TEENAGERS MARCH WEEK - November 13-20, 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

(Taken at this time, out of order, to accommodate Mr. Warnshuis with an 8 P.M. plane flight scheduled:)

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

17. National Flood Insurance Program. (Resolution submitted)

Mr. Jan L. Warnshuis, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento, provided a lengthy, enlightening explanation of the National Flood Insurance Program -- a program of subsidized insurance provided by the Federal Insurance Administration. His explanation included delineation of coverage rates, eligibility for such insurance, HUD controls, City liability, participation by some 80 communities, etc. It was noted that Torrance homeowners are apparently opposed to such an insurance program.

(re: National Flood Insurance Program)

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the subject resolution be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

10. ZC 71-19, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Change of zone from M-2 to R-1 on property located at the northwest corner of 230th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO R-1 BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

10A. AMENDMENT TO MASTER PLAN NO. 1 OF THE MARBLE ESTATES,
covering the same area and zones mentioned in ZC 71-19.

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, requested that Staff presentation be made by Planning Director Shartle, and then invited those wishing to speak on this case to do so.

Representing the Southwood Sun Ray Homeowners Association, Mr. Irving Klintworth, 2524 West 230th Street, presented a petition in support of the action taken by the Planning Commission, a petition bearing some 244 signatures, in addition to the 18 signatures presented to the Planning Commission. Mr. Klintworth pointed out that the surrounding area is all R-1, and the subject property likewise should be R-1.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission for a change of zone from M-2 to R-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was Councilman Brewster's question as to whether it would be possible to provide a residential street pattern in the M-2 area that will properly utilize all the land for residential purposes -- Planning Director Shartle indicated that such should be possible, by running a cul-de-sac street north of 230th Street and stopping it short at the north side of the property, two tiers of lots would result, each facing the cul-de-sac, with such lots approximately 125 ft. deep and 50-60 feet wide.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to item #10A, Councilman Johnson MOVED to amend Master Plan No. 1 of the Marble Estates to reflect the above action taken by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. ZC 71-20, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.
Change of zone from M-2 to C-3 on property located at the southwest corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO C-3 PRECISE PLAN BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

11A. AMENDMENT TO MASTER PLAN NO. 1 OF THE MARBLE ESTATES, covering the same area and zones mentioned in ZC 71-20.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil; it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, and following presentation by Planning Director Shartle, inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Planning Commission for a change of zone from M-2 to C-3 Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Item 11A: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Master Plan No. 1 of the Marble Estates be amended to reflect the above Council action. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. CUP 71-38, TACO BELL, INC. (RICHARD JAZWIN).
Appeal of Planning Commission action denying CUP 71-38 to allow the construction of a walk-up restaurant on property located on the southwest corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Madison Street on C-2 zoned land.

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 hearing.

Following Planning Director Shartle's presentation, the first speaker was Miss Diane Freeze, 3531 Crickiewood, who stated her opinion that this would be a poor location for a Taco Bell -- such a business would prove disruptive not only to nearby residential development but to the entire area; the subject property could be put to better use than proposed here.

The proponent, Mr. Richard Jazwin, spoke at this time, and reviewed meetings with Staff regarding the proposed Taco Bell development, with some 22 conditions being imposed as a result of such meetings -- further, the Associate Planning Team could see no problems with the development if adequate protection were provided for surrounding

residential property, and, therefore, recommended approval, subject to conditions. Denial by the Planning Commission came as a surprise, according to Mr. Jazwin, who requested that the Council overrule this denial for the reason that they feel the denial unjust and that it was made on the basis of facts other than as presented by the proponent.

Continuing, it was the comment of Mr. Jazwin that objections were raised for the reason that the plan as proposed would leave the Taco Bell development immediately adjacent to residential property with approximately five feet between the masonry wall required by the Building Department and the nearest house -- this is incorrect, according to Mr. Jazwin, in that their premises encompass 17,000 sq. ft. and they are developing only 12,000 sq. ft.; the lot immediately to the north is under lease by Taco Bell, and, as indicated by their plan, they have no intention of developing same, which creates a buffer zone of over 50 ft. and provides a wide area of separation between the block wall and the Taco Bell development.

The second objection, Mr. Jazwin continued, related to traffic congestion, specifically in an adjacent alley, and it should be noted that a condition prerequisite to obtaining their permit was that the alley ingress and egress be closed -- a condition in which Taco Bell concurred. Therefore, the data relating to the alley bears no weight -- as to traffic congestion, Mr. Jazwin added, the location sits on Pacific Coast Highway, a major artery, and it would not seem that their normal usage would congest such traffic.

Noise was also cited as a factor, per Mr. Jazwin, who noted the fact that an aviation easement has been requested, and the location is directly across the street from the Torrance Airport, and it would not seem that their premises would significantly contribute to noise.

Still another objection, according to Mr. Jazwin, was the fact that there are motorcyclists on Madison -- he fails to understand how it can be presumed that the subject project will increase motorcycle traffic up and down Madison, and, more importantly, the problem presently exists and the solution lies in the City handling it and not in Taco Bell being denied a conditional use permit.

Relative to compatibility, Mr. Jazwin added, there currently exists within visibility distance of the subject location a Roy Rogers, Bob's Big Boy, Jack-in-the-Box, Colonel Sanders, MacDonalds, A&W Root Beer, and immediately adjacent to the site, a liquor store. It is confusing to him as to why Taco Bell has suddenly become incompatible with a number of preexisting uses currently in the neighborhood.

In conclusion, Mr. Jazwin stated that Taco Bell's headquarters are in Torrance; their units are regularly policed; and any problems can be directly handled -- no evidence has been presented that Taco Bell is a nuisance; arguments for denial are inaccurate; the Planning Staff has recommended approval; and, lastly, under existing zoning regulations an all-night body and fender shop with a tire recapping operation has the right to open for business at the subject location without the necessity of obtaining a conditional use permit. Taco Bell provides

a neighborhood service; they pay their fair share of taxes and provide employment in the community, and like to feel they have contributed to a community's development -- approval was respectfully requested.

Mrs. Diane Davis, 2936 Winlock Road, stated her feeling that the Madison Avenue motorcyclists will seek out a Taco Bell restaurant -- there are further problems involving the school children at nearby Waltera Elementary School who likely would leave the school grounds to eat at a Taco Bell. Mrs. Davis expressed further concern regarding the traffic that would be created, and the hope that the Council would concur with the Planning Commission in denial of the request.

The next speaker was Mrs. Mary Lou Jackins, 24223 Madison, who indicated a love of Mexican food but no desire to smell it 24 hours a day -- there was clarification of the alley arrangement for her benefit, and she joined in concern for increased Madison Avenue traffic and the likely hazard to Walteria Elementary School children.

Mrs. Fay Ariaajian (?) stated she is a new resident in the area, and voiced her objections to starting and stopping cars, adding that this is an inappropriate location for any type of drive-in restaurant -- noting that, in this case, there is no closing hour time limit, there will be litter and noise, odor, etc. in this residential section of the City.

Mr. Maurice Hart, general counsel for Taco Bell, restated the fact that Taco Bell headquarters in Torrance and desires to be an asset to the community. Mr. Hart specifically noted the proposed 50-ft. buffer zone to protect the residents, and that the alley will not have access into Taco Bell -- further noted were the findings of the City's professionals who proposed conditions, all agreeable to Taco Bell. Taco Bell is attempting to develop a piece of land, according to Mr. Hart, in a neighborhood which could use such a facility, and favorable Council consideration was requested.

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

Council consideration was then directed to proposed ingress and egress, future signalization at Pacific Coast Highway and Madison, the hours of operation (weekdays 11 A.M. to 11 P.M.; Friday and Saturday to 1:00 A.M.) -- Mayor Miller outlined the advent of the conditional use permit procedure, prompted primarily by walk-up restaurants and the attendant problems. It was added by the Mayor that he had supported the Taco Bell request at Anza and Pacific Coast Highway, but that he cannot support the subject request for the reason that the area is fundamentally a residential one and certain problems will inevitably result.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for DENIAL of CUP 71-38. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that his vote for denial is almost entirely based on the traffic situation at that intersection, not only for today but in the future -- those curb cuts that close to the subject intersection, on a curving road, would create an intolerable situation.

Councilman Johnson indicated his first-hand knowledge of the danger of a left hand turn at that location, and concurred in the denial.

The hours of operation were the basis of Councilman Sciarrotta's vote for denial -- working people like to go to sleep before 11 P.M. -- also, the starting and stopping of automobiles would present further problems to this residential district.

13. CONTINUED HEARING. Appeal of CUP 71-43, John W. Gallareto and C.E. Hutton.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. That a Precise Plan control be placed on the remainder of this parcel to the west of this development.
2. That there shall be an entrance only driveway on Hickory aligning directly with the existing alley to the east and no egress shall be allowed at that driveway. The developer shall put spikes in this entrance in order to eliminate any possible egress at that point.
3. That the fence between Hickory and the parking lot shall be maintained at a 5-foot height and be solid in order to physically prevent any light reflection from the parking lot area.
4. A planter shall be provided with trees along the rear property line to the south, and a landscaping plan shall be submitted to the Planning Department for approval on the entire area.
5. The proposed restaurant shall provide auto access to any development to the west by opening their parking lot to the adjoining parking lot at such time as that property develops. This shall be a recorded condition.
6. The entrance on Sepulveda shall be redesigned in order to handle a larger volume of cars and shall be subject to approval of the Planning and Traffic and Lighting Departments.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the continued hearing on CUP 71-43, and requested, first, that Planning Director Shartle make the Staff presentation, and, secondly, that Councilman Brewster, as chairman of the Public Works Committee, clarify the above recommendations. Following this, the Mayor invited those present on this matter to speak.

Mr. Bob Hester, Southwood Sun Ray Homeowners Association, stated that another restaurant (Peppy's) is slated to locate next to the YMCA, which will mean that there will be two restaurants within 200 ft. of each other. Mr. Hester added that there has been no compromise whatsoever on their previous stand, and that the homeowners association

favors the Planning Commission recommendations pertaining to CUP 71-43, specifically their recommendation that there be no access onto Hickory Avenue, and that there be a 5 ft. masonry wall constructed around the development. There is a solution of the problem for the developer, according to Mr. Hester, in that he could lease an additional amount of property necessary to do the job properly, in view of the vacant land to the west of the subject property. Hickory Avenue is already carrying more traffic than it was designed to carry, per Mr. Hester, and to add additional traffic generated by the restaurant would make an already bad situation intolerable -- the right of the developer to proceed with a restaurant is recognized, but it should not be at the expense of the taxpayers or to the disadvantage of the neighborhood. Mr. Hester also pointed out that a petition bearing 362 signatures is already before the Council.

Mrs. Carol Laffey, 22632 Greenwood Avenue, stated that, for the past 11 years, this neighborhood has donated considerable money to the YMCA -- the Y, therefore, should take into consideration that their children will be walking by two restaurants (likely with liquor licenses) and a motel, also proposed; these things should be a primary consideration of the Y.

Mr. Steve Heck, 22619 Elm, commented that an entrance on Hickory, ingress only, would mean that trash and delivery trucks would have to exit onto Sepulveda Boulevard -- why then cannot they enter from Sepulveda? It was further noted by Mr. Heck that Hickory dead-ends at 227th Street.

The next speaker was Mrs. Joseph Ruzek, 2679 West 230th Place, who stated that the subject case is similar to the preceding one pertaining to Taco Bell -- a main street, with a left hand turn for westbound traffic on a busy thoroughfare -- the action being denial in the Taco Bell case.

Mr. Ray Winton, 22810 Greenwood, stated that the concern of the homeowners is not so much for the Sepulveda traffic as for that which will result in the tract -- hence their desire that there be no ingress or egress onto Hickory Avenue. Further, restaurants serving liquor at lunch-time pose hazards to school children, in Mr. Winton's opinion.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Bill McMullen, 22633 Cerise, who pointed out the importance of 230th Street in this tract with a heavy traffic flow -- there is an industrial area beginning to boom in the Airport area which will create much lunch-time business for the proposed restaurant via 230th Street -- the area should remain residential in nature.

Principal of Hickory School, Dr. William Forrest, expressed his concern for traffic on Hickory Avenue and the hazardous situation that would be created for Hickory School.

Mr. Glen Basil, 22902 Date, recommended that an alternate plan be proposed which would permit the restaurant to better develop their property.

Mr. Irving Klintworth, 2524 West 230th Street, commented that the developer should consider leasing additional property so that there might be consideration of an entrance and an exit on Sepulveda, this being his main avenue of business, and some success has been enjoyed by Sam's Cafe with such an arrangement.

Concern regarding the proposed driveway spikes and children's bikes was voiced by Mr. Roger Watson, 22609 Cerise.

The attorney for the proponent, Mr. Don Hitchcock, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, first noted that some half million dollars worth of improvements, beautiful landscaping, etc. are proposed by his client, as well as the fact that he has purchased, in good faith, this property which includes some 400 ft. along Hickory -- it is imperative that there be some type of entrance on Hickory, there having been a compromise for ingress only by Mr. Gallareto. The efforts of Mr. Gallareto to comply, in every way, with the desires of the homeowners were next noted by Mr. Hitchcock, but he simply must have some traffic flow into the restaurant in order to operate the wholesome, fine restaurant proposed.

Mr. Tom Shaughnessey, 22613 Hickory, announced that he was an "authority on drinking" -- where there is drinking, there are drunks -- the inevitable use of Hickory by the drinking patrons will result in hazards to the area.

Mrs. Ann Nelson, 2609 West 226th Street, reviewed the accident record of this area, with Hickory now being the only safe route to get out of the tract -- it does not seem feasible that trash and delivery trucks are now proposed for Hickory -- how is such traffic to be handled?

The next speaker was Mrs. Betty Hoffman, 23209 Iris, who outlined the effect of what is proposed for the Marble Estates area in the way of traffic cutting through. Mrs. Hoffman then inquired as to exactly what is proposed for the remaining vacant land -- at Mayor Miller's request, it was clarified by Mr. Gallareto that he designed the proposed Peppy's restaurant but that a conditional use permit has not as yet been filed by the owners; it was further confirmed by Mr. Gallareto that a motel is proposed for the remainder of the land.

Mr. Bruce Crescent (?), representing Getty Oil Company, owner of the subject property, stated, in reference to a motel development, that there have been several proposals for the property which might not have been compatible with the homeowners but would have been permitted under the present zoning. It was their opinion that Mr. Gallareto's restaurant would prove most compatible to the neighborhood -- under the present zoning Mr. Gallareto could have built his restaurant, with entrances on Hickory Avenue; the ground-work could still be done, with driveways, etc. in order to make the property ready for development, and all that would then be necessary would be application for a conditional use permit on the liquor license. There is no intent to offend the homeowners, Mr. Crescent added, but feels that they are making it extremely difficult for Mr. Gallareto to operate -- further, a motel proposal has been rejected, such proposal not having been made by Mr. Gallareto; a shopping center likewise has been denied, for reasons of incompatibility and traffic problems, but it is felt that the proposed restaurant would be a most lucrative, compatible development.

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

Discussion was then directed to the necessary considerations in regard to the proposed restaurant development: the merits of an integrated parking lot, deceleration lanes -- it was clarified by Councilman Brewster that the YMCA owns only the land on which the building sits and nothing more. Councilman Brewster further re-affirmed the Committee's position that there is no other viable alternative than to have an "entrance only" opposite the alleyway onto the subject parcel; Mr. Brewster would have no objection to reserving the right to reconsider this at some future date when the development to the west is known and other traffic circulation can be planned for the entire area -- to cut off that Hickory entrance at this moment would be disastrous for the corner of Hickory and Sepulveda.

Councilman Surber indicated his reservations, following the foregoing testimony, regarding such ingress into Hickory; there is no question that traffic will be increased, along with drinking drivers. Mr. Surber stated that he would, therefore, cast a negative vote.

It was stated by Mayor Miller that the restaurant appears to be incidental to a greater problem -- the restaurant by itself is one thing, but the entire development of the property is another. It was the Mayor's recommendation that the restaurant be entirely cut off from the rest of the development, noting that the turning point is at an intersection which is preferable to turning in the middle of the block. It was the further feeling of Mayor Miller that cars turning in off Hickory, rather than Sepulveda, would prove much safer since there would be fewer cars rushing in from one central location. The Mayor would also concur that there be a six-month trial period to see how it works out -- the compromises have been made.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved re: appeal of CUP 7i-43 that Council concur with the Committee report, with the added stipulation that the right for review of the driveway entrance situation on Hickory be reserved at the end of six months of operation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote, it was confirmed that there will be a 6 ft. wall on the west side of the development, per plan submitted by Mr. Gallareto. It was clarified by Councilman Brewster that the reason the committee suggested that the right to open access to the west be reserved, at the time of future development, is because it was felt that, at that time, if the Hickory access were to be closed off entirely, that the restaurant could be integrated with the rest of the commercial development to the west -- that way there would be no access on Hickory at all.

It was stated by Mayor Miller that the subject restaurant has pioneered the subject property -- if there is to be a restaurant, then let it be under these terms, an isolated development; let the plan

on the rest of the land be created, but with no access into the restaurant from the rest of the property.

It was clarified, at Planning Director Shartle's question, that this action includes all previously imposed conditions by the Planning Commission.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his vote, that he so voted for the reason that he does not feel the ingress on Hickory is that necessary.

Councilman Surber was of the opinion that there should be six months without the ingress, to see how it works, then let the property return if there are problems -- hence, his "no" vote.

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The hour being 9:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. At 9:04 P.M. Councilman Wilson MOVED that the Council, now having reconvened, recess for the purpose of an Executive Session regarding possible litigation involving agenda item #18 (purchase of Millard property). The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to its agenda at 9:25 P.M.

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14. ZC 71-10, LAURIE R. BELGER.
Change of zone from R-1 to L-P on property located at 25905 Crenshaw Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, following which the proponent, Mr. Robert E. Courtney, 307 East Queen, Inglewood, stated that he and Mr. Belger have made every effort to avoid any abuse of the subject property -- the problems have been reviewed, and it is hoped that they have been instrumental in the creation of the new L-P zone, which has served as a kind of

"loophole" in Torrance zoning laws. Mr. Courtney added that it is not intended to change the house in any way, other than meeting the conditions necessitating a change in the roof, along with the installation of a "trip" at the bottom of the driveway to meet Traffic and Lighting conditions.

On behalf of the Walteria Homeowners Association, Mr. Glen Zachary, 2919 Winlock Road, stated that homeowners look to the Planning Commission and the City Council to help protect the integrity of residential zoning in the community -- he acknowledged that this would be a very plush place for a professional building, and the only 3-bedroom law office in Torrance! It is the request of his Association that the area remain R-1 and that the subject zone change be denied. There is no shortage of office space in this community whereas such use in this area would prove detrimental to existing R-1 development.

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.

Planning Director Shartle, at Councilman Brewster's request, clarified Planning Commission findings in recommending denial, and noted that the subject case had been preadvertised, hence its rapid appearance on the Council agenda.

Of concern to Councilman Wilson is the possibility that the L-P zone (referred to as a "loophole") might be a way around present standards, in this case. Dr. Wilson questioned the need for an L-P zone and whether or not there are other instances in the City where an L-P zone could be applied. Planning Director Shartle commented that the zone was created at the request of the Council, and other possible uses have been envisioned in other areas of the City. Councilman Sciarrotta deemed the subject request "spot zoning".

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the subject location is an isolated area -- he can appreciate the concern for erosion but is of the opinion that these are unusual circumstances, and will not hurt the homeowners. Further, in Mr. Johnson's opinion, there is little other use to which this property can be put because of the manner in which it was built -- the proposed use is a good one, and he will favor the request.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for APPROVAL of ZC 71-10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mayor Miller stated that there was a time when he found it impossible to visualize apartment houses on Crenshaw and Rolling Hills Road, but this has materialized -- it is the desire of the Mayor to permit the proposed use, to prevent future zone change requests, and to "neutralize" the property and perhaps prevent hillside apartment development.

To Councilman Wilson what is proposed is simply getting the "foot in the door" for development to the west; his concern is

that shared by the homeowners -- once opened up, the rest can go. Mayor Miller reiterated his disagreement in this regard.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that he feels the L-P zone is a valid zone, in response to Dr. Wilson's earlier question, whether applied here or elsewhere, it is needed and is a good zone to have on the books -- although the subject case did provide the impetus for the development of the L-P zone, it was never Councilman Brewster's intention to apply it here, a fact which is a matter of record in view of his continuing vote against the conditional use permit and temporary use permit for this piece of property for this use.

The motion approving the zone change carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Wilson.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. REQUEST OF TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT for waiver of filing fee for requested zone change.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The filing fee is \$185, but there is also a \$25 fee to cover the City's cut-of-pocket costs in obtaining names and addresses for mailing notices of such hearings. It is RECOMMENDED that, if the Council grants the School District's request, it waive only the filing fee of \$185.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, waiving only the filing fee of \$185, and not the \$25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the entire amount be waived; there was no second to the motion.

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

16. MR. ALBERT ISEN to discuss proposed new Congressional District.

As an interested citizen in the City of Torrance, Mr. Albert Isen invited discussion by the Council of the proposed new Congressional District -- he noted the absence of specific information relative to the reapportionment and other revisions in government representation -- and urged that a stand be taken by this body.

The necessity of a new Congressional District and reapportionment is likely in order, in Mr. Isen's opinion, because of changes in population, but it should be a District with proper representation

and with a compatibility of interests. The monstrosity that is proposed -- a District that will include all of South Central Los Angeles, Watts, Willowbrook, Gardena, Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates and Palos Verdes Peninsula -- is minus any degree of logic; how can a poor depressed area be joined to a prosperous area with any compatibility?

Continuing, Mr. Isen stated that he is sympathetic to the problems of South Los Angeles and Watts, and there should be a Congressman who devotes all of his time to accelerate those poor areas in an upgrading -- but what in the world has Torrance to do with that, and, as far as any representation, Torrance might as well be seceded from the United States. Torrance can go far, far ahead with other prosperous areas in the South Bay in a Congressional District which is attuned to this area.

To proceed in this gerrymandering and create an abortion of this nature, Mr. Isen added, would result in a never to be finished jigsaw puzzle -- it is a miserable arrangement, and it is important that this Council be counted and that a firm stand be taken; it is vitally important to the City of Torrance's future.

Complete concurrence with the foregoing remarks was expressed by Mayor Miller, and the following prepared statement was offered by the Mayor:

"As a point of personal privilege I want to express my concern regarding the recent plan which creates a new 37th Congressional District, including all of South Central Los Angeles, Watts, Willowbrook, Gardena, Palos Verdes Estates, Palos Verdes Peninsula and our own City of Torrance.

"This specific Reapportionment Plan was unveiled last Wednesday by the California Assembly's Election Committee.

"I have refrained from commenting on this proposed Congressional Reapportionment Plan until the State Senate, under the auspices of Mervyn Dymally, released its version. However, I feel I can no longer wait -- because of the public attention that has been given to the Assembly Plan.

"My sharpest disagreement with the creation of the proposed 37th Congressional District has to do with the separation of the City of Torrance from the other South Bay cities. As far as I'm concerned, the proposed 37th Congressional District is merely an extended L.A. Congressional District. The majority of the District's population reside within the boundaries of Central Los Angeles.

"In order to promote greater home rule, the South Bay Councilmen's Association, during the past several weeks, has diligently undertaken an area-wide study program that will permit greater solidarity and effective inter-city cooperation among the seven South Bay cities -- to legislatively remove Torrance from its sister cities strikes at the heart of local inter-city cooperation and is another step towards the lessening of responsible local self government. When you review and analyze the Congressional District,

based on sample data found in the U.S. Census Tracts, the conclusions are illogical, inconsistent and irrational.

"Now to summarize several other observations about this newly proposed 37th Congressional District:

"In the first instance, the proposed Congressional District has such diverse elements as to make impossible any community interest. For example, the South Bay is deeply concerned with legislation related to home rule, community controlled school districts, coastline and open space development, transportation and recreation. In most cases these items of concern for us do not hold the same priority in other areas of the proposed district.

"Furthermore, as delineated, the 37th Congressional District is extremely stratified -- on geographical, sociological and economic factors. Such disparity in stratified levels of family income, public housing, population densities and welfare cannot help but create political disharmony.

"I cannot help but conclude that the lack of a real community interest and the extreme stratification makes effective and responsible political representation impossible. How could any one man represent such a heterogeneous district? What recourse does anyone in the District have to a Congressman who will find himself caught in the political harangues of a district that has such extremes in geographical proximity and social orientation.

"I also think it is significant that when asked about the logic of linking the Palos Verdes with South Central Los Angeles, an Assemblyman on the Assembly Election and Reapportionment Committee said.... 'The logic was to have 464,000 people in each district.'

"If it was the stated intention of the California Assembly Committee to create a Congressional District that would insure the election of black Congressmen -- their intentions have failed since the voter registration is only 43% black in population. It is even more significant that the Assembly Committee's plan was immediately declared unacceptable by the State's chief Democratic spokesman. In fact, the proposal has all Democratic leaders sharply divided. Lastly, for reasons unknown to me, Republican leaders have remained silent on the plan.

"From a selfish point of view, unfortunately, another effect of this newly proposed Congressional District is that it dilutes our leadership as the Headquarters City. Torrance has pioneered the development of one of the world's largest retail shopping centers. Therefore, allocation of federal funds under TOPICS for improved street intersections and coordinated traffic signal controls adjacent to the center will have less priority at the federal level because Torrance will represent a minority of the 37th District.

"I strongly urge my fellow Councilmen to join with me in authorizing our legislative representative to protest most strenuously the creation of this new Congressional District as announced by the Assembly Election and Reapportionment Committee."

Mr. Rupert, at this point in the meeting, indicated that the hearing on the reapportionment bill slated for November 10th has been cancelled, and such hearing has not been rescheduled as yet. Mr. Rupert then delineated the three new South Bay Districts for the edification of those present, and recommended that this body formulate a plan to try to change some minds in the State Legislature.

The opinions voiced by Messrs. Isen and Miller represent the thinking of Councilman Uerkwitz who added that what is proposed appears to be a sort of reprimand -- it is imperative that South Bay people are informed of what is happening, and he recommended that Staff provide information which will clarify this situation for all concerned, and for some kind of distribution to the general public.

The duties of the Council Legislative Committee were pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta -- there is a need for this Committee to meet to formulate a plan of action, and there is a further need to go to Sacramento to voice such objections.

What is proposed, in the opinion of Councilman Johnson, represents the worst case of gerrymandering and political maneuvering ever observed by him -- it is obvious that someone wants to render Torrance virtually ineffective politically. Mr. Johnson is in agreement that fast action is necessary.

Concurrence with Mr. Isen and Mayor Miller was also indicated by Councilman Surber -- this was deemed by Mr. Surber a slap in the face to the citizens -- and another reason why today's youth sometimes wonders about government. Immediate action is necessary, Councilman Surber added, as well as a solution so that this will not happen again ten years hence. This Council should take a strong position, and the public should be made aware of what is happening -- it was also the recommendation of Councilman Surber that objections be voiced on A.B. 1057 re: regional government as well.

Reservations as to the timing, and the value of last minute appeals were expressed by Councilman Wilson. Mr. Rupert commented that there really was no long standing plan, and he does not feel it too late to proceed as recommended -- the fact that the hearings have been postponed is indicative of the fact that there is to be further consideration, and now is the time to act.

Councilman Brewster joined in defining what is proposed as very blatant gerrymandering for personal political reasons which simply has no place in government today. Further, there has been an absence of published maps for review by the public. Mr. Brewster is in concurrence with the Isen/Miller and fellow-Councilmen remarks -- he is further concerned with other legislative districts whose lines are being redrawn at this time, along with a need for active concern regarding the pending vacancy at the County Supervisor level since Torrance has a great deal at stake in this regard.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Uerkwitz that the entire Council tackle this matter -- including the appearance of the Council at Sacramento.

Mr. Isen returned to express the hope that he has precipitated some action by the Council, which apparently has been accomplished -- time is of the essence, and it is important that there be involvement by the Chamber, neighboring communities, and interested parties. It was stressed by him that the issue is not one of race or color -- at stake is the welfare of Torrance.

It was agreed, and Mayor Miller so directed, that the Legislative Committee meet tomorrow, November 10th, at 12:00 noon, to formulate plans with the entire Council standing by for direction; further, that the City Manager send appropriate letters to all representatives conveying the feelings of the Council in this matter. Mayor Miller then expressed his gratitude to Mr. Isen for his presentation, and complimented him for his thought-provoking remarks.

17. NATIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM. (See Page 2).

REAL PROPERTY:

18. RESOLUTION re: purchase of property for widening of Sepulveda Boulevard. (Millard property)

RESOLUTION NO. 71-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 1 REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-227. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. RESOLUTION re: earthquake rental insurance on City Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES-TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO PROCURE EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE ON THE CITY HALL.

Following clarification by Mr. William Brady, insurance broker, and Deputy City Attorney Allen, Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-228. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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20. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES on 234th Street, Southeast Torrance.

RECOMMENDATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY COMMITTEE:

That Council appropriate the \$4,500 for use in undergrounding the utility lines, per October 28, 1971 communication.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTE:

Approval of the recommendation should include in place of the appropriation, authorization to advance the \$4,500 from the Sewer Revolving Fund to a newly created Underground Utility Reimbursement Districts Fund with repayment to be made as the properties are developed.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation, such approval to encompass Finance Department note. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2288.

ORDINANCE NO. 2288

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 2 AND CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 3 AND OTHER SECTIONS OF THE LICENSE TAX PROVISIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 2 AND 3 AND AMENDING OTHER SECTIONS, PROVIDING FOR A NEW SCHEDULE OF LICENSE FEES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2288 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:A. BUDGETED.

1. \$426.41 to Chain Drives, Inc. for 35 only self-aligning bearings as requested by the City Garage for equipment repair.
2. \$468.72 to Neptune Meter Company for two only 2" Neptune water meters as requested by the Water Department as replacement meters.
3. \$741.45 to Consolidated Electric for 9,000 feet of #8 solid wire as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.
4. \$4292.00 to Phoenix Electrical Service, Inc. for underground installation of 2,900 feet of 1" and 2" electrical conduit as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for Torrance Boulevard street lighting project.
5. \$1039.50 to Alex Thompson for 30,000 rounds of reloaded .45 caliber ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use on the target range.
6. \$532.35 to Olympic Wholesale Sporting Goods, Inc. for 3,000 rounds of 12 gauge shotgun shells as requested by the Police Department.
7. (I.B.M. - held for one week).
8. (Johnson Stationers - held for one week).
9. \$1465.65 to Doubleday and Company c/o Al Packer for 42 subscription renewals.
10. \$2440.46 to University Microfilms for back issues of periodicals on microfilm.
11. \$988.50 to Facts on File, Inc. for one set of 30 volume reference books.
12. \$1466.20 to Needham Book Finders for 328 assorted title books.
13. \$2016.11 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 225 adult books.
14. \$2237.70 to Graybar Electric for 3 aluminum lighting standards, 72 light fixtures and 72 only mercury vapor lamps as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Dept.
15. \$840.00 to Germains for 1,000 pounds of annual rye grass seed as requested by the Park Department.

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16. \$1397.40 to Inland Pipe and Supply Company for various sprinkler system parts as requested by the Park Department for use on road parkways from Vanderhill Road to Bindewald Road.

17. ANNUAL CONTRACTS - VEHICLE TIRES - \$13,000 ANNUAL EXPENDITURE. It is requested that Council approve of the continuing of the joint "Cooperative Purchasing" agreement for tires with Los Angeles County. Our present contracts expired 10-31-71 and we have just received notice from Los Angeles County of new awards to the following low bidders:

PASSENGER CAR TIRES - (no price increase from last contract) Award to Firestone Store-Los Angeles #7134.

TRUCK AND OFF THE ROAD TIRES - (prices up 10-12%) Award to Sudduth Tire Company-Los Angeles.

It is recommended that Council approve awards for tires to: Firestone Store #7134 for passenger car tires and Sudduth Tire Company for truck and off the road tires per Los Angeles County Agreements #29270 and #29271 at a total estimated expenditure of \$13,000.00.

18. \$1291.90 to Familian Pipe and Supply Company for miscellaneous pipe, fittings, control valves and sprinkler heads to install a sprinkler system on Los Arboles Park Slope by City forces.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

19. \$947.00 to Best Concrete Products for two concrete meter vaults as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Volvo and the Karney Construction Companies. Payment for this expenditure has already been received.

23. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29845.

Subdivider: Del Amo Financial Services, Inc.

Engineer: J.H. Edwards

Location: Betw. 231st and 232nd Streets, 165 ft.

W/O Arlington Avenue.

No. of Lots: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #22 (excluding #7 and #8) and #23. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEM:

24. ORDINANCES re: Torrance Police Officers Association.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that an agreement has been reached with the Torrance Police Officers Association; the memorandum of understanding is, therefore submitted at this time, such memorandum of understanding is within the perimeters set down by the Council in Executive Session -- it is recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding, adopt the ordinance encompassed therein, adopt the ordinance regarding grievance procedures, and appropriate the necessary \$128,100. It was affirmed by Mr. Jackson, at Councilman Sciarrotta's question, that the subject contract is effective November 14, 1971.

ORDINANCE NO. 2291

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART VIII, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, AND ADDING A NEW PART VIII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2291. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2292

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.8.13 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2292 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Memorandum of Understanding S10-71. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to appropriate \$128,100.00 from the Unappropriated Reserve in the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. City Traffic Engineer Horkay advised the Council of traffic signal installations scheduled at K-Mart and Toyota Motors on November 10th and 11th at 10:30 A.M.
26. The Inter-city Highway Committee meeting on November 11th was also noted by Mr. Horkay -- South Bay freeways to be discussed.
27. An invitation to the meeting of the Los Angeles Regional forum on solid waste management on November 12th at 12:00 Noon at the Long Beach Water Department was extended the Council by Water System Manager Borgwat.
28. Deputy City Attorney Allen noted that the Public Utilities Commission will be holding its hearings on the Edison power lines on November 10th in the Council Chambers.
29. City Clerk Coil pointed out that the Council will be out of town on November 30th, hence a "dark night" will result.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council go dark on November 30th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

30. Councilman Johnson referred to recent publicity pertaining to the signing of tax limitation petitions, and noted that a very concerted program is going forward by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors in this regard -- a resolution by this Council urging the people to participate in this endeavor was requested by Councilman Johnson.

It was agreed that Mr. Johnson would prepare the necessary written material for more detailed study by the Council prior to taking any action.

31. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that the sister city resolution and letter from the Mayor be expedited to Mr. Brian Bell.
32. Appointment of a new Mayor Pro Tem is necessary at this time, according to Councilman Sciarrotta, who MOVED that Councilman Brewster act as Mayor Pro Tem from November 15, 1971 through June 15th, 1972. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Brewster modestly abstaining.

33. Councilman Sciarrotta indicated his concern over the fact "that in the past few years several moves have been made in our City to arouse our good people by the use of telephones and scare tactics. As a general rule, but not always, these scare tactics have brought to our City a large flow of adverse publicity, F.B.I. and Grand Jury investigations, labels not becoming our great City, and an image of Torrance closely connected with negativism. One of these episodes resulted in losing the Housing Code, and, therefore, losing our home rule. Councilmen have many avenues to carry out the wishes of the people without becoming alarmists.

"The latest blast," Councilman Sciarrotta continued, "was directed against SCAG -- the scare tactic used here is that we will lose our home rule. I think this Council is still 4-3 in favor of SCAG -- whenever it becomes 4-3 the other way I'll keep my mouth shut -- but I think we ought to be represented as a majority of the Council feels. And if I feel that the Independent Cities are going to follow the dictation of the president, I would like to make a move that we just drop the Independent Cities because this is not our feeling as far as SCAG is concerned. I will fight to my very last breath the right of home rule and the protection of home rule when and where it is applicable, but I am not going to be so stupid as to think that we in Torrance can solve the problems of air pollution which is not only a local problem but a regional problem, a State problem, a national problem, and nearly an international problem -- some day the nations of the world will have to work together on this problem if we are to expand our span of life. I'm not so stupid as to believe that we can solve our traffic problem by widening our streets unless neighboring cities do likewise, and their neighbors follow suit. Regional parks and open space composed of many hundreds of acres for a park such as Irvine Park, a place where people like to go, can only be obtained by the concerted efforts of many municipalities, and not by a walled-in city."

It was Councilman Sciarrotta's further comment: "Problems of rubbish, rubbish disposal, landfill, are not only local problems but problems facing all of the cities. What is wrong to plan the future and solution of this problem on a regional basis?"

"I believe that any organization, be it private, public, or political, is guided by its membership -- I think that we should have a voice in the selection of the problems that are regional in nature and veto any problem that we feel is not justified. If we don't exercise this voice, I'm of the opinion that we are sure to lose our home rule. Through regional cooperation in problems that are regional in nature, we can create a better and more beautiful America," Councilman Sciarrotta concluded.

Councilman Sciarrotta then provided a poetic contribution, dedicated to Mrs. Mitchell, as follows:

"I love my frisky warble, and love its pesky flow,
 I love to wind my tongue up, and love to let it go.
 I love to question everything, and love to think I'm right.
 I love to lift an eyebrow, and love to start a fight.
 I love to bring on terror, and love to make the news --
 I love to label everyone and love to stir up blues.
 I love to stand for home rule; I love my kind of stuff --
 I want to stop a spinning world, instead of jumping off.
 I love to meddle here and there, and love my kind of ritual --
 I love to say 'I told you so', and be a Mrs. Mitchell."

It was pointed out by Councilman Johnson that it is SCAG Tomorrow which would establish a taxing power within that organization, not SCAG per se, in regard to Mr. Sciarrotta's above reference re: the Independent Cities.

34. Councilman Surber noted the concern of the League of California Cities re: A.B. 1057 and their opposition to regional type government sponsored by the State government.

City Manager Ferraro also clarified, at Mr. Surber's question, that recent legislation enacted would make approximately \$150,000 available for the City bus system, as of July 1st; an appropriate resolution will be implemented by the County Board of Supervisors. It was Councilman Surber's added comment that "we don't need SCAG or regional government to implement it; it can be done through our County".

35. The November 8th meeting of the Council Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee with School Board representatives was reviewed by Councilman Wilson: the discussion proved most encouraging with great evidence of cooperation and a desire to conserve tax dollars. Items discussed included school facilities recreational programs, additional lighting, library services, and data processing.

Dr. Wilson further noted that Staff has been requested to prepare a feasibility and cost study pertaining to the resurfacing and lighting of the Torrance High tennis courts -- the purpose of such study being to determine the cost feasibility in order to warrant greater public participation at these facilities.

Another Staff study, Councilman Wilson added, will pertain to a pilot senior citizens program which will make more extensive use of existing school facilities, such as cafeteriums, vacant class rooms -- with the declining school population, these rooms are going to become available. To supplement this study, the School District staff will advise City personnel re: geographical availability of vacant class rooms and cafeteriums.

Further, a joint Staff effort will be undertaken by the School District's Educational Materials groups and the Torrance City Library Staff to determine additional cooperative areas -- with specific reference to instructional TV, review of children's books, cooperative book purchasing, central book processing, and interfacing of catalogue indexes.

Continuing, Councilman Wilson advised that the School District staff will meet with City personnel to explore the feasibility of expanding the work experience program of the School District. Under this program terminal students are given an opportunity to participate in actual work experience prior to graduation at a minimal cost.

It is also proposed that School District personnel will undertake an exploratory analysis, with Dr. Griffith, to get a better understanding of the cooperative joint efforts that are feasible as to the sharing of data processing equipment.

Also discussed, according to Councilman Wilson, were procedures that should be developed for delineating the conditions under which the School District will permit private organized groups to utilize school grounds where practice lights are currently being installed.

It is proposed that the City be permitted to do the booking and programming for the school facilities.

Councilman Wilson deemed the above "Progress Report" a step in the right direction, with both groups having detailed responsibilities to work on, with a report back to the Committee at a later date.

36. Mr. Jerry Kimarest (?), 20816 Avis Avenue, described his difficulties pertaining to the City's trash service -- in line with customary procedure regarding complaints of this nature, Mr. Kimarest was referred to City Manager Ferraro.

and the public

37. An invitation to the Council, on behalf of Mrs. Elyse Aehle, to attend a symphony concert at El Camino on Friday, November 12th, at 8:15 P.M. was extended by Councilman Surber.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:08 P.M.

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Ken Miller

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

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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