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5:30 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 23, 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.

(It was necessary for Mayor Miller and City Treasurer Rupert to leave the meeting at 7:35 P.M. to fly to Sacramento on the urgent matter of Reapportionment.)

3. FLAG SALUTE:

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

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Elmer Christiansen, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of November 9, 1971 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The minutes of November 2, 1971, were corrected as follows:

Page 6 - Item 17 - Rental Policy for Airport-Owned Facilities:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission, and the further recommendation of the Airport Manager that the proposed rents, against the minimum base rent be set at 5% of gross business, excepting sales of new and used aircraft which should be set at 1% of gross.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the November 2nd minutes be corrected as above noted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous.

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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 Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Transportation Committee:

Met this date. (Report later in meeting, Item #29, Page 14.)

Legislative Committee:

Councilman Sciarrotta reported on the considerable concern evident regarding Reapportionment -- also discussed was the Mayor Pro Tem procedure (See Page 13 Item #34.)

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE commending the Torrance plant of PPG Industries, Coating & Resins Division, for its decisive action taken to control industrial pollutants and congratulating PPG on being chosen by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency as a model for standards for all new paint construction throughout the entire country.

This presentation was deemed a privilege by Mayor Miller, who, on behalf of the Council, appropriately commended PPG Industries. There was grateful acceptance by its plant manager, Mr. John Green.

10. PRESENTATION OF PHOTO CONTEST AWARDS.

Mayor Miller presented Awards to the following winners in the Photo Contest: Kevin Benz, George Adams, Robert Kirkendall, Terrie Randles, David Bradley, Tom Mills, and Joseph Cotton. -- all were sincerely congratulated by the Mayor, on behalf of the Council.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. "Civil Air Patrol Week" - Week of December 1, 1971

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

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At this point in the meeting, Mayor Miller announced the necessity of his departure from the meeting, accompanied by City Treasurer Rupert, at this time to fly to Sacramento to pursue the pressing matter of the proposed Reapportionment and its effect on the City of Torrance, which he described for the benefit of the audience.

At the Mayor's request, Mr. Rupert then extensively outlined, with illustrations, the proposed boundaries.

With the departure of the Mayor at 7:35 P.M., Mayor Pro Tem Brewster assumed leadership of the meeting.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

12. HEARING ON APPEAL, CUP 71-10, RINKER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
Appeal of Planning Commission action denying Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a service station and a convenience market on property located at the northwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, following which the applicant, Mr. Warren Lefebvre, reviewed the history and Planning Commission consideration of this request, which resulted in denial, although Staff had recommended approval. It was Mr. Lefebvre's opinion that with all the Staff-recommended controls this will be a good development, deserving of Council approval.

Further noted by Mr. Lefebvre was reference at the Planning Commission meeting to previous denials and opposition from homeowner groups as being a factor in their negative vote on this application -- there apparently was some confusion in that in October, 1968 the Planning Commission, including three Commissioners who voted no at this time, voted for approval, the 1968 vote being unanimous, with no opposition at all at this earlier consideration.

Representing Mobil Oil Company, Mr. John Hindinger stated that the subject site was selected for the reason of the 38,000 traffic car count primarily on Artesia Blvd., and should be a very good site for a service station based on visibility, accessibility, etc. It was added by Mr. Hindinger that this site has been selected by Mobil Oil for a self-service station, the first such attempt in California, and represents an experiment, not a concept. It was also affirmed by Mr. Hindinger that there will be no lube bays, and that there will be no tire, battery, or accessory services -- an attendant will be on duty at all times, and this station will be company-operated by Mobil Oil at their standards. It is felt that development of this long vacant land will not only enhance the property but may help as well in its future development.

It was Councilman Uerkwitz' recommendation that a condition be imposed, in the event of approval, whereby there would be controls were the station to convert, to limit mechanical operations, in view of the proximity to a residential area.

Planning Director Shartle advised, at Councilman Wilson's question, that normal service station depth is 150 ft., the subject property being 170 ft.

Mayor Pro Tem Brewster recommended a further condition: that the facade be continued on the north side of the building so that viewing the back of these buildings from the residential area will present a finished building and a nice appearance.

Those desiring to speak were invited to do so at this time by Mayor Pro Tem Brewster.

Mr. Jerry Deesman, 2218 West 173rd Street, stated that he and three of his neighbors are in favor of having the proposed station and market approved.

Also in favor of the proposed development was Mrs. Mary Brightman, 17303 Van Ness. She voiced objections, however, to the fact that it will be operated by a salaried Mobil Oil employee which would mean that if there are community problems, communication would be difficult, and to the further fact that the hours of operation may prove difficult to adjacent residents, in view of the "commercial enterprise" aspect of what is proposed, instead of a "community" undertaking. Mrs. Brightman was further concerned about the likelihood of debris in her yard.

Mr. Hindinger indicated that the hours of operation for the service station would be from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M.; the 7-11 Market will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. It was Mr. Hindinger's further comment that inasmuch as Mobil Oil is a corporation strongly interested in the City of Torrance, the Mobil employee arrangement should prove more accessible to the residents than a dealer arrangement.

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 there were no objections.

Councilman Johnson recalled the extreme difficulties encountered in trying to arrive at a zoning acceptable to residents in this area for this hard-to-develop property -- a property which might otherwise end up in an odds-and-ends strip development which would do a disservice to the neighborhood. Mr. Johnson indicated that he is most favorably impressed with the subject layout and what is proposed should be of service to the area.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Planning Department for approval of CUP 71-10, subject to conditions, with the added conditions that any addition of lube bays or mechanical operation be returned to Council for approval, and that the facade be extended completely around the building to achieve a finished look on the back side. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

13. V 71-13, ROBERT L. HAYES.

Request for a variance to the off-street parking requirement of the Code to add storage space to a commercial building (The Warehouse) located at 3832 Sepulveda Boulevard.
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Brewster announced that this is the time and place for the subject hearing, and requested, first, Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, with review of the overall parking problems presented at this location, followed by presentation by the proponent.

Mr. Robert L. Hayes, owner of the subject property, stated that there are no parking problems, even at the busiest hours, and indicated that an adjacent bowling alley allows parking for employees. Mr. Hayes further noted that the Lucky Market is already some 15 ft. out into the alley -- their request is to construct a storage facility to the alley, such facility to be used for the warehousing of phonograph records sold via mail order.

Next to speak was Mr. Aaron Allen, Treasurer of The Warehouse, who outlined the overall operations of this company, with specific clarification of the Torrance operation, including the proposed warehousing structure needs for a new mail order program which has proved quite successful.

Continuing, Mr. Allen stated that there would be no immediate impact in burdening existing parking conditions in the major parking lot -- it is hoped that their request can be granted so that they may remain in Torrance and contribute to the community in the form of taxes, etc.

Council discussion returned to the parking situation at this site, the varied hours of operation of businesses located here, the merits of a mail order operation headquartered in Torrance and the 1% sales tax derived therefrom, etc.

Councilman Wilson commented on the Planning Commission findings "...that the subject shopping center be considered a total entity with proportionate share of parking per entity..." In view of the fact that there are now some 160 parking spaces short, approval of the request appears unwise to Dr. Wilson -- further, a precedent will be set and other businesses will be requesting a like variance.

Staff conditions were reviewed by Mayor Pro Tem Brewster; concurrence was indicated by Mr. Hayes. It was clarified that landscaping conditions would apply to all of Mr. Hayes' property at the center, not just The Warehouse.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to approve V71-13, subject to all Staff conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta, at the time of his "yes" vote, that the subject operation does not require a great deal of parking and it would be penalized because of the considerable need of the market and other stores.

14. ZC 71-23, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Change of zone from R-2, P-1, and C-2 to C-4 on property located between Hawthorne Boulevard and Ashley Avenue, and between 182nd and 186th Street.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Brewster announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 71-23.

There was clarification by Planning Director Shartle regarding the Planning Commission-initiated zone change.

Mr. Bill Largent, 18832 Felbar, confirmed that there had been proper notification on this matter.

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 approval was unanimous.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission re: ZC 71-23. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Mayor Miller).

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that property owners will find that the above action will add to the value of their property.

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The hour being 8:35 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

A 10-minute recess followed at 8:37 P.M.

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PLANNING MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: ZC 71-15.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE MASTER PLAN OF THE VICTOR PRECINCT TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PORTIONS OF THE AREA APPROVED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 71-15.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-233. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Mayor Miller absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:16. GEOLOGIC INVESTIGATION OF HILLSIDE.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the City of Torrance not perform the investigation at this time because of the cost involved for such work. The grading and building codes of the City NOW require that, before any grading or construction of the hillside area commences, a complete geologic report be performed on the site and that the geologist, with the engineer, design foundations and recommend grading to adequately support any proposed construction.

Further, we should modify the existing grading ordinance to require that such geologic report include that the geologist has reviewed the location of all faults within the City and has taken in the probability of ground acceleration from such fault movement for the hillside development. With this amendment to the existing code, we feel that all of the precautions have been taken to safely build on the hillside.

We do not feel that the expenditure of the money required for a complete investigation could do any more to promote safety of hillside construction than is now required with the recommended amendment.

There was verbal clarification of his November 18th communication by Building and Safety Director McKinnon, with reiteration of the above stated recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Brewster noted other pending considerations pertaining to hillside development in Torrance: traffic, planning, and legal. It was pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeier that it will be necessary for the Council to extend the moratorium to give the Planning Department, and other involved departments, a chance to complete their studies.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur, in concept, with the above recommendation of the City Engineer and Building and Safety Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

Councilman Johnson confirmed that this would serve as an instruction to Staff to prepare the necessary ordinance amendment, to be returned to the Council for separate action.

REAL PROPERTY:

17. Development of Southwest portion of Torrance Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

1. That it is the intent and desire of the City Council to lease and develop subject property as soon as possible, and
2. That the City Manager be directed to conduct a study and return with a report as to the feasibility of formulating a use plan with standards by means of (a) outside consultants or (b) City staff "in house" or (c) lessee under a development lease.

(Councilman Wilson, Transportation Committee member, confirmed his agreement with the recommendations, since he had not had opportunity to formally sign the Committee report.)

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Transportation Committee, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Surber advised that Alberts and Associates representatives were present to outline their proposal for development of the subject property, if so desired by the Council. It was City Manager Ferraro's recommendation that such presentation not be made, in view of the requested Staff study and other considerations, in that there might be possible prejudice -- the Council concurred in this recommendation.

The president of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Vickie Birdsall, urged that the Council act at this time to give top priority to the development of a plan for Airport property -- it is felt that the Airport should remain a general aviation facility. Past zoning decisions which put residential areas close to the Airport make it impractical to change the nature of the air traffic now using the Airport, according to Mrs. Birdsall -- this fact does not exclude the idea that this land should be carefully planned; the land not needed for aircraft uses should be designated and controlled by the City for uses that would complement the Airport and at the same time produce revenue for the City.

It was the further comment of Mrs. Birdsall that whether the plan is developed by City staff, or an outside consultant firm, the goals should be set by the citizens of Torrance. Some guidelines already exist, and there should be public hearings -- the Airport property is too valuable an asset to permit haphazard development without a plan.

In conclusion, Mrs. Birdsall stated that turning the planning of a large portion of this land over to a commercial firm is not the answer; the responsibility rests with the City, with the people setting the guidelines.

Roll call vote on the motion to concur with Transportation Committee recommendations was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. UPDATING THE TAIT APPRAISAL.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY CLERK:

That the quotation of Tait Appraisal Company for the updating of the building appraisals be accepted at the rate of \$1,475.00, and it is also recommended that the annual supplemental appraisal service at \$550 per year on a five-year basis be accepted. (In 1968 the City did not acquire the annual service at \$500 per year and due to rising costs, this same service will now cost \$50 more per year.) This is not a budgeted item and the money must be appropriated from the General Fund.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk; the motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Mayor Miller).

FIRE OPERATIONS:

19. Paramedic Training Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE, FIRE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

That the City Council authorize the purchase of the necessary paramedic electronic equipment and authorize the appropriation of \$5,100.51 from the General Fund, \$2,100.42 to be transferred from the Equipment Replacement Account of the Fire Department and the transfer of \$107 from Object Account 1240, also of the Fire Department, to be used for said purposes.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the above recommendations of the Police, Fire, and Public Safety Committee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

REAL PROPERTY (CONT.)

20. VACATION OF 234TH STREET W/O PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Council initiate the vacation and waive the \$100 fee; and
2. That the City Council approve and adopt the subject resolution declaring its intention to vacate the subject street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE 234TH STREET WEST OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with City Engineer Recommendations #1 and #2, and the adoption of Resolution No. 71-234. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

21. Resolution urging the citizens of Torrance to sign the tax limitation amendment petition in order that it may be placed on the ballot for voter approval or disapproval.

Councilman Johnson (who requested the subject resolution) clarified its objectives, his motivation being that by getting

this amendment on the ballot it would serve to push the legislators into needed decision making.

Discussion ensued as to appropriate action, it being the consensus of the Council that varied issues are involved which are deserving of further study. Councilman Wilson thereupon MOVED that the Tax Limitation Amendment Resolution be referred to the Council Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brewster; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The meeting of the Finance Committee on this matter was scheduled for December 9th at 4:30 P.M.

22. RESOLUTION re: postponement of action by State Water Resources Control Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRICTER REQUIREMENTS ON DISCHARGE OF MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATERS TO THE OCEAN UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT STUDIES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-235. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

23. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$612.15 to A & J Typewriter of Torrance for one standard and one electric typewriter as requested by the City Librarian for use at the new Southeast Torrance Library.
2. \$1001.70 to James Jones Company for 300 only 3/4" water valves as requested by the Water Department for replacement stock.
3. \$456.38 to Fusecote Company to sandblast and epoxy-line 13 only water hydrant barrels and 2 only 6" fittings as requested by the Water Department.
4. \$360.86 to Graybar Electric for 144 only 150-watt flood-lamps used in general use and 24 only mercury vapor lamps used in park lighting replacements as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department.

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- 5. \$787.50 to Servis Truck Body Company to perform essential repairs and modifications to one Hi-Ranger manned aerial lift units. (Unit is used to trim trees and these repairs were required to preserve safety factor of the unit.)
- 6. \$1084.53 to Oranco Supply Company for four only water back-flow prevention devices as requested by the Building Maintenance Department at the direction of the County Health Department to prevent contamination of City water system at the following City locations: City Yard, Police Station, Benstead Plunge, and Recreation Center buildings.
- 7. Renewal of "Joining L.A. County Annual Contracts" re:
 - A. Light Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes
(Annual Expenditure - \$4500.00)
 - B. Econolite Traffic Signals, Controls, Parts and Accessories (Annual Expenditure - \$7000.00)

It is RECOMMENDED that Council approve of the renewing of Torrance's "Joint Purchase Agreements" with L.A. County for another year with the following companies:

- A. Approve of the awarding of an annual contract to the Southwestern Lamp Company per L.A. County Agreement #27683 for light bulbs and fluorescent tubes in the anticipated amount of \$4500.00.
- B. Approve of the awarding of an annual contract to the Econolite Corporation for necessary traffic signals; controls, parts and accessories per L.A. County Agreement #29005 in the anticipated amount of \$7000.00.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

- 8. \$753.90 to Building News, Inc. for 1,000 copies of booklet entitled "Work Area Traffic Control" as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department to be used by City departments and to be sold to contractors doing public work jobs in the City of Torrance. The price to contractors will \$1.00 per copy.
- 9. \$416.33 to Smart & Final for 10 cases of polystyrene cups, 4 cases of coffee, and 12 cases fruit punch mix concentrate as requested by the Recreation Department for use at various Recreation functions. The City is reimbursed for this expenditure via collections from consumers.
- 10. \$454.65 to Hersey Products for one only 6" Hersey water flow detector as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Tonio's Restaurant service. Payment has already been received for this expenditure from Tonio's.

- 24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Storm Drain from Los Arboles Park to Newton Street. (Job #72119) (B71-52)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Stone Construction Company and all other bids be rejected.

25. RELEASE OF SUNNYGLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BOND -
Tract No. 30376.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council release the subject bond upon the payment by Sunnyglen Construction Company of the \$610.46 outstanding and due on Water Department connection fees.

26. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23912.

Subdivider: Creative Homes (James Taylor)
Engineer: J.H. Edwards
Location: Between 234th and 235th Streets e/o Arlington
Avenue

No. of Lots: 12

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That final tract map be approved.

27. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29645.

Subdivider: Charles S. Dresser
Engineer: J.H. Edwards Company
Location: Between 230th Place and 231st Street
e/o Pennsylvania Avenue

No. of Lots: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject final tract map be approved.

28. COMMUNICATION regarding participation in Water Meter Anti-trust litigation.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council pass a motion directing the City Attorney to join the City's water meter antitrust action with the Marin Municipal Water District action and retain the law firm of Busterud, Draper and Adams to represent the City thereon on a straight contingency fee basis of 33-1/3% and a sharing of expenses on the ratio that the percentage of the City's purchases for the period bears to the sum of the purchases of all Marin action plaintiffs.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and #28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

29. REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE re: Ishibashi Truck Farm Relocation and Narco Fee.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. City Manager Ferraro, on behalf of Staff, extended good wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

31. City Clerk Coil noted the traditionally dark Tuesday between Christmas and New Year's Day for the Council, and recommended that formal action be taken in this regard.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council go dark on Tuesday, December 28, 1971. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

32. Councilman Johnson conveyed his concern regarding recent Civil Service Commission activities relating to a communication directed to employee organizations urging support of Ordinances A and B and directing that the Council be so "lobbied"; the manner in which Executive Sessions are conducted; and the "committee of one" procedure.

(Mr. Johnson's lengthy comments, and appropriate supporting material, dated November 23, 1971, are a matter of record.)

It was the consensus of the Council, and the request of Mayor Pro Tem Brewster, that the City Manager and City Attorney report their reaction to the foregoing statement by Councilman Johnson.

33. The Torrance Jaycees, it was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta, at their regular meeting on November 19, 1971 voted unanimously to endorse and support the efforts of the Torrance City Council to keep Torrance in a cohesive Congressional District composed of cities within the South Bay.

34. A meeting of the Council Committee re: the Mayor Pro Tem policy was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta. It resulted in an affirmation of the following Council policy: "Members of the Council will serve six month terms as Mayor Pro Tem. When an election takes place and all incumbents are returned the members of the Council will rotate and follow each other by the usual procedure. When new Councilmen are elected, the Mayor Pro Tem serving during and after the election, will not be serving again until all newly elected Councilmen have served as Mayor Pro Tem."

It was unanimously agreed by the Council that the above be incorporated in the Policy Manual.

35. The long overdue permaplaque in recognition of Mr. Larry Bowman's considerable efforts on the Civil Service Commission was pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta who MOVED that an appropriate permaplaque resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Bowman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

36. In view of the outstanding turnout and interest displayed at the recent Reapportionment meeting at Del Conte's Restaurant, and the promise to keep those in attendance informed, Councilman Sciarrotta

requested that the City Manager direct a communication to those invited to this meeting regarding the progress made, apprising them of all that has transpired to date -- with continuing communication as necessary.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered by Mayor Pro Tem Brewster.

ADDENDA ITEM:

29. The meeting of the Transportation Committee this date was reviewed by Councilman Surber.

(Councilman Wilson, absent from the meeting, confirmed his agreement with the Committee's findings.)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I. Ishibashi Truck Farm Relocation.

Staff to negotiate a year-to-year lease for approximately 10 acres of the north side industrial property with Ishibashi, subject to recapture on one month's notice with a provision that Ishibashi be reimbursed for his costs of relocating.

The Airport Manager should accelerate his program to establish Ishibashi in the runway field area -- accomplish this in one year.

II. Narco Fee.

The Narco fee should be \$1,000.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the Council concur with Transportation Committee Recommendation I. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous (Mayor Miller absent).

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the Council concur with Transportation Committee Recommendation II. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved (Mayor Miller absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: (CONT.)

37. The ineffective flashing yellow light at Carson and Plaza del Amo was pointed out by Councilman Surber who suggested that a flashing red light be substituted.

Discussion was then directed to the long standing problem at this intersection -- it was Councilman Johnson's recommendation that the out-of-service "Chinese lantern" signal be reactivated for use at this location. Reviewed as well were the matters of pending litigation, the Carson Street widening project, the merits of reducing the present speed limit, a "right turn only" arrangement, the services of a Police Officer to safely assist school children at the subject intersection, proposed future signalization, possible School Board cooperation, etc.

It was the recommendation of Acting Mayor Brewster, in light of the above concern, that Staff evaluate the above, and return with a report on December 7th, with consideration meantime relative to some interim temporary relief.

38. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that the Council be provided with all pertinent information for the National League of Cities conference.

Further noted by Mr. Uerkwitz was the need to formally appoint the Mayor Pro Tem as the alternate voting delegate at this conference -- Councilman Uerkwitz so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

39. Councilman Wilson expressed his concern for the inevitable heavy traffic in Torrance during the Christmas shopping season, and requested that Staff report to both the Council and the public as to the City's plans for this critical period in order that all may cooperate in alleviating this situation.

Suggestions offered by Dr. Wilson were: the establishment of one-way streets, the posting of "no parking" signs along some of the major thoroughfares, along with consideration of establishing parking areas away from the shopping center itself, with the shoppers delivered to the center by public transportation. Special bus routes for shoppers might be contemplated also, according to Councilman Wilson.

There should be study as well to facilitate traffic circulation within the shopping center, perhaps by way of a mini-bus -- study should also be directed to patrol and control of traffic -- and it was Councilman Wilson's request that such plans be reported.

At 10:15 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, December 7th, at 5:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous.

Councilman Surber advised that he may be absent from the December 7th meeting -- this being the date of his daughter's sixteenth birthday; an occasion of utmost importance, which, hopefully, will be celebrated at Pearl Harbor.

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