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Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mr. Bill Zappas.

4. INVOCATION:

The meeting's invocation was given by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of November 16, 1971 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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 (Councilman Surber absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Public Works Committee:

Met this date re: sand and gravel pit -- an amiable solution has been reached, according to Councilman Brewster, and, hopefully, there will be a memorandum of understanding between all parties forthcoming.

Finance Committee:

Will next meet on December 9th at 4:30 P.M.

Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

Next meeting scheduled for December 21st -- discussion: fire boxes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. "Bill of Rights Week" - December 9-15, 1971.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE extending the moratorium on the Del Amo Business District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2295

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE PROHIBITING OF THE USE OF PROPERTY IN THE DEL AMO BUSINESS DISTRICT UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN APPROVED A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2295 at its first and only reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

APPEALS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. BILLBOARDS AND TEMPORARY SIGNS EXTENSION: Bayco Properties. (California Life Style Apartments, 4405-4475 Pacific Coast Highway.)

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the extension not be granted and that the sign program of California Life Style Apartments be made to conform to the amended sections of the Sign Code pertaining to temporary signs, banners, and pennants.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to speak on this matter; there was no response.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Building and Safety Director's recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

12. RESOLUTION re: Rolling Hills Nursery, Inc. Airport Lease and Airport Agricultural Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT LEASE AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT AGRICULTURAL LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ROLLING HILLS NURSERY, INC.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-237. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

13. "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" restrictions on Hawthorne Boulevard between Torrance Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard, and between 190th Street and 182nd Street.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay clarified the Staff findings which resulted in the above recommendation.

Mayor Miller then invited those present on this matter to speak at this time.

First to do so was Mr. Scott Robinson, owner of an automobile agency on Hawthorne Boulevard, who pointed out the not too distant plans for development of Anza and Madrona which should serve to alleviate Hawthorne Boulevard traffic -- what is proposed is "jumping the gun".

Mr. Bill Zappas, 20502 Hawthorne Boulevard, questioned the wisdom of removing the one lane <sup>which</sup> will only enhance the traffic hazards on this street -- Hawthorne Boulevard should not be made a freeway but should remain a shopping street.

Joining in protest of the proposed "No Stopping Anytime" was Mr. Marvin Lazar, Del Amo Dodge, who pointed out that a hardship will be faced by automobile dealers and other businesses in this area -- to take away their parking is to cut their throats.

Like sentiments were expressed by Mr. Bill Hopkins, Lincoln-Mercury dealer, who noted the "impulse buying" aspect of the used car business, and the substantial revenue to the City by the automobile agencies in this area.

Mr. Nathan Friedman, 20407 Hawthorne Boulevard, stated that the proposed "No Stopping Anytime" would be the ruination of many merchants on this street who are dealing marginally at the present time. The statistics presented by the Traffic Department are impressive, Mr. Friedman added, but they do not take into consideration the taxpayers and property owners along Hawthorne Boulevard, in that the destination of the traffic is elsewhere than Torrance.

Next to speak was Mr. Russ Thor, Volkswagen dealer, who pointed out that temporary no parking for the Christmas traffic might not greatly affect his business but for the small merchants the Christmas business is very vital. Mr. Thor further indicated that he was not in favor of any restrictions, even between now and Christmas; the livelihood of many Hawthorne Boulevard merchants depends on the Christmas shopping.

Council discussion was directed to the need for Traffic Commission study of this thoroughfare, the pros and cons of the proposed "No Stopping Anytime", the traffic problems faced between December 15th and 27th, the need for a permanent decision, etc. Following confirmation by Lieutenant Dave Cook that the situation could be lived with, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the traffic control situation on Hawthorne remain as it is, and that the problem be referred to the Traffic Commission for study and formal hearings with the people concerned so that the Council may be aware of their problems. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the portion north of 190th Street is extremely dangerous because of the higher speeds -- further, there generally is sufficient off-street parking -- therefore, permanent no parking signs would be appropriate between 182nd and 190th on Hawthorne. Mr. Johnson indicated concurrence that there would be real problems for the small businesses between Del Amo and Torrance were such signing imposed. It was the consensus of the Council that they should have the study from the Traffic Commission prior to taking any specific action.

Councilman Brewster noted the fact that developers in this area are always trying to eliminate parking spaces via waivers, to the end that they have more store space and less off-street parking spaces -- now the people who lease the stores come along and they do not have enough spaces to park -- a lesson should be learned from this.

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

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

Councilman Johnson indicated that his "no" vote was for the reason that he feels the area north of 190th Street ought to be restricted at this time.

Councilman Wilson commented that he has mixed emotions in this matter -- it is his feeling that something must be done in terms of moving traffic. It was Dr. Wilson's suggestion that it might be possible to have facilities provided by the City, similar to Downtown Torrance, and should perhaps be studied on a long range basis. Councilman Wilson deemed the present situation a most unfortunate one, and study by the Traffic Commission is very necessary; hence his affirmative vote.

It was stated by Mayor Miller that the final evaluation of this problem will be applicable to Christmas, 1972 -- further, it is a problem which must be looked at; the problems are recognized, but it also must be recognized that something must be done. There is talk about freeways, and then they are opposed -- there is talk about the improvement of Hawthorne Boulevard, and then the suggestions are discarded -- and the day of realization, and the question "how did we get here?", must be faced.

Added by Councilman Johnson was further clarification regarding his "no" vote -- this negative vote was associated with the fact that the motion did not carry the "no parking" north of 190th; he fully concurs with the rest of it.

City Manager Ferraro, at the Mayor's request, reported on the status of, and projections for Madrona Avenue, for the information of those present.

Councilman Brewster referred to the above action taken by the Council relative to Hawthorne Boulevard, and commented that the Traffic Commission has been denied some very useful data by not putting the temporary "no parking" on Hawthorne at this time. Mayor Miller added that he normally would believe this; however, the normal traffic count criteria would not be established between December 15th and 27th, and would not give a proper perspective as to the average count.

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14. State Division of Highways request to reduce prima facie speed limit on Pacific Coast Highway.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

The Traffic and Lighting Department concurs with the recommendation of the State Division of Highways and the City of Redondo Beach and recommends approval of a minute motion to:

1. Establish a 40 MPH prima facie speed limit on Pacific Coast Highway from Prospect Avenue to Palos Verdes Boulevard.
2. Establish a 35 MPH prima facie speed limit on Pacific Coast Highway from Palos Verdes Boulevard to the westerly City limits.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Traffic and Lighting Department. His motion, seconded by Mayor Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

15. Communication Center Equipment:

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

That the City Council authorize an additional appropriation of \$5,765 and approve the outright purchase of a complete communications console and auxiliary speaker panel for the amount of \$20,265 from Technical Products Engineering per specification B71-51.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. REQUEST FOR DELAY OF BED TAX from R.H. Dunn & Associates, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That if Council wishes to consider deferment of the Park and Recreation Facilities Tax that the matter be sent to the City Attorney for redraft of the ordinance.

Mr. Robert Dunn was present to elaborate on the hardship of having to raise this additional money before the loan records, and to reiterate his request that he be permitted to pay the tax upon completion of the building, as is done with the sewer assessment.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out likely legal problems were the request granted, and recommended denial of same. City Engineer Weaver indicated concurrence with the findings of Building and Safety Director McKinnon -- the time for payment of the tax is before the building permit is issued. Mr. Weaver added that the savings and loan companies have an established procedure (a procedure to which the City apparently is subservient); in other cases, Mr. Weaver has directed a letter to these companies advising them that the permit is ready to go except for certain necessary monies, and the matter generally has been resolved in a very satisfactory manner. Such a solution might be possible in this case.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that approval would be precedent setting, and a possible solution has been offered by the City Engineer.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to deny the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Mr. Dunn departed from the meeting prior to the above discussion and action; it was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that City Engineer Weaver communicate with him regarding his suggestion.

It was the request of Councilman Johnson that the City Manager, City Attorney, and Building and Safety Director review the problems which have been generated by situations of this nature and the tax transition period with resultant hardships. Mr. Johnson is of the opinion that there can be some way to develop a system which would assure the City that the fees would be collected and yet give a break to developers in permitting payment of fees on a time delay basis.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. RESOLUTION re: proposed Charter amendment, County of Los Angeles relating to the setting of salaries.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that there be a wording change in the third paragraph of the resolution: "required" (instead of "restricted"); there were no objections.

Councilman Sciarrotta expressed his opinion that the Board of Supervisors has the power to put such an amendment on the ballot, without such advice from Torrance, and they should have the intestinal fortitude to do so.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT DELETING ARTICLE 10, LABOR SECTION 47, OF THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RELATING TO THE SETTING OF SALARIES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-238. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried as follows:

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

It was Councilman Uerkwitz' request that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the South Bay Councilmen's Association.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION to approve an Amendment to Contract between the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Torrance.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-239

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO APPROVE AN  
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD  
OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-239. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

19. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT -  
234th Street e/o Crenshaw Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That subject resolution be approved and adopted; and
2. That payment of \$1,729.95 be authorized to the Southern California Edison Company.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that action taken in this matter be subject to City Attorney approval; it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-240

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE  
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND  
THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR  
UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN 234TH STREET  
EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-240, subject to City Attorney approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to approve payment of \$1,729.95 to the Southern California Edison Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:20. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$1779.07 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for office furniture for the new Southeast Torrance Library which includes: seven chairs, three desks, three lounging units and four filing cabinets as requested by the City Librarian.
2. \$661.50 to Gaylord for 3,000 metal bookends as requested by the City Librarian for use at the Southeast Torrance Library.
3. \$1114.61 to Library Associates for 250 adult books as requested by the City Librarian.
4. \$1208.14 to Campbell & Hall for 315 juvenile books as requested by the City Librarian.
5. \$1396.97 to R.R. Bowker Company for 41 various periodicals as requested by the City Librarian.
6. \$2613.51 to Needham Book Finders for 640 adult books as requested by the City Librarian.
7. \$380.90 to 3M Business Products for 12 rolls of microfilm print paper as requested by the City Librarian for use in making copies of microfilm from the City's 3M Microfilm Reader.
8. \$388.50 to the City of Culver City for surplus wood library book shelving which the City bid on as follows:
  - (a) 100 feet - 5 ft. high wall book shelving;
  - (b) 12 lengths - 7 ft. high by 15 ft. long two-sided book shelves;
  - (c) 7 lengths - 5 ft. high by 12 ft. long two-sided book shelves.

Original value of this shelving was \$5000 to \$6000, and the shelving is in excellent conditions. Culver City closed one of their branch libraries and had no use for this shelving at their other branches. The shelving will be placed in the basement of the Civic Center Library and will be used there in their book processing section.
9. \$607.50 to Institute for Business Planning, Inc. for three investment reference book sets on taxes, real estate and mutual funds as requested by the City Librarian for library service.

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10. \$429.77 to Doubleday & Company for 23 adult and 50 juvenile books as requested by the City Librarian.
11. \$371.18 to Random House c/o S.W. Peterson for 22 adult and 61 juvenile books as requested by the City Librarian.
12. \$356.74 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for 5,000 filing folders as requested by the Police Department.
13. \$342.83 to Consolidated Mattress for 30 only mattresses as requested by the Police Department for jail (replacement mattresses).
14. \$1379.33 to Caligraphics for printing 42,000 copies of the City of Torrance "Newsletter" as requested by the City Manager's office for distribution to Torrance residents.
15. \$815.85 to Globe Ticket for an annual supply of 764,000 data processing punch cards as requested by the Data Processing Department for their operations.
16. \$344.15 to Torrance Auto Parts for miscellaneous automotive parts consisting of back-up warning devices; automotive lamps and spark plugs as requested by the City Garage for stock.
17. \$353.55 to Associated of Los Angeles for miscellaneous electrical supplies which are required to hook up a new piece of Honeywell data processing equipment recently delivered to the City.
18. \$326.29 to Lacial Company for miscellaneous repair parts for a mobil street sweeper (Unit #9105) as requested by the City Garage.
19. \$682.50 to S& J Chevrolet for one only exchanged Allison transmission required by the City Garage to repair City Unit #9020.
20. \$332.89 to Speedo Electric Company for six rotary control solenoids required by the City Garage for City packer repairs.
21. \$682.50 to Vermont Lumber for 200 only 12-ft. lengths of Douglas Fir as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use as traffic sign parts.
22. \$404.15 to Econolite Corporation for 30 sets of cast iron anchor bolts for light posts as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
23. \$1690.50 to Schaefer Chemical Company for an annual contract for water treatment service and materials to control water condition in air conditioning cooling equipment at the Civic Center Library as requested by the Building Department.

24. \$713.74 to Constructors Supply for 75 only metal barricade assemblies as requested by the Water and Street Departments.
25. \$777.00 to Blinker-Lite Company for 100 Paralta barricade flasher light assemblies as requested by the Street Department as replacements.
26. \$582.44 to A.F. Milliron Company, Inc. for one only Bell & Howell sound projector 16MM complete with projection table as requested by the City Librarian for educational films.
27. \$2173.50 to Pacific States Electric Wholesale Company for 30 only 400-watt mercury lamp fixtures to be used for park and street lighting replacement requirements as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

28. \$410.76 to Park-Son, Inc. for one each 8" tapping sleeve and 8" valve as requested by the Water Department for the Lincoln Realty service. Payment has already been received for this service.

21. SKYPARK PROJECT AREA.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council authorize the City Attorney to employ a title company to prepare lot book reports on the property within the Hawthorne-Skypark area for a total fee of \$1995.00 and appropriate said sum from Airport Retained Earnings.

22. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Water Main in Van Ness Avenue from Artesia Boulevard to 169th Place (Job No. 71148)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. That the work be accepted; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor, R.M. Vukanovich Construction Company.

23. 190TH STREET IMPROVEMENT - GAS TAX APPROPRIATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$5,500 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the improvement of 190th Street (south side) from 265 ft. to 415 ft. east of Beryl Street.

24. APPROPRIATION TO COVER CITY'S SHARE OF "TOPICS" PROJECTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

That Council appropriate \$45,800 out of Sec. 2106 Gas Tax Monies to cover the City's share of TOPICS Projects.

25. CLAIM of Odessa Day for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That this claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

26. ZC 71-6, WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL, R.A. LOWE AND L.E. WILLIAMS. Change of zone from R-3 to L-P on property located on the southwest corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Rolling Hills Road. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 71-6.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, following which Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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

27. V 71-12, CHURCH OF GOD. Request for a variance from the off-street parking requirements to permit the construction of an addition to an existing church building in the R-3 zone, located at 2230 Cabrillo Avenue. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss, 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.

Reverend W.A. Tarpley, 1565 West 221st Street, pastor of the Church of God, stated that no seating space will be added to the church; the request is for additional school rooms and recreational area -- further, verbal permission has been granted by the Masonic Lodge to use their parking lot, when available, free of charge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

In reference to his "no" vote, Councilman Brewster stated that he so voted because he is of the opinion that Planning Department condition #6 requiring a written agreement relative to parking arrangements with the Masonic Temple ought to be included.

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The hour being 7:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

A 5-minute recess followed at 7:06 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. The birth of a son this date to Daily Breeze reported Thom Mead was announced by City Manager Ferraro -- congratulations were extended to the proud parents.

30. City Manager Ferraro introduced his newly appointed Staff member, Mr. Greg Meyer, who was warmly welcomed by the Council.

31. Legislative Advocate Rupert, at Mayor Miller's request, reported on the Reapportionment status at this time -- action will be taken by the Legislature on December 17th.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

28. HEALTH AND MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER:

That the City renew the existing health and major medical insurance contracts at the new rates proposed by Blue Cross and Phoenix Mutual.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Personnel Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.)

32. Councilman Johnson noted the fact, gleaned at the recent Hawaii conference, that Wilbur Mills has now conceded that there should be "revenue sharing" with the cities.

It was further learned that the Federal government apparently is now beginning to realize that the bureaucratic strings on some of their urban renewal and other types of projects is bogging down, and they are now relaxing those strings considerably, making it considerably easier to work with the government and through the government in obtaining necessary funds. Councilman Johnson stated that he is not going to change his position with respect to urban renewal, but it is enlightening to him that the pressures have been on from the cities and various organizations to bring about changes by the Federal government.

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It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that approval would be precedent setting, and a possible solution has been offered by the City Engineer.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to deny the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Mr. Dunn departed from the meeting prior to the above discussion and action; it was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that City Engineer Weaver communicate with him regarding his suggestion.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. RESOLUTION re: proposed Charter amendment, County of Los Angeles relating to the setting of salaries.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that there be a wording change in the third paragraph of the resolution: "required" (instead of "restricted"); there were no objections.

Councilman Sciarrotta expressed his opinion that the Board of Supervisors has the power to put such an amendment on the ballot, without such advice from Torrance, and they should have the intestinal fortitude to do so.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT DELETING ARTICLE 10, LABOR SECTION 47, OF THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RELATING TO THE SETTING OF SALARIES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-238. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried as follows:

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

It was Councilman Uerkwitz' request that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the South Bay Councilmen's Association.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

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AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD  
OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-239. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

19. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT -  
234th Street e/o Crenshaw Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That subject resolution be approved and adopted; and
2. That payment of \$1,729.95 be authorized to the Southern California Edison Company.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that action taken in this matter be subject to City Attorney approval; it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-240

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE  
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND  
THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR  
UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN 234TH STREET  
EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-240, subject to City Attorney approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to approve payment of \$1,729.95 to the Southern California Edison Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:20. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$1779.07 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for office furniture for the new Southeast Torrance Library which includes: seven chairs, three desks, three lounging units and four filing cabinets as requested by the City Librarian.
2. \$661.50 to Gaylord for 3,000 metal bookends as requested by the City Librarian for use at the Southeast Torrance Library.
3. \$1114.61 to Library Associates for 250 adult books as requested by the City Librarian.
4. \$1208.14 to Campbell & Hall for 315 juvenile books as requested by the City Librarian.
5. \$1396.97 to R.R. Bowker Company for 41 various periodicals as requested by the City Librarian.
6. \$2613.51 to Needham Book Finders for 640 adult books as requested by the City Librarian.
7. \$380.90 to 3M Business Products for 12 rolls of microfilm print paper as requested by the City Librarian for use in making copies of microfilm from the City's 3M Microfilm Reader.
8. \$388.50 to the City of Culver City for surplus wood library book shelving which the City bid on as follows:
  - (a) 100 feet - 5 ft. high wall book shelving;
  - (b) 12 lengths - 7 ft. high by 15 ft. long two-sided book shelves;
  - (c) 7 lengths - 5 ft. high by 12 ft. long two-sided book shelves.

Original value of this shelving was \$5000 to \$6000, and the shelving is in excellent conditions. Culver City closed one of their branch libraries and had no use for this shelving at their other branches. The shelving will be placed in the basement of the Civic Center Library and will be used there in their book processing section.
9. \$607.50 to Institute for Business Planning, Inc. for three investment reference book sets on taxes, real estate and mutual funds as requested by the City Librarian for library service.

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10. \$429.77 to Doubleday & Company for 23 adult and 50 juvenile books as requested by the City Librarian.
11. \$371.18 to Random House c/o S.W. Peterson for 22 adult and 61 juvenile books as requested by the City Librarian.
12. \$356.74 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for 5,000 filing folders as requested by the Police Department.
13. \$342.83 to Consolidated Mattress for 30 only mattresses as requested by the Police Department for jail (replacement mattresses).
14. \$1379.33 to Caligraphics for printing 42,000 copies of the City of Torrance "Newsletter" as requested by the City Manager's office for distribution to Torrance residents.
15. \$815.85 to Globe Ticket for an annual supply of 764,000 data processing punch cards as requested by the Data Processing Department for their operations.
16. \$344.15 to Torrance Auto Parts for miscellaneous automotive parts consisting of back-up warning devices; automotive lamps and spark plugs as requested by the City Garage for stock.
17. \$353.55 to Associated of Los Angeles for miscellaneous electrical supplies which are required to hook up a new piece of Honeywell data processing equipment recently delivered to the City.
18. \$326.29 to Lacial Company for miscellaneous repair parts for a mobil street sweeper (Unit #9105) as requested by the City Garage.
19. \$682.50 to S& J Chevrolet for one only exchanged Allison transmission required by the City Garage to repair City Unit #9020.
20. \$332.89 to Speedo Electric Company for six rotary control solenoids required by the City Garage for City packer repairs.
21. \$682.50 to Vermont Lumber for 200 only 12-ft. lengths of Douglas Fir as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use as traffic sign parts.
22. \$404.15 to Econolite Corporation for 30 sets of cast iron anchor bolts for light posts as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
23. \$1690.50 to Schaefer Chemical Company for an annual contract for water treatment service and materials to control water condition in air conditioning cooling equipment at the Civic Center Library as requested by the Building Department.

- 24. \$713.74 to Constructors Supply for 75 only metal barricade assemblies as requested by the Water and Street Departments.
- 25. \$777.00 to Blinker-Lite Company for 100 Paralta barricade flasher light assemblies as requested by the Street Department as replacements.
- 26. \$582.44 to A.F. Milliron Company, Inc. for one only Bell & Howell sound projector 16MM complete with projection table as requested by the City Librarian for educational films.
- 27. \$2173.50 to Pacific States Electric Wholesale Company for 30 only 400-watt mercury lamp fixtures to be used for park and street lighting replacement requirements as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

- 28. \$410.76 to Park-Son, Inc. for one each 8" tapping sleeve and 8" valve as requested by the Water Department for the Lincoln Realty service. Payment has already been received for this service.

21. SKYPARK PROJECT AREA.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council authorize the City Attorney to employ a title company to prepare lot book reports on the property within the Hawthorne-Skypark area for a total fee of \$1995.00 and appropriate said sum from Airport Retained Earnings.

- 22. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Water Main in Van Ness Avenue from Artesia Boulevard to 169th Place (Job No. 71148)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

- 1. That the work be accepted; and
- 2. That final payment be made to the contractor, R.M. Vukanovich Construction Company.

- 23. 190TH STREET IMPROVEMENT - GAS TAX APPROPRIATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$5,500 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the improvement of 190th Street (south side) from 265 ft. to 415 ft. east of Beryl Street.

- 24. APPROPRIATION TO COVER CITY'S SHARE OF "TOPICS" PROJECTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

That Council appropriate \$45,800 out of Sec. 2106 Gas Tax Monies to cover the City's share of TOPICS Projects.

- 25. CLAIM of Odessa Day for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That this claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

26. ZC 71-6, WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL, R.A. LOWE AND L.E. WILLIAMS. Change of zone from R-3 to L-P on property located on the southwest corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Rolling Hills Road. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 71-6.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, following which Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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

27. V 71-12, CHURCH OF GOD. Request for a variance from the off-street parking requirements to permit the construction of an addition to an existing church building in the R-3 zone, located at 2230 Cabrillo Avenue. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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ADDENDUM ITEM:

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RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER:

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