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Adjourned at 11:15 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, December 14, 1971, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Miller's request, Mrs. Hathaway led in the flag salute.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Edward Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Not received.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, 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:

Finance Committee:

A Committee report will be on the December 21st Council agenda.

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Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Will meet with the School Board on Monday, January 24th,
at 7 P.M.

HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:9. VACATION OF 234TH STREET WEST OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-241

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF 234TH STREET
WEST OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-241. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:10. V 71-11, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Request for Variance to conduct church related activities in the R-2 zone at 1742 Manuel Avenue.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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 public hearing on V 71-11 -- Planning Director Shartle made the Staff presentation -- interested parties were then invited to speak.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Reverend Lloyd Newlin, outlined the extreme need for the proposed facility and his findings through the years relative to the needs of young people. A meeting has been held with the neighbors, as recommended by the Planning Commission, Reverend Newlin added, to review their concerns, and an alternate proposal has been achieved.

The chairman of the church Board of Deacons, Mr. Harry Matthews, 1609 Elm Avenue, reviewed the acquisition of the subject rental property for use by the youth, its successful operation over the past two years until complaints regarding noise were registered, which resulted in application for the subject variance.

Mr. Matthews indicated concurrence with Planning Commission conditions, and offered the church's counter proposal regarding hours of operation (per report before the Council); further, the church will attempt to restrict the parking on the street, in that they will be directed to use church parking areas; and there will be a direction to immediately leave the area following the sessions.

Council approval was requested by Mr. Matthews -- should it be otherwise, permission to operate on a temporary basis for at least six months until another property which would meet all requirements was requested.

Mr. David Medved, 912 Crenshaw Boulevard, president of The Ark youth group, first presented a petition bearing 356 names in favor of The Ark, related his personal testimony as to the worthwhile influence of The Ark, both in his personal life and that of many members.

Next to speak was The Ark's vice president, Mr. Bob Basen, 2436 West 231st Street, who elaborated on his own rejuvenation as a result of this association as well as the overall benefit to all participating in their activities, and the serious need for such a place was noted by him.

The church's Associate Pastor, Mr. Lee Cattell, 812 Cota Avenue, introduced the large number of church people present who are in favor of The Ark -- Mr. Cattell commented on the sincere efforts of the youth and their desire to continue to operate.

Mr. Jack Willinski, 1729 Manuel, stated that his opposition, and that of some of his neighbors, is not against the principle of what the church is trying to achieve -- their objections are based on the fact that this is a residential area, and that there should be consideration of their evening peace and quiet. Problems have been caused for the neighborhood by this project -- the primary problem being loud conversation and laughter outside the building following the meetings. Approval of the subject variance will eliminate a peaceful, residential atmosphere, and the Planning Commission action proved most disappointing, according to Mr. Willinski.

The merits of entirely closing off the front of this building, permitting access only through the rear door, were offered as a suggestion by Mayor Miller -- this would force use of the rear parking lot as well. The Mayor further recommended reevaluation in six months, and confirmed that a variance can be rescinded should there be undesirable circumstances. City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the Variance be limited to a six-month period of time, with review at that time, if this type of action be desired by the Council.

Mr. Gene Anderson, 1742 Watson, inquired as to the reaction were he to convert his house to a child care center or open up a hot dog stand? This represents the same situation, in his opinion.

Mr. Bergin, teacher at El Camino College, 18215 Illinois Court, reported the problems presented his area by Alberto's restaurant where the Council permitted a liquor permit -- in this case the church is doing a wonderful thing, what is proposed is very necessary for today's youth, and approval is in order, particularly in view of the proposed six-month review.

A further comment was made by Mr. Willinski regarding the colorful exterior of the house -- orange and red -- with a big "The Ark" sign, and a sizable red light at night. It was confirmed that this appearance will be remedied.

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.

Council discussion was directed to the proposed hours of operation -- both Planning Commission and church recommendations, along with further input by Mr. Medved regarding what he deemed the most beneficial hours -- and the rear parking and six-month trial period recommended by the Mayor.

As a college teacher, Councilman Sciarrotta indicated that he is very, very much in sympathy with the work that the church is doing, and even more in sympathy with the manner of the youth in responding to these sessions -- there is a serious need for just what is being done here; it is a preventative and positive approach.

In concurrence with Mr. Sciarrotta was Councilman Surber -- he acknowledged sympathy with the neighbors, and deemed this "a damned if you do and damned if you don't" decision -- however, the six-month trial period will permit review of the situation. Mr. Surber further stated that the Wednesday night prayer meeting was of the utmost importance, in his opinion, and this would be mandatory for his approval. In conclusion, it was Councilman Surber's comment that this is the right direction to go, there is a need for this type of place, and, at the age of its members, a "baby sitter" is not desired; the trial period should be in the manner in which it is going to be operated in order that the picture be a true one.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendations re: V 71-11, with the following modifications:

That there be a 6-month trial period;

That the front of the building be closed, and the opening be to the rear of the building where parking would be on the church property, or at a location other than the front of the building;

That the building be made compatible to the surrounding area;

That the hours of operation be:

- Wednesday -- 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- Friday -- 7:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
- Saturday -- 7:30 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight
- Sunday -- (9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
(5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller indicated that his "yes" vote was on the basis that the Council will reconsider this matter in six months -- "good housekeeping" was therefore recommended by the Mayor.

There was a 5-minute * * * * * recess at 8:15 P.M.

On resumption of the meeting, Mayor Miller invited the Rose Parade Float Association Chairman, Hal Smith, to address the Council -- Mr. Smith extended a cordial invitation to be present at "Torrance City Council Night" at the Rosemont Pavilion, Pasadena, on December 30th at 8:00 P.M.

There was a further invitation extended by Mr. Smith to those in the audience to view the float in the process of being made -- December 29, 30, or 31 from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.

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Considered, out of order, at this time:

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

27. WATER INSPECTION TRIP - CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT SYSTEM AND OROVILLE DAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. To authorize an appropriation from the Water Revenue Fund of \$60.00 to cover the flat fee required of the Mayor, each Councilman, and each Water Commissioner, if participating in the inspection trip;
2. To extend the authorization under 1. above to include the City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Manager, Water System Manager, and Assistant Water Superintendent, if participating;
3. To allow invitation, at the City Manager's discretion, of maximum of three substitutes from the Administrative Staff for those of the 19 officials included under 1. and 2. above who will not participate.

Host-Director Ben Haggott was present to extend an invitation to the Council for the above Water Inspection Trip.

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MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with recommendations 1,2, and 3 of the Water System Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-19. RESOLUTION amending Master Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 2296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 230TH STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-19.
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2296 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING MASTER PLAN NO. 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ZONE CHANGES NO. 71-19 (230TH STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD) AND 71-20 (SEPULVEDA AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD).

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-242. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

12. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-20. (Note Res. 71-242 above).

ORDINANCE NO. 2297

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-20.
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2297 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-10.

ORDINANCE NO. 2298

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN

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PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 25905 CRENSHAW
BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-10.
(Laurie R. Belger)

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2298 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Mayor Miller, carried as follows:

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

14. RESOLUTION re: CUP 71-43 - Gallareto & Hutton..

RESOLUTION NO. 71-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISE SALE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONNECTION WITH A
BONA FIDE RESTAURANT AS APPLIED FOR IN
PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 71-43
(Gallareto/Hutton).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-236. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

REAL PROPERTY:

15. Withdrawn.

16. RESOLUTION re: Assignment of Howard L. Terrill Lease to Clarice R. and Robert William Ward.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-243

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY
CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONSENT TO
ASSIGNMENT OF ONE AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE OF
HOWARD L. TERRILL TO CLARICE R. WARD AND
ROBERT WILLIAM WARD.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-243. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING.

17. PLAZA DEL AMO AND CARSON.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

1. That the design for the proposed road improvement,

- including the realignment of Plaza del Amo and the permanent traffic signal proceed as scheduled.
2. That the Traffic and Lighting Department prepare a design for a temporary semi-actuated traffic signal and process it through the railroad and PUC for preemption approval.
 3. That after the temporary signal is designed and all approvals for installation are secured (estimated 1 to 1½ months), the Council evaluate the status of the permanent improvement project and decide whether or not to install the temporary signal.
 4. That until Council makes the above decision, the existing flasher system remain.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Traffic and Lighting Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Also considered at this time:

17A. DOMINGUEZ WATER LINE - CARSON STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council adopt subject resolution of condemnation. It is not necessary to appropriate any monies therefor at this time; such appropriation will be made when a purchase agreement with Dominguez is negotiated and presented to Council for approval, or if the case goes to trial, when a judgment is entered.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-244

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE IMPROVEMENT OF CARSON STREET IN SAID CITY AND THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF A WATER MAIN AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES AND RIGHTS OWNED BY DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION IN CARSON STREET AND IN A RIGHT-OF-WAY CONNECTING CARSON STREET AND THE DOMINGUEZ RESERVOIR NORTHERLY OF THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-24 His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved b roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. Oil Board Budget Allocations, Fiscal Year 1971-1972.

RECOMMENDATION OF OIL BOARD CHAIRMAN:

That the budget set forth in the Budget Officer's memo of December 1, 1971 be adopted and the appropriations from the General Fund be made.

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MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Oil Board Chairman. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION:

19. ENTRADERO PARK ACCESS.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That the City go on record with the Dominguez Properties Company by writing them a letter of intent to negotiate on the access ways on Entradero Sump across the oil leases.

Further, this should act as a reminder also to the Planning Department, Engineering Department, Building Department, and others represented on the Plot Plan Review Committee, in the event a lot split is ever filed on these particular oil leases. At the time the lot split applications are considered, the City could then make one of the conditions the provision for easement to the park.

Per Council instructions of November 2, 1971, we are holding the matter of these access ways for the 1972-73 budget. In the meantime, we thought you and the City departments should be aware of what has transpired.

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

20. REQUEST OF SETHA that Council authorize appropriation of \$119,903, this being the estimated cost of complete initial development of Phase 1 of Sur La Brea Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That because of the shortage of sufficient funds to both acquire and develop Sur La Brea Park at this time, that the City use whatever funds are available for land acquisition, only, and that development of the park be delayed until such future time as the entire 7.5 acres are owned by the City.

Discussion was directed to the problems confronted in this regard, as well as to possible avenues for interim use of the land -- it was the comment of Councilman Brewster this problem harkens back to the failure of the recent park bond issue; were there monies available for land procurement, it would not be necessary to tie up monies which might go to the other improvements on the park site. Mr. Brewster than suggested that it might be well to think about just a land acquisition-type issue in view of the apparent community feeling that this is the critical issue.

Representing SouthEast Torrance Homeowners Association, Mrs. Marion Lyman first clarified that they are not requesting use of the acquisition money -- they are in concurrence that land acquisition should have top priority; their request is for additional money to develop the presently owned four acres. Mrs. Lyman then reaffirmed

SETHA's December 2nd communication to the Council which pointed out their long wait for a park and the need for top priority status for Sur La Brea Park. Their request is merely that this land be made "clean and green".

Mrs. Marilyn van Oppen, League of Women Voters, noted the League's long standing interest in land use in Torrance, particularly in open space, and suggested that a policy decision of this nature should first be reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Miller indicated concurrence that this matter should have first been presented to the Park and Recreation Commission -- further, any considerations regarding funds must come at budget time; the Mayor acknowledged the high priority of Sur La Brea Park.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject consideration be directed to the Park and Recreation Commission for study and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, with the comment that a limited bond issue, as earlier suggested by Councilman Brewster, for land acquisition in the future should be investigated as to its merits. It was the consensus of the Council that a possible bond issue should be studied as well by the Commission.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

21. RESOLUTION re: gas service to Meadow Park Redevelopment Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-245

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 GAS COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GAS MAIN IN THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-245, and to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation that payment be authorized to the Southern California Gas Company in the amount of \$13,023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 9:12 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 5-minute recess followed at 9:17 P.M.

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22. FREEWAY:

- A. Resolution requesting the Legislature to delete from consideration the construction of either the Artesia or the Torrance Freeway through the City of Torrance.
- B. Request for Freeway Report.

A desire by other Council members to delay action on the proposed resolution was reported by Councilman Johnson -- thereby permitting return of the study material and proper review prior to taking any action. Mr. Johnson would concur that action at this meeting is not mandatory -- such delay, however, should be on a time certain basis, and he recommended the date of March 14, 1972 for return of the resolution.

It was also Councilman Johnson's recommendation that this Council work with State legislators to initiate street improvement programs (in lieu of freeways) to obtain funds on a matching funds basis (75% State; 25% cities) for the improvement of major east/west - north/south (or equivalent in other cities) main traffic corridors to provide immediate relief and near future relief to cities qualifying for it for the immediate and near future time period. The program would include but should not necessarily be limited to:

- A. Street widening where economically feasible in relation to benefits received.
- B. Underpass/overpass for railroads and similar types of immovable obstructions which may cross the streets.
- C. Full computerization of major arteries plus any secondary feeders which might be necessary in order to assure the most efficient traffic flow possible on the major corridors.
- D. Other ideas which may ensure immediate relief from congestion on major corridors within cities.
- E. Program to be jointly supervised by State and local jurisdictions.
- F. Contiguous cities work as a team to coordinate public works projects through all cities thereby ensuring a smooth flow of traffic for great distances.
- G. Funds could be obtained by diverting freeway funds apparently now existent, budgeted, or contemplated to pay program costs.

Further noted by Councilman Johnson was the fact that the program would be aimed at cities like Torrance and other South Bay communities where a freeway might possibly be needed but where its true worth cannot immediately be justified in terms of loss of lands from the tax rolls and the uprooting of people. The program would be an emergency interim measure designed to provide relief to urban areas without the adversities of a freeway through their community.

When the east/west - north/south corridors, Councilman Johnson continued, are operating at a greatly improved efficiency, possibly 75%-80%, further consideration might then be given to other means of relief from traffic congestion.

Discussions in this regard between Councilman Johnson and Legislative Advocate Rupert were reviewed - with Mr. Rupert pointing out that when a legislative program was suggested some time ago by Councilman Sciarrotta, two types of programs were considered -- a reactive program which has been maintained throughout the year and an initiative program wherein the City of Torrance would take the lead in certain legislative processes in the introduction of bills in the forthcoming session. Several department heads, Mr. Rupert added, have already cooperated with this plan, and legislation is being processed where Torrance will try to take the leadership and find sponsors in the Legislature this year. An "in lieu of freeway" funding program might prove of interest to the Legislative Committee and might well merit the work of a Staff team in putting together a total package, such package to include a total bill to go to Sacramento to find someone to carry such a bill.

The above represents the gist of the discussions, Mr. Rupert continued, noting that there is a great problem, not only in Torrance, but a problem faced by a number of cities -- not necessarily eliminating freeways but trying to find alternate ways of moving people to areas within their cities -- a program of improving existing surface streets with Federal and State monies might be an interim program which would provide the desired relief.

Mayor Miller reviewed the history of the freeway, and the change in sentiment, with many objections to freeways voiced in recent months, although when the freeway was originally discussed most of the South Bay cities were of the same mind regarding possible routing. It was further noted by the Mayor that proper routing, as originally contemplated, was based on the premise that the segment of the freeway would have to hook into the already adopted freeway route in the City of Long Beach -- Long Beach has now withdrawn its support for this route, and there is now no place to tie the Torrance Freeway in. It would now appear, the Mayor continued, that if the present objections hold, in all probability there will not be a freeway through the City of Torrance, as a result of public pressure.

It was added by Mayor Miller that even if a freeway route were adopted, it would require ten to fifteen years to build, and Torrance's existing and future traffic problems are monumental -- it is about time to take a long hard look at alternatives in the event the freeway is eliminated. Such alternatives, according to Mayor Miller, could be: double-decking of Hawthorne Boulevard; the conversion of Hawthorne Boulevard into an expressway with cross streets overpassed or underpassed; the conversion of Hawthorne Boulevard in conjunction with Prairie Avenue into some sort of a parkway system -- these alternatives involve the use of existing right-of-ways and would not, therefore, require displacement and elimination of residences in the City, nor the expenses of acquiring right-of-ways; what is required is the cooperation of the State and money.

A Staff report on the foregoing alternatives, as well as any other recommendations, in conjunction with the recently requested report from the State regarding potential alternatives, was requested by Mayor Miller.

The status of the State study was reviewed by City Traffic Engineer Horkay, who noted the State's opinion that such study is not required, under applicable old laws -- hence the Staff recommendation that the City Attorney be directed to prepare a resolution specifically requesting a study.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the Resolution (Item 22B) be deferred until March 14, 1972. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That the Council concur with the following recommendations of the Traffic Commission and the Traffic and Lighting Department:

1. That the Council FILE the companion resolution prepared by the City Attorney's office.
 2. That the Council instruct the City Attorney to prepare a new resolution requesting the State Division of Highways to:
 - a. Prepare a report justifying the need for a freeway, plus an estimated date of when it might be needed.
 - b. Consider other alternatives to building the freeway, such as constructing an expressway facility, double-decking Hawthorne Boulevard, or making Prairie and Hawthorne a one-way couplet, etc.; and adding
 - c. That the State would not adopt a route until hearings have been held.
- The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

There was discussion prior to roll call vote with Councilman Johnson indicating concurrence with the substitute motion were the resolution returned on a time-certain basis, at least for consideration. It was pointed out by Councilman Brewster that the Division of Highways has indicated studies on the three basic freeway routes will not be available until approximately May, 1972. Mr. Johnson then indicated that he would prefer to consider the original resolution for deletion of the freeway, if this be the case.

Councilman Sciarrotta commented on the need for information in this regard, particularly relative to any possible alternatives, prior to the passage of any resolution.

The substitute motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Johnson: That this Council work with the State Legislature, through the Legislative Liaison Committee, to initiate the work (a bill, if necessary) to provide a program for the purpose of "improving the east/west

north/south corridors", the criteria therefor to be returned to Council for formal approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

23. RECYCLING COLLECTION CENTER.

Mrs. Jean Dietrich, 4009 West 235th Street, reported on the progress made by the American Association of University Women since the last Council meeting regarding this matter -- they are in the process of incorporating, are working with approximately 20 civic organizations, and have formed a Board of Directors. Mrs. Dietrich then introduced Board members present.

A report on the Council Industrial Environmental Control Committee findings regarding this matter was made by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the following action taken:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Industrial Environmental Control Committee: That, per the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager, Council approve an appropriation not to exceed \$2,500 from the General Fund, and to pass the subject resolution (Item #24). The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with United Torrance Recycling Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNITED TORRANCE RECYCLING COUNCIL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A RECYCLING COLLECTION CENTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-246. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$685.76 to Park-Son, Inc. for six only 6" water valves as requested by the Water Department.

2. \$442.96 to Hersey Products for one only 4" Hersey Compound water meter with all bronze case as requested by the Water Department as a replacement unit.
 3. \$331.38 to F. Morton Pitt Company for various Federal Brand tear gas riot control supplies (tear gas, launchers, etc.) as requested by the Police Department for emergency stock.
 4. \$463.05 to Olympic Wholesale Sporting Goods, Inc. for 3,000 rounds of new .30-30 caliber Winchester rifle ammunition as requested by the Police Department.
 5. \$4500.34 to Campbell & Hall c/o Henry R. Wilson for 540 adult books and 78 juvenile books.
 6. \$437.09 to Charles Scribners Sons for 153 adult and juvenile books.
 7. \$2037.84 to Moore Business Forms, Inc. for 240,000 printed water and rubbish data processing bills as requested by the Customer Service Division.
 8. \$1972.28 to Moore Business Forms for 310,000 printed copies of standard data processing forms in 1,2,3, and 4 parts as requested by the Data Processing Supervisor for use in their operations.
 9. \$544.29 to Servis Truck Body for necessary repairs to the City "Hi-Ranger" manned aerial lift as requested by the City Garage. The unit was damaged by the boom being hit by a low branch while moving the unit from one tree to another.
 10. \$385.86 to A.B.C. Body Shop for necessary repairs to a 2-ton International Truck (Unit #8701) which was tipped over while trying to dump a load of dirt.
 11. \$1218.94 to Motor Truck Distributors Company (Mack Truck) for necessary emergency engine repairs to Fire Engine #1 as requested by the Fire Department.
 12. \$396.50 to Hersey Products for necessary miscellaneous Hersey water meter repair parts consisting of gears, washers, screws, nuts, and other repair parts required for stock as requested by the Water Department.
 13. \$1285.20 to Neptune Meter Company for necessary miscellaneous Neptune water meter repair parts consisting of gaskets, gears and meter spindle regulators as requested by the Water Department for stock.
- B. REIMBURSABLE - ITEM #14 ONLY
14. \$391.48 to California Coach for necessary repairs to a City bus #342 damaged in an accident. This expenditure is partly reimbursable from insurance carrier, Farmers Insurance Company, who has paid \$301.48 to repair bus.

15. \$19,858.70 to Noland Paper Company for the City's annual supply of fine paper used for offset printing and electrostatic copier copies. This award was previously made to Zellerbach Paper Company on August 10, 1971. However, since that time the City has experienced increasing problems using their paper (Baronet Brand) causing equipment jams, lost manhours and poor appearing end products. Even though the Baronet label has been considered a good quality paper in the past, we have detected a gradual deterioration of that quality level. In an attempt to isolate the problem, we have conducted tests for the past four weeks using the next low-bidders bid paper. The results have only verified our suspicions. The Noland "Springhill" brand paper ran without any problems other than isolated instances. Therefore, it is Purchasing's recommendation that we cancel our award to the Zellerbach Paper Company and award our contract to the next low-bidder, Noland Paper Company, for the remainder of the year.

26. IMPROVEMENT OF SKYPARK DRIVE FROM GARNER STREET TO 1300 FT. E'LY. (JOB NO. 71118).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$50,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced improvement; and
2. That \$2,300 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for sanitary sewer construction.

27. WATER INSPECTION TRIP.

(Considered earlier in the meeting - Page 5.)

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items #25 and #26. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Treasurer Rupert noted the accomplishments of the Torrance High School Pep Team in being First Place winners in the Southern California Pep Rally.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that an appropriate permanent plaque resolution be prepared. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

28. PROPOSED EAST-WEST STATE HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE HARBOR FREEWAY AND WESTERN AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER, CITY ENGINEER, AND PLANNING DIRECTOR: That the City of Torrance should adopt a position that Western Avenue should be completed (per approved

agreement four years ago) prior to or concurrently with this proposed project.

Following clarification by City Manager Ferraro, Councilman Wilson MOVED to concur with the above recommendation of Staff. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. Councilman Brewster thanked the City Manager's office for their very good letter to County Tax Assessor Watson relative to the Victor Precinct zone change.

31. The request of the Planning Commission that a study be made regarding a Certificate of Compliance met with Councilman Brewster's considerable approval -- it was Mr. Brewster's request that this study, long advocated by him, be made a top priority by Staff.

32. Councilman Brewster next called attention to the very fine dissertation by Deputy Attorney Allen on the subject of Variances.

33. The recent communication pertaining to the State Comprehensive Ocean Area Plan, and the Planning Commission response to same, was noted by Councilman Brewster, as was the City Manager's recommendation that Council go along with the recommendations of the Planning Commission in view of the need for an immediate reply.

Having studied the answers fairly closely, Mr. Brewster stated that, while not in total agreement, there will be an opportunity to respond at a later date, and he would suggest that Council go ahead and submit the Commission's recommendations.

It was Councilman Brewster's further comment that there should be as well a letter in a polite but critical vein reporting to the State the Council's unhappiness at the manner in which it was treated when these very important topics were considered -- there having been a last-minute session in Santa Monica, without sufficient time to prepare any input -- this particular matter, zoning along the beach front, is of great importance to Torrance.

It should also be stressed, Councilman Brewster added, that the Council will reserve its final judgment until the preliminary report is ready to be presented to the Governor.

The Council concurred with the above remarks.

34. Councilman Johnson restated his firm position regarding the freeway: he is categorically opposed to any freeway -- the Artesia or the 1/107 -- through the City of Torrance; he will fight tooth and nail to keep it out.

35. The Staff report on Freeways on this agenda (Item 22A), compiled by the Traffic Commission and Traffic & Lighting Department, was praised by Councilman Sciarrotta with the request that this information be made available to homeowners groups for their review -- it will assist them in determining their ultimate recommendations. Councilman Sciarrotta so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

36. Recognition of El Camino football stars Quarterback Hall and Lineman McNeill was requested by Councilman Surber who MOVED that appropriate permaplaque resolutions be prepared for them, as well as a resolution commending the entire El Camino Team. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster (Mr. Hall being a West High graduate), and approval was unanimous.
37. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to Information Item A - Terms of Office for Members of Oil Board - and MOVED to accept the recommended terms of office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.
38. Regretfully noted by Councilman Uerkwitz was the damaged City equipment (the "cherry picker") with repairs costing some \$544 -- Mr. Uerkwitz expressed the hope that the safety program on defensive driving may soon be underway, at long last.
39. Completion of the Staff report regarding Commissions, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, will soon be forthcoming, according to City Manager Ferraro.
40. North High, League football winner, is deserving of permaplaque recognition, according to Councilman Wilson -- as is South High for its proposed "Project Hope". Dr. Wilson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and approval was unanimous.
41. Commended by Councilman Wilson were Police Officer Griffith and Reservist Dietrich for saving the life of a 7-month old baby boy, with the request that appropriate letters go into their personnel files.
42. The achievements of his son, Don, in bringing credit to Torrance were described by Councilman Sciarrotta: his recording of the song "Chick-a-Boom" which sold a million and a half records, his contribution as sound engineer on the Recreation Department film on recreation, etc. -- all of which has brought credit to Torrance, and is deserving of mention.
43. In line with all the above recognition and praise, it was pointed out by Mr. Dan Walker, a Jordan High graduate, along with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rupert, that Jordan High (Long Beach) compiled its first winning football season this year -- the final game found them beating Torrance High soundly by kicking a field goal in the last 30 seconds!
(Note: This did not rate a permaplaque!)

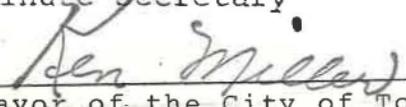
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At 10:30 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess into an Executive Session to discuss Southern California Edison Company matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Miller announced that the Council would return to formally adjourn, but that no further business would be conducted.

Formal adjournment was at 11:15 P.M.

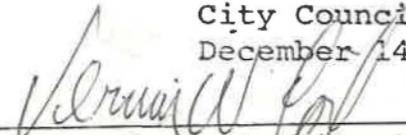
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Minute Secretary


Mayor of the City of Torrance

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