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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, December 21, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: City Clerk Coil (illness).

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Dick Cahill led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of November 23, 1971 and December 7, 1971 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

Met this date -- report will appear on January 4th agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:9. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Miller acknowledged, with much pleasure, the many years of service of the following City employees. The annual presentation of service pins followed, with honor paid the these employees:

Twenty five years of service:

Milt Langum, Robert Lucas, H. Whitacre, J.D. Disario, E.L. Eckerley, John Maestri, and Herb Burgess.

Fifteen years of service:

Stan Remelmeyer, K.V. Atkinson, R.W. Browning, J.R. Garland, C.S. Hanni, T.L. Hayton, A.A. Knappenberger, R.H. Sprout, B.J. Wood, Dick Cahill, R.L. Ramsey, H.E. Clayton, R.C. Guerra, E. Mata, and J.W. Roberts.

J.F. Hogginbotham, G.M. Papac, C.M. Ovist, J.J. Augenstein, Jack Hoffman, R.H. Reese, J.G. Solis, Bruce Bishop, Jim Daniel, G.G. Snyder, Frank Solis, Tom Wooldridge, B. Allen, and P.F. Wall.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:10. ORDINANCE re: ZC 71-23.ORDINANCE NO. 2299

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 BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND ASHLEY AVENUE, AND BETWEEN 182ND STREET AND 186TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-23.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2299 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller (not present at the subject hearing).

11. STUDY ON APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS.

Planning Director Shartle clarified Staff and Planning Commission findings relative to the proposed Standards, as well as overall application of such Standards.

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that a public hearing should be held on this matter in that there is an absence of input from affected parties. Councilman Johnson indicated a need for additional time to study the Standards in depth, deeming it a most complicated matter.

Mr. Don Wilson was present, not to debate the Standards, but to point out his personal problem at 190th and Beryl Streets involving flood control and the fact that he has just received clearance from the Engineering Department to fill in the sump in that area; plans have been filed for development of the subject property with a density of 35 units per acre. Immunity from any action that might be taken by the Council was requested by Mr. Wilson. It was indicated by City Manager Ferraro that it appeared most unlikely that his plans could be affected.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that Item #11 be held as a public hearing on January 11, 1972. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. INTERIM USES IN THE P-U ZONE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

That the Council, if in agreement with recommendation of Planning Commission and Planning Department, instruct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance therefor.

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

13. MORATORIUM on the construction of dwelling units for the entire hillside area.

At Mayor Miller's request, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2300

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM  
ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING UNITS  
WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND  
DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion, prior to taking action, was invited by Mayor Miller. There was first clarification by Planning Director Shartle regarding the subject consideration, specifically noting the fact that the Council-approved Kissel tract with reduced setbacks is in the proposed

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moratorium area, and enactment of the ordinance would halt construction in that tract. It was the consensus of the Council that it would be grossly unfair to impose this type of hardship.

It was the opinion of Councilman Johnson that there is sufficient control in other respects -- waivers simply could not be granted. It was pointed out by Councilman Brewster that there is a problem in that the Standards permit the 5 ft. setback, and recommended that there be action taken which would require a waiver on everything on the hillside area in the future -- this would also permit those who have already obtained their waivers to proceed.

Representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Jerry Galuhn, 4309 Vista Largo, stated that the Association endorses the recommendation of the Planning Commission for adoption of the subject ordinance. Mr. Galuhn also noted that the Vista Montana moratorium will expire on January 4th; it is felt by the Riviera Homeowners Association that there should be an extension of this moratorium which would provide needed time for all necessary reports.

Councilman Johnson reiterated his concern regarding the apparent need to mend the problem, and recommended that an emergency ordinance be prepared which would provide proper setback limitations on buildings.

Mrs. Hoffman, 24890 Via Valmonte, noted the forthcoming meeting regarding hillside development which would permit overall consideration of this matter.

Council discussion returned to the considerable concerns faced by them, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the City Attorney bring back an emergency ordinance as soon as possible which would not allow any building in the front setback area, (the front 20 feet,) in the hillside area, without a waiver. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Joining in the request for the extension of the Vista Montana moratorium was Mrs. Eleanor Bellford, 4713 Paseo de las Tortugas, on behalf of the Las Colinas Garden Club and the Riviera Garden Club.

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14. REQUEST THAT COUNCIL RECONSIDER DENIAL of time extension for Temporary Signs submitted by Bayco Properties.

Councilman Johnson MOVED reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Staff's request that the subject matter be set for hearing with a specific date and time established was noted -- there were no objections, and the date selected was January 11th.

City Manager Ferraro stated that pending criminal action in this case will be suspended until the above hearing.

15. RESOLUTION re: CUP 71-32, Daniel and Patricia Wells.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN CASE NO. CUP 71-32, DANIEL AND PATRICIA WELLS TO ALLOW A BOARD AND CARE HOME FOR THE AGED AT 18312 MANSEL AVENUE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-247. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. RESOLUTION amending the Master Plan of Streets and Highways, Garnier Street, 238th Street, extensions of Telo Avenue and Early Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE MASTER PLAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS RE: GARNIER STREET, 238TH STREET, EXTENSIONS OF TELO AVENUE AND EARLY AVENUE.

Councilman Johnson requested that this Resolution be held in order that he may research the records relative to his abstention in this matter on December 15, 1970. It was agreed that this matter be returned on January 4, 1972.

It was indicated by City Attorney Remelmeyer that there will be an updating of procedures requiring this type of Council action.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

17. RESOLUTION re: Establishment of Crenshaw Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway and Crest Road as a part of the System of County Highways.

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RESOLUTION NO. 71-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-249; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

REAL PROPERTY:

18. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement for the purchase of real property required for the extension of 235th Street at Maple Avenue (Boise-Cascade).

RESOLUTION NO. 71-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR THE EXTENSION OF 235TH STREET WEST OF MAPLE AVENUE.  
(Boise Cascade)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-250. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz at the time of his "yes" vote that he so voted based on the information that the remainder of the lot will be developed.

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Wilson to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director that the above approval include a total appropriation of \$65,000, specified from Section 2107, State Gas Tax funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. GERARDIN CORPORATION (Peninsula Aviation Company) request for Sewer Easement.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO LEASE DATED DECEMBER 21, 1971 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LOUIS B. GERARDIN CORPORATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-251. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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20. ROLLING HILLS VILLAGE, LTD. offer to donate unimproved area to City of Torrance.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council accept the offer of the Rolling Hills Village, Ltd. to donate, free of charge, that property described in agenda item #20, and subject solely to the conditions set forth in the subject memorandum by Planning Director Shartle, and those conditions listed in the City Manager's communication of December 21, 1971.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the City, expressed his appreciation for this very gracious and generous donation of valuable land for a park site -- such gratitude largely directed to the Alter Building Company.

Mr. E. Arnold Oppenheim was present to confirm their pleasure regarding the donation of park land to the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager in acceptance of the offer of Rolling Hills Village, Ltd. to donate the subject property. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Discussion was directed to the various conditions imposed, and it was clarified, at Councilman Brewster's specific questions, that there is a substantial need for such land, along with sorely needed access to the reservoir site being achieved, and that it will truly prove to be a usable recreation area. It was indicated by City Attorney Remelmeyer that matters of landscaping, parking for park users, etc. could be worked out with Mr. Oppenheim, without delaying Council action at this time.

Mr. John Davis, 2936 Winlock Road, commented that this will be available park land for children in the neighborhood -- and it does remove one more R-3 area!

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster, at the time of his yes vote, that he has received adequate assurances from Staff that the parcel will be necessary, hence his affirmative vote.

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- 21. GRANT OF EASEMENT to Southern California Gas Company for a Gas Main extension to provide gas service for Gerardin Corporation (Peninsula Aviation), a tenant on the Torrance Municipal Airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-252. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A 10-minute recess followed at 6:52 P.M.

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FISCAL MATTERS:

22. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DIEHL, EVANS & COMPANY FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1971-72 AND 1972-73.

It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta, as chairman of the Council Finance Committee, that the firm of Cotton & Francisco has most satisfactorily performed this function for the City of Torrance for approximately twenty years -- the above action has resulted only for the reason that a new firm may reevaluate the City's accounting procedures and offer a fresh opinion of the City's fiscal position. Finance Director Dundore confirmed the Staff recommendation to this effect.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-253. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. ("Reluctant" yes votes were recorded by Councilmen Brewster and Surber; there was an overall regret indicated by the Council, with reiteration of the satisfactory service rendered through the years.)

23. TAX LIMITATION AMENDMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the City Council, collectively, take no action on the proposed resolution but that each Councilman take action individually upon the measure based upon his own analysis and the dictates of his conscience.

Noted by the Council.

ELECTION MATTERS:

24. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 11, 1972.  
ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MARTIN & CHAPMAN COMPANY RELATING TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 11, 1972.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-254. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Clerk:

1. That the quotation of Martin & Chapman for furnishing election supplies for the General Municipal Election April 11, 1972, in the amount of \$8958.13 for an 8-page ballot, or \$9356.45 for a 16-page ballot, including sales tax, be accepted;
2. That the quotations for printing the Arguments and Candidates' Statements be noted and approved, with the most economical size brochure to be printed.

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. COMMISSION VACANCIES.

It was agreed to schedule interviews for Commission vacancies at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 25, 1972, with the usual public notice and notification to interested parties, including Commissioners who may wish to move to another Commission.

26. CITY ATTORNEY'S STAFF:

REQUEST OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That he be authorized to employ two Deputy City Attorneys on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed four months. (No additional appropriation will be required. The financing of the two temporary deputies can be accomplished within the existing salary and wage budget allocation.)

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above request of the City Attorney. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

27. EMPLOYEES' SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM for Certain Employee Organizations.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CERTAIN REGULAR EMPLOYEES AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 71-138.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-255. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, it was ascertained by Councilman Brewster that the City itself has no liability with regard to performance of investments made; the City's only responsibility, once the plan is approved by the IRS, is to distribute the monies to the trustees.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council that this has been checked over by his office to the end that there would be no question of the Council being liable -- its sole duty is to provide the money, and that has been achieved.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

28. Underground Utility Reimbursement Districts.

Withdrawn from the agenda.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2296.

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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2296 at its second and final reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2297.

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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 Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2297 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2298.

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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 25905 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-10.

(Laurie R. Belger)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2298 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

32. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$593.72 to Jackson Manufacturing Company for one only drive-up outdoor book drop complete with two portable book carts as requested by the City Librarian for use at the new Torrance library for returning books.
2. \$377.80 to Harper & Row Publishers for 68 adult and juvenile books.
3. \$786.03 to Park-Son, Inc. for three only 6" pipe tapping sleeves and three only 6" tapping valves as requested by the Water Department for the new hydrant project on Sepulveda Boulevard.
4. \$510.93 to Zumar Industries for 124 traffic control sign (three different styles) as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
5. \$360.68 to 3M Corporation for 3M reflective sheeting material as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use in City-owned 3M sign-making machine.
6. \$1079.40 to Centerline Products for 200 gallons of a special paint mix of white and yellow street striping paint as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

33. Considered separately below.

34. AWARD OF CONTRACT - HEATER FOR McMASTER PARK  
EXPENDITURE - \$1300.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve awarding this contract to install a heater at McMaster Park to Nichols Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning of Torrance in the total amount of \$1250.00 (Funds for the installation will come from the Recreation Department operating budget.)

35. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT - Diesel Fuels and Various Lubricating Oils -  
Ref. Bid No. B70-60, \$22,000 Annual Expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the renewing of the following contracts at 1970 prices for another year:

1. \$2500 to Admiral Oil Company to supply: (1) Series 3 motor oil; (2) Automatic Transmission Fluid - Dexron; (3) Automatic Transmission Fluid - Ford; (4) Turbine Oil; (5) Gear Oil; and (6) Stoddard solvent.
2. \$3300.00 to Texaco, Inc. to supply: (1) 10 and 30-weight motor oil; and (2) torque fluid.

It is also recommended that Council approve of the renewing of our annual contract for Diesel Fuels and Kerosene to the Phillips Petroleum Company in the amount of \$16,000 on a "month to month" basis for a maximum period of one year. Even though this contract could be cancelled at any time (thirty days written cancellation notice required), the City would be purchasing diesel fuel and kerosene during 1972 at 1970 prices for as long as the contract was allowed to remain in effect. At such time as the contract was cancelled by Phillips Petroleum, the City would again go to bid for the requirement.

36. AWARD OF CONTRACTS for ESSENTIAL replacement City Vehicles.  
(Expenditure - \$95,322.72)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the awarding of the following contracts to the low bidder in each case as follows:

1. Award of contract to Ray Vane (South) Inc. in the total amount of \$63,836.28, including tax, for: 6 Police Cars (plain colored); 14 Police Cars (black and white); and 1 4-door sedan (121" wheel base).
2. Award of contract to Claude Short Dodge in the total amount of \$5657.24, including tax for: 1 - 4-door Sedan (117" wheel base) and 1 3/4-ton pickup.
3. Award of contract to Wil-Mar Dodge Sales Inc. in the total amount of \$10,000.08, including tax, for: 1 - Van (12-passenger) and two 1-ton trucks.
4. Award of contract to Bob Hanson Motors in the total amount of \$11,839.80, including tax, for: Two 2-ton trucks.
5. Award of contract to Earl Ike Dodge Inc. in the total amount of \$3989.32, including tax, for: 1 2-ton truck (cab and chassis only).

37. PROPOSED 12-INCH WATER MAIN ALONG SKYPARK DRIVE FROM GARNIER STREET TO 1,300 FEET EASTERLY.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That Council approve appropriations of:

1. \$25,000 loan from Water Revenue Fund to Water Main Extension Revolving Fund;
2. \$25,000 from Water Main Extension Revolving Fund for subject facility.

38. CLAIM of Harriet Scharf for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That said claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #32, 34, 35, 36, 37, and #38. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - APRIL 11, 1972.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. Consolidation of Precincts.

That precincts be consolidated on a two-to-one ratio (with few exceptions) for the General Municipal Election, as has been the custom in the past. There are presently 146 regular County precincts.

2. Compensation for Officers and Polling Place Rental:

That the City pay the same fee to election officers and polling place owners as has been paid for the past several years -- namely \$19 for Inspectors, \$16 for Judges and Clerks, and \$15 for Polling Places.

3. Hours of Polls.

That the polls be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the General Municipal Election.

4. Automatic Voting Devices.

That the Council authorize the use of the County's automatic voting devices for the General Municipal Election.

5. Deposit for Statement of Qualifications.

That candidates be required to pay a deposit of \$125 for filing qualifications statements to be mailed to voters with the sample ballots.

Councilman Surber referred to item #3 above - Hours of Polls - it being his opinion that the polls should remain open until 8:00 P.M. in order that everyone may have an opportunity to vote, particularly in view of the fact that no extra cost is involved.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk, with the exception of Item #3, that Item to be revised to keep the polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

39. PATHFINDER ENGINEERING CORPORATION LEASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT

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CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED JANUARY 1, 1972,  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PATHFINDER  
ENGINEERING CORPORATION.

Following clarification by Airport Manager Egan, Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-256. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

40. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD TO LADEENE AVENUE - B71-9 (Job No. 70016).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted;
2. That final payment be made to the contractor,  
McAmis Engineering;
3. That \$5,500 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover final project costs; and
4. That refund in the amount stated in December 13th communication be made to J.C. Penney Co., Inc.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. City Manager Ferraro reported on the substantial Christmas shopping noted by local store managers, as well as the overall success in expediting traffic, etc. Following which, on behalf of Staff, Mr. Ferraro extended Merry Christmas and Very Happy New Year wishes to this Honorable Body.

42. City Treasurer Rupert provided an updated report on Reapportionment; Mayor Miller made special note of the tremendous cooperation received from other South Bay cities, and the good that has been derived from this experience.

Mayor Miller further advised that it is planned to hold a meeting with representatives from South Bay cities prior to the reconvening of the Legislature to review bills of importance to this area, with follow through by Legislative Advocate Rupert.

The Mayor's leadership in this instance is deserving of commendation, according to Councilman Wilson; a leadership that has been absent in past history of the Council -- this is a most auspicious beginning, and follow-up should be encouraged.

43. Councilman Brewster: A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all.

44. Councilman Johnson: An echo of the above.

45. Councilman Sciarrotta: A gift of poetry for all, as follows:

The End of A Year

Now that the year is about over,  
 And we leave our records behind,  
 I sincerely hope that the new year  
 Will bring us a new peace of mind.  
 I hope we shall start with new fervor -  
 When the new year comes rolling in -  
 With hopes we can solve all our problems  
 With less of the fanfare and din.  
 Let's look for more toleration  
 And speeches much shorter - but right -  
 Let's hope that by working together  
 We promote more goodwill and might.  
 It's up to us to be understanding  
 And honor each other's rights -  
 By so doing we'll be the winners  
 Without resorting to fights.  
 Let's take this pledge here together  
 That no matter what the problems may be,  
 We'll vote as we face each issue  
 Without malice and animosity.

46. Councilman Surber commended Dave Crockett, Traffic and Lighting Department, for his interesting and informative report regarding an additional <sup>radio</sup> frequency which should prove of great benefit to the City, particularly the Police Department -- such acquisition at quite a saving of money. Praise is due all who contributed to this.

47. Councilman Surber: Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyous New Year to all.

48. Councilman Uerkwtiz: Thanks to Staff and to all employees -- all of whom have done an excellent job throughout the year, and whose expertise and loyalty is most sincerely appreciated. Merry Christmas; Happy New Year.

49. The success of Staff in convincing the PUC that the power poles should otherwise be located is deserving of praise, and gratitude, per Councilman Wilson.

50. The accomplishments of Mr. Don Giovani Sciarrotta -- a one-time City employee in the sewer crew who became interested in electronics and set up his first small recording studio in his garage; his business grew by leaps and bounds and he now has 1/4-million dollars in equipment and inventory -- further, Don Sciarrotta recorded the hit "Chick-A-Boom", winner of several trophies and a gold record, with his talents now directed toward a song entitled "TORRANCE" -- the foregoing reported by Councilman Wilson who, in line with Council recognition of the achievements of Torrance residents, MOVED that an appropriate permanent plaque resolution be prepared. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

It was added by Dr. Wilson that it is of particular note that Mr. Don Sciarrotta was responsible for recording the sound for the Recreation Department film on leisure time -- a service without cost to the City.

51. Councilman Wilson pointed out, with regret, that this meeting will bid farewell to Mrs. Mary Ann Lee, the Los Angeles Times reporter at Council meetings -- Dr. Wilson extended his thanks for a job well done, and assured her that she will be sorely missed, a sentiment concurred in by the Council.

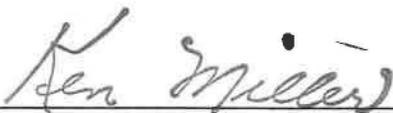
Mary Ann responded with like gratitude for her Torrance assignment, and requested that the Council afford her successor, Mr. Ray Ripton, the same fine support she has enjoyed.

52. Mayor Miller: Happy Holidays to Staff -- the Council is most appreciative of the fine effort and cooperation throughout the year, and to the many, many citizens interested in the City who have participated in the many considerations before the Council.

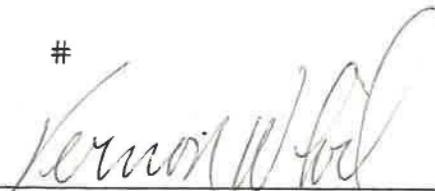
Mayor Miller expressed his personal gratitude to Staff who has so ably supported and assisted him in his relatively new role as Mayor -- the "learning process" is a most strenuous experience.

At 7:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 4, 1972 at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



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

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