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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 a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 1970, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil 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:

Mrs. Lee Title, at the request of Mayor Miller, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by The Reverend Hugh Percy, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the meetings of April 28, 1970 and April 29, 1970 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

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agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - None.

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At 5:05 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for a Personnel Session re: appointments to Planning Commission and Joint Powers Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections and it was so ordered.

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The Council returned at 6:10 P.M.

Mayor Miller clarified Council procedure for the benefit of those in attendance at a Council meeting for the first time.

At 6:11 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

The Council returned to its agenda at 6:12 P.M.

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8A. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Miller announced the following appointments:

AIRPORT COMMISSION:
John Smith

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:
Dean Cole (reappointed)
Guy H. Lee, Jr.
Mrs. Cathryn Geissert

PLANNING COMMISSION:
James Armstrong (reappointed)
Ralph Grippo

JOINT POWERS COMMITTEE:
Karl E. Deibel
J. Walker Owens
John Bramhall

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a unanimous vote be cast for the above appointments. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to the Honorable James D. Hittle, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, who served as Grand Marshal and Reviewing Officer of the 1970 Armed Forces Day Parade.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE HONORABLE JAMES D. HITTLE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS, WHO SERVED AS GRAND MARSHAL AND REVIEWING OFFICER OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-99. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to James A. Davidson, nationally recognized leader in the area of youth bands, for his exceptional contributions to youth and music, thus advancing the musical heritage of young people in the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JAMES A. DAVIDSON, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER IN THE AREA OF YOUTH BANDS, FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUTH AND MUSIC, THUS ADVANCING THE MUSICAL HERITAGE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-114. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10A. PERMAPLAQUE FOR BERNARD DONAHUE.

(May 12th meeting)

Mayor Miller referred to Resolution No. 70-106/commending Mr. Donahue, and MOVED that the resolution be permaplaqued for presentation to him. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PRESENTATION:

- 11. Presentation of Savings Bonds. Awards for winner of Torrance Beautiful Commission's annual high school essay contest.

Chairman Burchfield, Torrance Beautiful Commission, introduced essay contest winners and presented a \$25.00 Savings Bond to: Stete Devitt, Kenneth Martin, Mark Judd, Doree Van Fleet, and Steven Shimizu.

Grand prize winner, Miss Janna Vyzralek, South High School, was presented with a \$50.00 Savings Bond for her essay "Is Ugliness Here to Stay?". Miss Vyzralek read her winning essay aloud which was warmly applauded by those present.

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As a point of personal privilege, Councilman Johnson announced that this is Realty Week, and this evening the Realty Board is observing "Homeowners Night" with a reception for Mr. Phillip Watson, County Tax Assessor, scheduled; all were invited to attend this affair.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

- 12. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - SANITARY SEWER IN 234TH STREET BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND PENNSYLVANIA (B70-15) Job #70006.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1. That the work be accepted; and
- 2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Sokol Construction and Engineering Company.

- 13. AWARD OF CONTRACT - SPORTING EQUIPMENT.

Withdrawn for further study.

- 14. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

- 1. \$456.10 to Industrial Electric for 36 only 1000-watt flood lamps as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for park lighting.
- 2. \$491.40 to Keenan Pipe & Supply Company for 200 feet of 6-inch water pipe as requested by the Water Department for makeup of water hydrants.
- 3. \$1195.95 to Cash Electronics for 1150 feet of 1-inch PVC conduit, 350 feet of 2-inch PVC conduit and 2500 feet of #2 wire as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

4. \$312.38 to Noland Paper Company for 25,000 sheets of quality Toro Text-laid finish yellow text paper as requested by the Central Services Division for use in printing the summer information flyer to go to Torrance Elementary Schools.
- B. REIMBURSABLE:
5. \$454.65 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one only 6-inch water flow detector as requested by the Water Department for use at the Consolidated Products Service. Payment has already been received for this service.
- C. SPECIAL ITEMS:
6. \$675.82 to Needham Book Finders for 264 adult books.
 7. \$4892.47 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 362 adult books and 489 juvenile books.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #12 and #14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

HEARINGS:

15. APPEAL to City Council on the action of License Review Board re: Toy Box, 1664 Cravens Avenue.

Present on this matter was the owner of the Toy Box, Mr. Edward J. Lonergan, 21208 Berendo Avenue, Torrance, who reported his understanding that the license issued to him was to be withdrawn. Mayor Miller pointed out that no action has been taken yet; the Council is now hearing the appeal of the case, at the request of Councilman Uerkwitz.

Councilman Uerkwitz clarified that in this particular location the downtown area is inundated with bars, and there seems to be no end to a type of infiltration there of this type of operation; Mr. Uerkwitz has reservations that this would not cause difficulties if this direction is continued.

Councilman Uerkwitz thereupon MOVED to suspend the conditional use permit for The Toy Box and refer the matter to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation, with instructions to refer the matter back to the Council for final action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the comment of Mr. Lonergan that the decision made at this meeting has a reflection upon the decision of the ABC, and, with his attorney out of town, he is somewhat at a loss as to how to proceed.

Councilman Uerkwitz advised him that the consideration by the Planning Commission will afford the opportunity to state his position in this case; there is no foreclosing of the opportunity to present the subject case. Added by Councilman Johnson was the fact that two very reputable people have contacted him regarding the high integrity and character of Mr. Lonergan; it should be understood that this action does not in any way reflect on the character of the proponent. It was the further comment of Mr. Johnson that the Toy Box is much too close to the theatre nearby and could possibly cause many problems; the downtown area is already overpopulated with beer bars, in the opinion of Councilman Johnson.

It was the recommendation of the City Attorney that in order to be fair to Mr. Lonergan, and if the motion is to be adopted, that judgment by the Councilmen be suspended until the Planning Commission recommendation is received and the proponent has a chance to comment before the Council.

Mayor Miller then advised Mr. Lonergan that he will have a hearing before the Planning Commission, and that this is not the time or place to hear this case; the motion is simply to refer to the Planning Commission where the hearing will take place. The Mayor then stated that there is no necessity for any discussion from either side at this point.

A date should be stipulated, in the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz, so that this matter will not be unduly prolonged -- Mr. Uerkwitz then AMENDED HIS MOTION to include "no later than June 23rd." This was satisfactory with Councilman Wilson who had seconded the motion.

Mr. Lonergan returned to state that the delay kills him -- he has limited funds and the time limit is a considerable problem. He added that he applied on March 9th for a license from ABC, and shortly thereafter he applied for a business license -- on the 29th day the Torrance Police Department filed a protest with the ABC (there being a 30 day time limit for so doing) -- this after the business license was granted, and this matter has now been delayed by ABC approximately 75 days, now that license is in jeopardy based upon the Police Department's report. Now, on May 5th, he was notified that Council desired to review the business license; this has resulted in a delay until June, and the appeals before him appear endless, representing substantial costs and time consuming effort.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion was unanimously favorable.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 16. ORDINANCE amending Section 14.5.1 of the City Code relating to the composition of the Police Department, with recommendation of Civil Service Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2081

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.5.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2081 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Officer Phillip Joseph, representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, stated that they have not yet met and conferred with reference to the Assistant Police Chief position; he reviewed the history of this position, and stated that it now appears the Police Department is the minority group, with the elimination of this position. The elimination of the Assistant Police Chief position is adamantly opposed by the TPOA, and there is no other action but to go to the courts, according to Mr. Joseph.

City Attorney Remelmeyer, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, stated that he does not believe this is a "meet and confer" item: in the ordinance the structures of the various departments are specifically reserved from the "meet and confer" items, and the State law uses the terms "wages, salaries, terms and conditions of employment" -- hence it is not a "meet and confer" item either under the City's ordinance or State law. Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson added that notice has been given to TPOA in the form designated by the Council in that the agenda was sent to the TPOA and they have the right on matters which are not within the scope of representation to request a "meet and consult" session with management before it reaches the Council; such a formal request was not made, it being noted that a delay on the item had been requested by Lieutenant Oates on behalf of TPOA.

Officer Joseph reiterated the opposition of TPOA to the ordinance.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he would have preferred to see a Captain go in.

17. ORDINANCE relating to probationary periods for members of Police and Fire Departments.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2082

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.3.8, ARTICLE 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADDING SECTION 14.5.3, ARTICLE 5, AND SECTION 14.6.3, ARTICLE 6 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO PROBATIONARY PERIODS FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2082 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. REQUEST FOR BOND RELEASE from developer of Tract No. 30596.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That bond be reduced but not released.

The developer, Mr. Robert H. Dunn, Wells Fargo Bank Building, was present to reiterate his feeling that the required work can never be accomplished with the prevailing conditions, and relief was requested. Mr. Dunn added that the amount recommended by the Engineering Department is not sufficient relief inasmuch as he done all the work on one side; the tax bond is of interest to him as well. City Engineer Weaver noted that the City is not involved in the tax bond, this is a matter strictly between the developer and the County Assessor.

An evident hardship was noted by Mayor Miller, with Mr. Dunn willing to put the improvements in but finding it impossible to do so since his property never became part of the assessment district. Discussion followed as to some method of affording relief to Mr. Dunn -- one of two ways was recommended, a time certificate deposit or that the money be deposited with the City of the estimated sum in cash. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject sum of money be given to the City and the bond be released. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified that the above action will mean that Mr. Dunn is paying the money to the City and is forever released.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. IMPROVEMENT OF CARSON STREET FROM CARSON PARK TO WESTERN AVENUE. (SS PROJECT 189).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$95,000 in State Gas Tax Funds be appropriated for the referenced improvement.
2. That the subject Resolution requesting County Highways Through Cities Funds in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the referenced project be adopted.
3. That the Engineering Department be instructed to solicit voluntary street widening dedications and/or parking restrictions in an effort to save existing trees.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM "HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON CARSON STREET BETWEEN CARSON PARK AND WESTERN AVENUE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-116. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

20. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL STEEL SHELVING FOR SOUTHEAST TORRANCE BRANCH LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve an award to the W.R. Ames Company for the required steel shelving for the Southeast Torrance Branch Library per original low bid prices (as submitted for the new Central Library) in the amount of \$5,524.58 including tax. Shelving would be purchased from the 1967 Bond funds.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Librarian and Purchasing Supervisor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

21. RESOLUTION authorizing a certain letter agreement between the City and the County of Los Angeles for use of the County Bandwagon, with letter from Director of Recreation and agreement letter from the County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CERTAIN LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR USE OF THE COUNTY BANDWAGON.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-115. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. DONATION OF \$150.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That the City Council accept the donation of \$150 from the National Supply Employees Club and that the money be used for projects at the Albert Bartlett Adult Center.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to occur with the above recommendation of the Director of Recreation to accept the subject donation of \$150. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

23. ORAL PRESENTATION RE: CAMPUS PROTESTS.

El Camino Associated Student Body President, Mr. Dave Bert, 3720 Emerald Street, Apt. E-1, distributed two flyers relative to current campus unrest and a student organization titled "Students and Community for Freedom of Education". Mr. Bert then outlined the efforts of this organization to remedy campus problems -- the riots, burning of buildings, picketing, curtailment of classes and disruption thereof, etc. It was requested that this Council permit a resolution prepared by this organization (read aloud at this time) to appear on the Council agenda for May 26th for adoption -- the subject resolution recommending that the Board of Trustees at El Camino College remember their responsibilities to the students and taxpayers of the El Camino College District and start strictly enforcing all Board policy and Education Code.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that what has happened on college campuses is a very serious situation -- however, there is need for consideration of what is proposed by Mr. Bert and the implications thereof. At the present time, Dr. Wilson continued, there is a tendency to swing from one extreme to the other, and as there is indeed danger of carrying this academic freedom so far as to lose the priceless heritage that has been in existence at colleges and universities. The reference in the material to "refuse the use by any one of our colleges for any form of classroom seminars on strike-related issues" would close one of the most important avenues for students to understand what is happening in the world today, this being a dynamic society with changing modes, and there is a need for open and honest discussion. Councilman Wilson added that he would like to very seriously study what Mr. Bert proposes that the Council endorse -- there is sympathy with the idea that taxpayers and students have a right to the education which they have paid for, but, by the same token, the implications must be studied very carefully if it is carried to point where it is stated that only certain things can be discussed and others cannot.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that he could understand Dr. Wilson's concern, but he feels it would be hypocritical for the Council to say to the people why doesn't the "silent majority" get involved, why isn't something done -- and then when these gentlemen want to do something, take the attitude that to do something might create trouble. Councilman Wilson clarified that it is his feeling that the issue should be studied. Mr. Uerkwitz stated that he felt there was nothing to study, this kind of action has been a long time coming, and MOVED that the subject resolution be adopted by the Council tonight. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mr. Peter Conway, Associated Students, El Camino College, spoke at this time advising the Council that he is a "defector", having been a "revolutionary" five years ago working for the radical movement; he knows exactly where it is going and what it is going to do. Mr. Conway was in agreement that communication should not be stifled; however, he does not feel that it is pertinent to the curriculum of everyday education to stop one form of classes in replacement of another.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that he is very, very much in sympathy with the remarks of these gentlemen, and he will not hesitate to vote on the resolution at this meeting. Mr. Sciarrotta added that he knows exactly what is going on, as a teacher at Long Beach City College, and would agree that there is great danger from within; it is hoped that these efforts will gain momentum throughout the entire United States.

An attempt to go by established rules is the motive for this presentation, in the opinion of Councilman Surber; this is the trouble with most of today's society, they want to make the rules as they go along. There are prescribed rules and regulations at the schools, but fear is instilled by these dissenting groups and they bend with the breeze. Councilman Surber reiterated his

his previously voiced objection to the use of North High School by the Black Panthers, and the opinions expressed there -- this is not, in Councilman Surber's opinion, the proper expression of freedom of speech. He then commended the proponents in this matter, and stated that he would be in favor of Councilman Uerkwitz' motion.

It was the further comment of Councilman Wilson that he feels the Council is acting at a very emotional level -- it was not his intent to leave the impression that he is in sympathy with the strike movement, other than the fact that he is asking for an appeal to this body to very seriously deliberate and consider the contents of the resolution. Dr. Wilson cannot go along with what has been stated as to who is to give the permission for anyone to use the colleges or even the high schools -- by what right does he have the authority to say who can or cannot -- this is a very serious matter, and Councilman Wilson cannot see why a delay of one week would seriously affect the cause one way or another.

Support of the request of Messrs. Bert and Conway was expressed by Councilman Johnson who commended them as well for their courage -- it is long past time that someone in the college ranks took the bull by the horns. Mr. Johnson further stated that he is not opposed to peaceful demonstration, but when disobedience of the rules becomes apparent, and there is no enforcement of the law, then it is time that someone stood up to be counted. This is merely a request, in the opinion of Councilman Johnson, that the college obey the rules, or enforce the laws, that they maintain are good for the schools; he would favor passage of such a resolution here and now -- further delay will result in shame for proscration in performing the real duties and responsibilities of the Council.

Councilman Brewster stated that he was without a soapbox; however, he feels all the Council is in sympathy with these efforts -- he simply is in agreement with Councilman Wilson that one week's postponement is the conservative, rational thing to do. Councilman Brewster added that, in his opinion, it would be irresponsible of a public body to take an oral presentation of this nature and act on it hastily.

In concurrence that there was a need for study and interpretation was Mayor Miller -- one week would present no problem, and is in line with the request of the proponents, and he would so recommend.

Mr. Brian Gauthier, 5120 Deelane, former El Camino student, stated that he hoped the Council would concur with the recommended one week delay -- research relative to the rules at El Camino was also recommended by him, perhaps they are obsolete and need updating.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That the subject resolution be placed on the Council agenda for May 26th, and that the legality be investigated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

City Attorney Remelmeyer commented that the resolution is legal, but that it is completely without Council jurisdiction -- the Council has no control over El Camino or any other School District. It was Mr. Remelmeyer's suggestion that before passing the resolution that the Board of Trustees at El Camino be invited to send a representative so that the other side of the case might be heard.

At Councilman Johnson's question as to any harm done if it is desired to indicate support of the contents of the resolution, Mr. Remelmeyer stated that he cannot reply to that, that being a question of each Councilman's judgment; his above comments were made as a lawyer.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Comments at the time of their "no" votes were:
Councilman Johnson, it is his hope that the resolution can be passed tonight, otherwise he would reverse his vote.
Councilman Uerkwitz, for the reason that the Council should pass the resolution tonight and support these gentlemen in their efforts because it has been asked so many times for someone to stand up and be counted; when they stand up, there's procrastination.
Councilman Surber: His "no" vote was for the reason that the Council will wait one week too long once.

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24. Letter from Torrance Chamber of Commerce re:
Airport Days.

The Executive Vice President of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. Walker Owens, was present to request permission to confer with the Airport Commission relative to the conduct of the 1970 Airport Days in an attempt to make this an event to remember and a credit to the community.

MOTION: Commissioner Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above request and refer the matter of Airport Days to the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

It was the suggestion of City Manager Ferraro that this also be routed through the Council Transportation Committee; there were no objections.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. INTERNATIONAL SURFING FESTIVAL.RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That the Recreation Department be authorized to use its Staff as leaders in the International Surfing Festival, August 6-7-8-9, 1970, and that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$750.00 from the General Fund for the purpose of becoming a member-city of this International Surfing Festival.

Captain Dwight Crum, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Chairman of the International Surfing Festival committee, advised the Council that the Australian team has been invited for 1971 and is so committed -- the \$750 from each city will barely cover the current expenses and the expenses incurred until next budget in preparation for this 1971 event.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

26. Appropriation of funds and approval of trip to Phoenix, Arizona.

The possibility of Edison Company providing the transportation for the proposed Phoenix trip to view their installation was reviewed by the Council. It was agreed to hold this over to the adjourned meeting of May 21st to permit Staff to ascertain whether or not this could be done. Councilman Brewster so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:27. RESOLUTION RE: Assembly Bill No. 1709.

City Attorney Remelmeyer distributed a resolution prepared by him relative to A.B. 1709 pertaining to Cable TV and the imposition of a ceiling on maximum fees therefrom; the subject resolution urges defeat of A.B. 1709 inasmuch as it will restrict the City of Torrance in its total revenue picture, and also represents another infringement on home rule. Mr. Remelmeyer elaborated on the impact of such legislation, stating that it can not be in the best interests of the City of Torrance and its people.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGENTLY REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO DEFEAT AND THE GOVERNOR TO VETO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1709.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-117. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. Councilman Brewster reported on the fame achieved by the Torrance Jaycees at its recent convention in Palm Springs, being voted the outstanding local in their division by city population as well as the outstanding local in the State of California; their president was voted the outstanding president, and numerous first place prizes in the category of public affairs were received.

Councilman Brewster MOVED that an appropriate resolution be permaplaqued for presentation to the Torrance Jaycees at their annual Installation Banquet in June. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. Councilman Sciarrotta reminded the Council that this is the date selected for establishment of the Council Committees. The choices were made, with the following results:

CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL:

- Councilman Johnson, Chairman
- Councilman Sciarrotta
- Councilman Surber

FINANCE:

- Councilman Sciarrotta, Chairman
- Councilman Surber
- Councilman Johnson

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Councilman Wilson, Chairman
- Councilman Brewster
- Councilman Johnson

POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Councilman Uerkwitz, Chairman
- Councilman Sciarrotta
- Councilman Brewster

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Councilman Brewster, Chairman
- Councilman Wilson
- Councilman Uerkwitz

TRANSPORTATION:

- Councilman Surber, Chairman
- Councilman Uerkwitz
- Councilman Wilson.

30. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that City Manager Ferraro direct a letter to the Daily Breeze commending them for the favorable publicity afforded police departments recently; they are to be lauded for this public-service type advertising.

31. Praise is due the Police Department for their handling of the Armed Forces Day Parade, in the opinion of Councilman Wilson.

32. Councilman Wilson referred to S.B. 1100 and the need for Council support and S.B. 969 which should be opposed, and the communication from Planning Director Shartle pertaining thereto. Councilman Wilson moved that an appropriate resolution be prepared; his motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved.

33. Further noted by Councilman Wilson was the meeting of the Goals Committee on May 27th at 7:30 P.M. -- the Council Community Development Committee should be in attendance as well.

34. Mayor Miller reported on the particular pleasure afforded him by meeting Assistant Secretary of the Navy James Hittle on Armed Forces Day.

35. Mr. Mitchell Toland, Carson Estate Company, requested permission to use property presently being developed with apartments for the location of a trailer to provide rental information. Director of Building and Safety McKinnon advised that the ordinance provides for such temporary uses and is a matter that can be simply and rapidly handled by his department.

36. Mr. Ernie Willbanks, Chamber of Commerce, reminded the Council of "Torrance Day" at Sacramento on May 20th, and outlined the itinerary therefor.

37. Mrs. Stella Billings, 4129 West 178th, reported on the relocation difficulties encountered by Mrs. Yniguez of the Pueblo area and requested that she be given the same length of time as others have received. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that Mrs. Yniguez had received the same treatment as everyone else.

Mrs. Toby Yniguez, 2209 Del Amo Blvd., stated that she had been advised by a representative of the City that certain other people had been granted a 30-day extension until June 12th; Mrs. Yniguez received only one week. She also outlined the difficulties she has had in trying to find another place to live.

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Mayor Miller pointed out the need for an Executive Session at this time, to be discussed are certain legal problems relative to the Pueblo area. It was the Mayor's request that all present interested in this area remain, but no other business will be transacted on the Council's return to the Chambers.

At 8:05 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council recess into Executive Session. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous.

The Council returned at 8:35 P.M.

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Mayor Miller stated that Staff apprised the Council of the situation in regard to the Pueblo area in the Executive Session -- the Mayor then stated that Mrs. Yniguez would have until midnight, May 26th, to move; further, the Council directed Staff to work with Mrs. Yniguez in the intervening time to assist in the relocation. Also requested by the Council was that Staff contact the School District to determine whether or not Mrs. Yniguez' children might attend Torrance schools even though it may be necessary for them to move out of the City.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman reaffirmed that all the people in this situation had received the same treatment; information to the contrary was erroneous.

Staff was directed to see that all interested, affected parties be advised of the time extension.

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At 8:40 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to Thursday, May 21, 1970, at 4:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Vernon W. Coil
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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:
Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance