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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, July 7, 1970, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Johnson was absent.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Councilman Sciarrotta led in the Salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the Minutes of June 18 and June 19 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Brewster moved that all properly audited demands be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson and Mayor Miller
NOES: Councilmen: None
ABSENT: Councilmen: Johnson

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Works Committee - July 7, 1970, 4:30 PM

Noted.

City Manager Ferraro requested that an executive session be held at some time before Item 19 is considered. To be discussed during the executive session would be two items -- one pertaining to the City Attorneys employee unit, and the other concerned a letter received from Attorney Pat Smith on behalf of some of the Confidential Employees.

PRESENTATIONS:9. PLAQUE commending Thiem Industries, Incorporated for being the Nation's Subcontractor of the Year

Councilman Wilson presented to Mr. Harry Schauwecker, Executive Vice President of Thiem Industries, Incorporated, a plaque commending his organization for having been selected the most outstanding small business in the United States.

9A. RECOGNITION to Economy Car Run Winners; presentation made by Officer Al Jackson, Torrance Police Department

Officer Al Jackson introduced the first, second and third place winners of the recently held Economy Run sponsored by the Torrance Police Department, and described their activities in detail. The outstanding accomplishments of these young men were recognized by everyone.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council go into executive session with Staff to consider the matters previously mentioned by City Manager Ferraro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously. The time was 5:45 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:17 PM at which time the following item was considered:

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2102

It was the feeling of Councilman Sciarrotta that the Council should proceed to adopt the Ordinance but refer the premium pay portion to Management for further clarification. If the Ordinance isn't adopted, he continued, those employees affected would be penalized since the salaries are not retroactive. The other members of the Council agreed with his thinking on the matter.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

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ORDINANCE NO. 2102

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART IV TO CHAPTER 7,
DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS
FOR CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2102 for the second final reading with the stipulation that the premium pay (Section 17.44.6) portion will be referred to Management for clarification. Councilman Surber seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

COMMENDATIONS:10. RESOLUTION commending North High School Girl's Softball Team

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE NORTH
HIGH GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM ON BECOMING SOUTH
BAY GIRLS' INTER-SCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONS.

Councilman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-157. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously. (To be perma-plaqued)

At 6:22 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

The Council meeting reconvened at 6:25 PM at which time the following item was considered:

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:11. EXTENSION OF TIME for two billboards for Kenland Development Co.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director that the extension be granted. Mayor Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REAL PROPERTY:12. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER regarding contract for Services of Real Estate Technician

An objection to the recommended procedure for obtaining the services of a Real Estate Technician was voiced by John Kirkpatrick, Civil Service Committee Chairman of the Engineers. It was his opinion that many of the duties involved in such a position are currently being accomplished by legal stenographers and it appeared to him to be more logical to go through the Civil Service Commission, if, indeed, another person needs to be hired, and commence proceedings to hire a Temporary Legal Stenographer. His association did not question the need for an additional person, but rather did not want to see a precedent established for hiring employees outside the realm of the Civil Service System.

City Attorney Remelmeyer described the growing problem in his office with the increasing property acquisitions which are becoming more and more difficult to keep track of. He agreed that some of the work involved can be done by a Legal Stenographer, but certainly not the negotiating, or certain other similar aspects of the job. Basically, the person hired for this position must have a knowledge of real estate -- there would be some secretarial duties, but certainly, not the major portion would be such. Further, Mr. Remelmeyer was not sure exactly where such an additional person would fit in -- in his office, City Manager's office, Engineering Department or where. What he proposed to do was to hire the employee on the contract basis, for a 6 month period, and during this 6 month period, a study could be made with contributions from Personnel Director Donovan, City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's office as to whether the position should actually be continued and made a permanent one, whether it should be abolished, or what.

Councilman Uerkwitz expressed the opinion that the "experiment" Mr. Remelmeyer mentioned was a farce -- he already indicated that the position was needed. The only thing which could possibly result as a consequence of affirmative action on the part of the Council would be to create another position in the City, and eventually, perhaps, another Department to perform duties already being adequately taken care of by the present Staff. He then moved that the request be denied. Surber seconded the motion.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, the discussion continued during which time City Attorney Remelmeyer further justified the need for subject position. Mr. Kirkpatrick appeared to agree that perhaps the extra position was necessary but maintained that the employee should be hired through the Civil Service System on a temporary basis. City Manager Ferraro commented that it was a question of money, basically -- a contracted employee does not receive vacation, sick leave, disability, health or life insurance -- none of the benefits that a regular City employee.

Councilman Sciarrotta offered a substitute motion: he moved that someone be hired for subject position on a temporary and exploratory basis with the stipulation that during the 6 months of employment of said person, that a study be made of the position in order to determine whether or not a permanent position should be created. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried as follows:

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

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

13. APPEAL regarding installation of 3-way stop at Calle Miramar and Via Estrellita

First to speak regarding subject appeal was Mr. Donald Bradfield, 655 Calle Miramar, who described the problem in his area. His street is very narrow, without sidewalks, without crosswalks, and without a stop sign at the intersection in question. A rough count showed that approximately 2,000 cars per day traverse that street, going in one direction, and many of the drivers do travel at excessive speeds. There are many

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small children in the area whose only play area other than their own yards is a small green area across the street. Mr. Bradfield alleged that he had contacted the Traffic Commander in the Torrance Police Department, Lt. Cook who promised the placement of a radar car in the vicinity. This did not actually happen until after a second request was made, but the results were not encouraging since the car was readily visible to motorists, and they naturally, slowed down upon seeing the police car.

Mr. Henry Bly, 112 Via Estrellita, agreed in substance with the comments made by Mr. Bradfield. He added that he lived on the corner of Via Estrellita and Calle Miramar and that this intersection was a "blind corner" with cars travelling at speeds up to 35 miles per hour, making it extremely dangerous for him to even back out of his driveway.

Mr. Robert Farnham, 648 Calle Miramar, added his views to the problem being discussed, and maintained, in rebuttal to statements purportedly made to him by Traffic Engineer Arthur Horkay that Calle Miramar was a through street and that the placement of a stop sign at the intersection would merely add more fumes to the already over-polluted atmosphere, that "it was about time that automobiles became secondary to human life."

Next to speak was George Schneider, 636 Calle Miramar, pointed out that there have been at least 3 accidents in that area -- all involved children, and one of the children run over was his son, yet he was told repeatedly, he said, by the Traffic Engineer that there were no reported accidents in the vicinity in question.

Mr. Dick Hall, President of the Riveria Homeowners Association, wholeheartedly concurred with the statements previously made by the above named homeowners. Upon the conclusion of his statements, Mayor Miller moved, inasmuch as this intersection, similar to many others in the City, is potentially dangerous and yet the statistics do not convey this accident potential, that a 3-way stop sign be placed at the intersection of Calle Miramar and Via Estrellita and that a report be submitted within 6 months by the Traffic Engineer as to the conditions which have prevailed as the result of the placement of these stop signs. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Brewster commented that he felt Mr. Horkay's point was well taken -- that children should not rely on the placement of stop signs and consequently become careless in dashing out into the street and he hoped that their parents stress this fact in educating their children.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

14. PALOS VERDES AVIATION COMPANY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Mobile Fueling Concession

Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and the Airport Commission that subject request be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

15. PRESENTATION of preliminary plans for Southeast Torrance Library

City Librarian West advised that this was the third phase of the 1967 Library Bond Issue and he introduced to the Council, Mr. Wendell Mounce, President of Earl Heitschmidt and Associates who

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provided an interesting and informative description of the building to be constructed and illustrated his presentation by referring to an artist's conception of the completed project. The Council was pleased with the overall presentation of the proposed Library and Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Librarian -- that the preliminary plans for the Southeast Torrance Library be approved and that the architect be authorized to proceed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

16. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - 1970. RESOLUTION NO. 70-159

The fact that subject item constituted a public hearing was announced by Mayor Miller. No one in the audience wished to be heard and Councilman Sciarrotta subsequently moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 70-143.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-159. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2100

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2100

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.91.1 OF PART IX, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THE CLASSES OF POOL CASHIER CLERK AND POOL LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES FOR SEASONAL - RECURRENT EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2100 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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18. ORDINANCE NO. 2101

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2101

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART II, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1138, IAFF.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2101 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously.

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2103

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2103

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART X OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2103 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2104

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2104

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 77.2.2, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, SUBSTITUTING THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER IN LIEU OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AS A MEMBER OF THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2104. His motion carried unanimously after being seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

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22. ORDINANCE NO. 2105

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2105

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 88.8.1, CHAPTER 8, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, SUBSTITUTING A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY IN LIEU OF A MEMBER OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Councilman Brewster clarified that the passing of subject Ordinance is an interim measure which can be repealed or modified, if it becomes necessary to do so, following the completion of the study being undertaken by the Council Public Works Committee.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2105 at its second and final reading. The motion was passed unanimously after being seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2107

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2107

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2106 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Mr. Chris Sorenson, 21150 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, protested the extension of subject moratorium on behalf of the property owners, Inglewood Farms, Frances Foley and the prospective purchaser -- Scott Watt -- stating that the City in so extending the moratorium is tying up "a million dollars worth of property." Planning Director Shartle refreshed the Council's memory as to when and how the moratorium originated and further advised that at present his Department is conducting a study as to the possible rezoning of the property to M-L. As a result of the continuing discussion on this item, the Council directed the Planning Department to study the feasibility of rezoning the property to R-3 at the same time they are performing the M-L study. City Manager Ferraro stated that he would be sure that the Council's directions would be carried out and that the proper advertising would be effected.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2107 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller and carried unanimously.

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24. ORDINANCE NO. 2109

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2109

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE ERECTION OR OTHER PLACEMENT OF FACTORY BUILT HOUSES ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD PENDING A STUDY THEREOF BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2108 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2109 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber and carried as follows:

- AYES: Councilmen: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller
- NOES: Councilmen: Wilson
- ABSENT: Councilmen: Johnson

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300

A. BUDGETED

- 1. \$1,231.65 to Morris Kirk & Son, Inc. for 6,000 pounds of caulking lead as requested by the Water Department.
- 2. \$ 939.75 to Albro Fire Equipment Company for ten (10) pairs of fire fighters boots, twelve (12) "Hoffman" fire fighter turnout coats and thirteen (13) "Hoffman" fire fighter turnout pants as requested by the Fire Department as replacements.

B. REIMBURSABLE

- 3. \$ 996.96 to 3M Company for two (2) complete traffic signal heads and miscellaneous hardware as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department as replacement units for the State signal system recently acquired for servicing by Torrance. This is a manufacture direct purchase. The cost of these replacement units will be reimbursable from the State Division of Highways in accordance with our maintenance contract agreement.

C. SPECIAL

- 4. \$ 787.50 to G. P. Putnams Son for one (1) only subscription to the Greenaway Plan, July 1, 1970, through June 30, 1971. This plan includes the mailing of preview copies of new books which includes about 320 titles per year.

26. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 3 only Rubbish packer bodies, 25 cubic yard size - \$24,955.78 Expenditure, Reference Bid #B69-73

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That the Council accept the low bid price offer from Garwood-

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L.A. Truck Equipment Company and approve of the awarding of the contract to them for these three only budgeted 25 cu. yd. packer bodies in the amount of \$24,955.78 including tax.

- 27. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Van Ness Avenue from San Diego Freeway to Del Amo Boulevard (B70-34) Job #6606. City Engineer recommends that the contract be awarded to Ken H. Jones and Company and all other bids be rejected

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Ken H. Jones & Co. and that all other bids be rejected.

- 28. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Storm Drain in Earl Street at Maricopa Street (B70-18) Job #70029.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted; and that final payment be made to the contractor, Norman T. Ruggles.

- 29. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Improvement of East "T" Hangar Area at Torrance Municipal Airport - Job #70019 (B69-57).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER AND AIRPORT MANAGER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Sully-Miller Contracting Co.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Agenda Items #25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 be approved as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster and carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson and Mayor Miller

NOES: Councilmen: None

ABSENT: Councilmen: Johnson

- 30. IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD -(Project SS-224)

Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and the City Traffic Engineer. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, as is shown below:

AYES: Councilmen: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson and Mayor Miller

NOES: Councilmen: None

ABSENT: Councilmen: Johnson

ADDENDUM ITEM:

- 31. ORDINANCE RE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING DENSITY IN MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2111

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A SECTION TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO DEFINE UTILITY AREA; AMENDING SECTIONS 91.7.9,

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91.8.5, 91.9.10, 91.10.2, 91.20.0, AND 91.21.8 OF SAID CODE REGARDING LAND AREA PER DWELLING IN THE R-3, R-R-3, R-4, R-P, C-1 and C-2 ZONES TO REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR HIGH DENSITY APARTMENTS; ADDING A SECTION REGARDING THE R-P ZONE TO ARTICLE 10, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 9 OF SAID CODE ENTITLED "LOT DIMENSIONS"; AND ADDING A SECTION TO ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 9 OF SAID CODE TO SPECIFY THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING RESIDENTIAL DENSITY IN EXCESS OF THE CODE PROVISIONS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2111. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Dick Hall, President of the Riveria Homeowners Association, informed the Council that his organization was very concerned with the utility formula as presented, particularly with the statement contained therein which stated "...the net cost of providing additional livability is more than compensated for by additional income provided by high density." The meaning behind this statement, and the reason for the creation of subject ordinance was explained in detail by Planning Director Shurtle and Planning Associate Carl Busse. Mr. Busse further delineated the history of apartment construction in the City and explained that the criteria established was not intended to be an incentive for higher density apartment building, but rather was meant to create a set of minimum standards in the construction of future apartments within the City, which standards would serve to upgrade the quality of these buildings. Any builder wishing to construct a higher density apartment than is permitted by the ordinance would have to appear before the Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Permit and still, there would be no guarantee that the plans would be approved.

Following Mr. Busse's informative presentation, roll call vote was taken on the motion which carried as follows:

- AYES: Councilmen: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson and Mayor Miller
- NOES: Councilmen: None
- ABSENT: Councilmen: Johnson

32. COUNCILMATIC LEAVE - Request by Lt. Charles B. Oates

Several of the Councilmen expressed the feeling that there should be some kind of limit or control on the number of days of Councilmatic Leave granted. Noted by City Manager Ferraro was the fact that the Torrance Police Officers Association had used 18 such days since April of 1969.

Councilman Surber wished to know if granting of such leave was legal? It was City Attorney Remelmeyer's reply that "probably" was the best answer he could give, in view of the fact that the courts over the past 10 years have favored employee participation in personnel problems, not only within their own city government, but in government as a whole.

Mayor Miller moved to approve the request with the stipulation that the matter be referred to the Council's Police and Fire Committee in order that an investigation could be made as to whether or not any limitations should be placed on future similar requests. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. City Clerk Coil reminded the Council that they must adjourn to 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 1970, to discuss the Capital Improvement Program at that time. In this connection, City Manager Ferraro requested that the Council consider only this year's Capital Improvement Program so as to avoid duplication of efforts, since Staff is presently in the process of hiring a Consultant who will perform a study as to the City's needs -- recreational and otherwise. Mayor Miller did not see any problem, in any event -- the Council will just listen to the comments and requests for priorities and then proceed from there.

34. City Manager Ferraro announced that no word had been received yet from Aeronca regarding the test cell they were going to set up at Airesearch. As soon as Management does hear from the company's attorney, Mr. Sweeney, they will so inform the Council.

35. Reported by City Manager Ferraro was the fact that Senior Administrative Assistant Jackson had been called out of the Council meeting last Tuesday night due to his receiving word that his wife had just given birth to a son. The baby was named Ramon Vincent and the last report was that mother and baby were both doing fine.

36. Noted by Councilman Brewster in the Fire Department's Annual Report was the fact that Torrance was in its 50th year of incorporation. (Incorporated May 1921) Since the date coincides with next year's Armed Forces Day celebration, he wondered if there was not a special event that could be worked out in this regard.

City Manager Ferraro advised that J. Walker Owens of the Chamber of Commerce had indicated to him that the Chamber was proposing some kind of a program for next year which would capitalize on the 50 year anniversary date; however, nothing definite had been established as yet.

37. Councilman Sciarrotta announced that Ernie Wilbanks will soon be leaving the Chamber of Commerce and he moved that an appropriate resolution and plaque be presented to him at the next Council meeting. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

38. One of the items discussed at the last Transportation Committee meeting was Airport Days, announced Councilman Surber. It was the Committee's recommendation that the Council adopt the program as submitted to include the air show. Councilman Surber then moved to adopt Airport Days 1970 as proposed by the Chamber subject to all Staff conditions. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

39. Another item considered by the Transportation Committee was Palos Verdes Aviation's request for an extension on the covenant to build deadlines in relief of liquidated damages. Councilman Surber moved to concur with Staff recommendations and with the recommendation of the Airport Commission in this regard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Jerry Glass, 1546 East 215th Place, Torrance, representing Palos Verdes Aviation,

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spoke, requesting that the Council reconsider and provide him with some sort of an extension on the liquidated damages, in view of the fact that he intended to commence proceedings to have \$15,000.00 worth of paving installed within 30 days on subject property.

A 5-minute recess was called at 8:10 P.M. in order to enable the Minute Secretary enough time to reverse the tape.

The discussion on Mr. Glass' request continued during which time it was pointed out that since taking over the company from its previous owners, Mr. Glass did pay some \$9,000 in back rent which the City might never have collected otherwise. Also, Mr. Glass felt he was showing good faith by the promise to install \$15,000 worth of paving which would revert back to the City, anyway, in case of default.

Councilman Uerkwitz commented that several extensions had been granted in the past, with promises to live up to the conditions of the lease. Councilman Surber felt that \$750.00 per month should not mean so much to the proponents of a \$100,000-plus development. It was the comment of Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield that, even if the \$15,000.00 worth of paving were installed, it was still no guarantee that the balance of the improvements would be completed.

Roll call vote was then taken on the motion which carried as follows:

- AYES: Councilmen: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, and Uerkwitz
- NOES: Councilmen: Wilson and Mayor Miller
- ABSENT: Councilmen: Johnson

40. Councilman Surber stated that he had received several complaints that there had been no flags put up on Torrance Boulevard on Independence Day. It seemed the reason for this omission was that it would be too expensive for the City to have this done since it would require overtime pay for certain employees. If the cost is really that great, that flags cannot be displayed on the City's main thoroughfare on a key holiday such as this, Councilman Surber continued, he would offer his services in the future. Further, he requested that a study be made to determine if the cost factor would really be that prohibitive. Assistant City Manager Scharfman stated that his office would follow up on the suggestion.

41. Announced by Mayor Miller was the fact that Supervisor Chase allocated \$50,000.00 today to the Carson Street Development.

42. Councilman Wilson reported that he had received complaints regarding the traffic hazards on two streets -- 171st Street and 164th Street in the vicinity of Carr Elementary School. He requested that a study be undertaken as to how traffic could be controlled on both streets. City Manager Ferraro confirmed that such a study would be prepared.

The hour being 8:25 P.M., the meeting was regularly adjourned to 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 1970, at which time the Capital Improvement Program will be discussed.

Sandra Sedwarft
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED BY:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance