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Adjourned at 11:30 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, August 25, 1970, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary, Deputy Attorney Allen, and Deputy City Clerk Moss. Absent: City Manager Ferraro, City Clerk Coil (vacations); City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Treasurer Rupert (out of town).

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Mr. John Dunbar led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by the Reverend Charles E. Robinson, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 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,

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seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Finance Committee: Councilman Sciarrotta reported on two items disposed of by this Committee: the appeal of the license fee by the American Postal Corporation; and the matter of encroachment permits.

Action by way of appropriate ordinances was recommended by Councilman Sciarrotta -- discussion ensued as to the customary procedure. Mayor Miller noted that the Committee reports are to serve only to inform the public; to take action without proper notification, and a formalized agenda item, is out of order. The Council indicated general concurrence with the Mayor's comments, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Finance Committee reports re: license fee appeal by the American Postal Corporation and encroachment permits be made regular agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Police and Fire Committee: It was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz that a meeting has been scheduled for September 15th to continue the "days off" consideration.

Public Works Committee: This committee will convene at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 1st, according to Councilman Brewster, to continue deliberations on the Streets and Highways Commission, and the makeup paving policy.

Goals Steering Committee: Councilman Wilson advised of the meeting this date and that the Council will soon be receiving the preliminary goals statements which have been determined by the various subcommittees.

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Mayor Miller noted that this 4th Tuesday meeting has been dedicated to the Torrance Beach Homeowners Association, and welcomed any and all who might be present.

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PRESENTATION:

9. AWARD OF PERMAPLAQUE to Swayne A. Johnson.

It was necessary to delay this presentation for the unique reason that Lieutenant Johnson was hopelessly entangled in Los Angeles traffic.

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COMMENDATION:

10. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Homer Morgan for his service to the City as a member of the Airport Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO HOMER MORGAN FOR HIS FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-191, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATION:

11. "Voter Registration 1970" - September 1 through 10, 1970.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

12. Appeal of Case S70-94 - Interstate Bakeries.
Wall signs and a revolving ground sign to advertise business in recently constructed building at 17811 South Western Avenue.

Present on this matter was Mr. Ronald Harris, 2228 Hollywood Way, Burbank, who explained the need for the revolving sign in that two separate brand names are advertised, this being, in his opinion, a unique feature.

Questioned by Councilman Johnson was whether or not it would be possible to substitute some of the wall sign space for the revolving sign -- Mr. Johnson added that he has no hang-up on revolving signs provided they do not spin around and detract -- in many cases they do a good job, particularly at corner locations. Councilman Johnson would concur in the proponent's need to expose two brand names, but felt that such a sign, with the wall signs, might represent oversigning. Another look at the entire situation was suggested by Councilman Johnson.

Discussion of the request followed, along with review of the Sign Review Committee action, with the following results:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the decision of the Sign Review Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, as follows:

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

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. REPORT ON APPEAL OF MAKEUP PAVING POLICY ON 190TH STREET.
Tract No. 29156 (Don Wilson Buildings) and
Tract No. 30638 (5520 W. 190th Street Corporation - C.N. Cake).

Councilman Brewster pointed out the compromise solution arrived at by the Council Public Works Committee in the subject appeal, adding that the Committee is continuing to review the entire makeup paving policy.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Council Public Works Committee; his motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS for Improvement of Beryl Street from 190th Street to the westerly City boundary, and 190th Street from westerly City boundary to 900 feet easterly of Beryl Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$20,000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds for the above described improvement.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. REVISION TO THE SELECT SYSTEM OF STREETS, adding 235th Street and Madrona Avenue thereto.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE REVISION TO
THE MAP AND REPORT FOR THE SELECT SYSTEM
AND REQUESTING THAT THE CALIFORNIA DEPART-
MENT OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVE SAID MAP AND
REPORT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-192. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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- 16. PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD WESTERLY OF MAPLE AVENUE (Beneficiary: R.G. Harris Company)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1. That the City Council initiate the vacation and waive the \$100 fee.
- 2. That the City Council approve and adopt the subject resolution summarily vacating a portion of Del Amo Boulevard, westerly of Maple Avenue.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD WEST OF MAPLE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-193. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

- 17. SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION in easement north of Hawthorne Boulevard from 238th Street to 580 feet north.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$6,500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for sanitary sewer construction as referenced.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

- 18. Tax Levy for the 1970-71 Fiscal Year.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council adopt the subject ordinances fixing the tax rates and levying taxes necessary to meet expenditures for the 1970-71 fiscal year.

Adoption of the ordinances represents the following fiscal actions:

- 1. Continuing the same City overall tax rate of \$1.138. This will be the 12th straight year that the tax rate has either been maintained or lowered.

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2. Financing an operating budget that provided for \$20,215,317 in expenditures and 1,103 employees.
3. Retaining approximately \$155,000 in the General Fund unappropriated surplus as a reserve for contingencies.

A presentation outlining the highlights of the 1970-71 annual budget was made by Finance Director Dundore, along with a financial forecast for the ensuing year.

Discussion followed on the financial picture presented -- it was noted by City Engineer Weaver that the County Road Commissioner has advised that Senate Bill 85, which makes a reallocation of Gas Tax in the State of California to a 60/40 split, has passed the Legislature and is now on the Governor's desk. It was suggested by the Road Commissioner, according to Mr. Weaver, that cities in Southern California go on record and urge the Governor to sign this bill; it might be appropriate if Council would direct Staff to send such a communication to the Governor, expressing Torrance's concern and urging his signature of the bill.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the City Manager, on behalf of the Council, direct a communication to the Governor endorsing S.B. 85. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The Council then returned to the matter of tax rates. At the request of Mayor Miller, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2135

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT
OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL
ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 1970-71, LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED
BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM
SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2135 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2136

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES
AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 1970.

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2136 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 7:40 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A general recess followed at 7:44 P.M.

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(Considered at this time, out of order:)

41. TORRANCE BOULEVARD LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT SERIES 25.
HEARING ON ASSESSMENT (1911 Act)

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place fixed in the "Notice of Filing Assessment and of Hearing" for hearing objections or protests on any matter relating to the proposed work or improvement, to any act or determination of the Superintendent of Streets or the City Engineer in relation thereto, to the contract for said work or the performance of said contract, to the correctness of the assessment or the diagram, or to any other act, determination or proceedings of the Superintendent of Streets, City Engineer, Engineer of Work, or to any matter at all relating to said work, the assessment district or the proceedings therefor.

Deputy City Clerk Moss presented the affidavits of publication, mailing, and posting notice of Filing Assessment and of Hearing. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the affidavits be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller then inquired if any written protests have been filed; Deputy City Clerk Moss responded that no written protests had been received.

There was no response to Mayor Miller's request for presentation of oral protests, if any.

The Mayor then requested that the Engineer of Work and Superintendent of Streets (Traffic Engineer) give testimony that the contractor has fulfilled his contract to the Engineer's satisfaction and that of the Superintendent of Streets, that all sums due for the work performed according to the contract, including all incidental expenses, are included in the assessment, that the amount assessed against each parcel is shown in the assessment, and that the assessment has been spread according to the benefits received by each parcel and arising from the work.

Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary assumed this responsibility, first requesting that Traffic Engineer Horkay, Mr. Wesley Pringle, and Mr. Robert Mimiago be sworn in -- Deputy City Clerk Moss complied with this request.

Traffic Engineer Horkay thereupon reported that the Torrance Boulevard project includes the installation of decorative marbleite street lighting standards on Torrance Boulevard between Madrona and Anza. Mr. Horkay further noted that Council had accepted the work on July 28th, with one protest from Mr. George Peckham in reference to debris on his property; this has since been taken care

of. The job has been completed and performed satisfactorily, according to Mr. Horkay.

Mr. McNary inquired as to the contractor, and Mr. Horkay advised that Smith Electric was the contractor -- at Mr. McNary's question as to whether or not the contractor had fulfilled his obligations fully, Mr. Horkay responded, "yes, he has".

It was noted by Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary that Mr. Horkay was appointed Superintendent of Streets to fulfill the Code requirement in this regard; Mr. Horkay replied that this was true for this particular project and was so specified in the Resolution of Intention. Mr. Horkay, as Superintendent of Streets, reaffirmed that the obligation has been fully fulfilled.

Next to testify was Mr. Wesley Pringle, Engineer of Work, who stated that he was Traffic Engineer for Lampman and Associates, retained by the City of Torrance to make an assessment roll in this project; this was done, according to Mr. Pringle, and is available at this time in Room 214. In response to Mr. McNary's further questions, Mr. Pringle advised that he is a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California; he has viewed the project on its completion, and the contractor has fulfilled his obligations fully.

Mr. Robert Mimiaga, Civil Engineer with Lampman and Associates, testified that he had acted as Assessment Engineer in the subject Assessment District, and assessed the project and spread the assessments in relationship to the benefits each property received.

The following questions were directed to Mr. Mimiaga by Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary: (as required by the 1911 Act, Division 7 of the Streets and Highways Code):

"Are all sums due for the work, including incidental expenses, included in the assessment?" Mr. Mimiaga answered "yes".

"Are the amounts due against each parcel shown in the assessments?" An affirmative answer was given by Mr. Mimiaga to Mr. McNary.

"Was the assessment spread according to the benefits received by each parcel arising from the work done?" Mr. Mimiaga responded "yes".

Mayor Miller directed the Minute Secretary to incorporate the above testimony in the minutes of this meeting.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone else wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed; his motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 69-232.

(TORRANCE BOULEVARD LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SERIES NO. 25)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-194. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. Renewal of contract with El Camino College to provide transportation for field trips by Torrance Transit System for the year 1970-71.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSIT OPERATION SUPERVISOR:

That the subject contract be approved for the 1970-71 fiscal year.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Transit Operation Supervisor. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION re: agreement and grant of easement between the City and Tormed Partnership relating to soundproofing of a building known as Torplex II.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT AND GRANT OF EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TORMED PARTNERSHIP RELATING TO SOUNDPROOFING OF A BUILDING KNOWN AS TORPLEX II.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-195. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION:21. PROJECT QUEST.

Request of Project Quest to use the Recreation Center, rent free, for a series of Monday meetings from September 1, 1970 through December 14, 1970, with report from Director of Recreation.

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

Mr. Loren Schwink, 24035 Ocean Avenue, expressed concern for Project Quest in that he has attended several sessions and is of the opinion that Quest is patterned after sensitivity training -- further, that Quest is a derisive influence outside the family which challenges family authority and value; when morals are made a matter of public discussions, they are immediately subject to questions.

It was the further comment of Mr. Schwink that rather than accentuating the positive nature of traditional monogynous Christian-style family life (which has contributed to making this country so great) Quest seems to desire experimentation including the youth; what need is there, in these troubled times, for Torrance residents to sanction free use of public facilities for any length of time whatever to instruct young people on how to challenge parental authority? In the opinion of Mr. Schwink the City cannot make constructive use of Project Quest.

Mr. Ron Wright, 22322 Charlotte Drive, stated that, as a researcher and broadcaster, with some knowledge of sensitivity training, he has found that these kind of sessions usually bring about a change in the attitude of the young person to his parents. As to whether or not the City should finance it, Mr. Wright continued, as a taxpayer, he would be opposed to this -- if Quest desires to hold these sessions, and pay their own way, that is their decision in a free society.

Next to speak was Mr. Richard Abshear, 19905 Anza Avenue, who stated that he had attended two Quest sessions -- the sponsorship is unknown to him but it appears the same people attend the South Bay Human Relations committee meetings and the ACLU meetings; Mr. Abshear would assume that Quest would have the same obvious objectionable objectives. Mr. Abshear would concur that it most certainly is sensitivity training, being familiar with the aspects of sensitivity training, and the objectives thereof.

Mr. Abshear further commented that the first Quest meeting he attended represented an attempt to downgrade the police, and he strenuously objects to tactics of this nature -- it's the beginning; the second meeting was more sensitivity training. His primary objection, Mr. Abshear concluded, to the request is that the City Council would place itself in a position of sanctioning their particular "sickness"; there are established procedures set up by the Torrance Recreation Department for obtaining the use of that building -- if Quest has such a good thing going, there should be a nominal fee charged and the rent paid like everybody else.

Mr. Stan Dunn, 505 Via la Selva, acknowledged his role in bringing Project Quest into the City as a Youth Welfare Commissioner, noting as well that his reputation is not as a "liberal do-gooder"; in fact, the track record confirms that he is a fairly well established conservative in this community. Some 18 months ago the Youth Welfare Commission recognized that there were youth problems in Torrance, and it was with the idea that these young people needed some place to go that prompted the Commission and the Torrance Youth Council to seek some program to provide an outlet for these young people -- which resulted in sponsorship of Project Quest.

There has not financial support (other than use of the recreational facilities) by the City, Mr. Dunn continued, and has cost the taxpayers very little. As to whether or not the program has achieved anything, it is Mr. Dunn's opinion that this is the area of criticism -- this particular program was not designed as one of sensitivity training, and are merely discussion and dialogue programs for participation by the young people.

In conclusion, it was the comment of Mr. Dunn that there must be some place in the City of Torrance for a program whose purpose and goal is to aid the alienated youth in today's society to understand himself and the society to which he relates; he would hope it would be in the province of the City Council to continue to find that program.

Mrs. Ethel Kovach, 21730 Barbara Street, advised the Council that there are ^{Quest} meetings other than those in the Recreation Center -- such meetings being held in private homes, as well as a church. Mrs. Kovach then questioned the purpose of Project Quest, who organized it, who decided that Torrance needed this; what are the ages of the participants, what are Mr. Drucker's qualifications, is the public invited to the private home sessions, and what are the liabilities involved? Mrs. Kovach requested that there be a complete and full investigation of this matter as to the legal implications, the moral implications, etc.

Next to speak was Dr. Roland Summitt, M.D., psychiatrist employed by Los Angeles County at Harbor General Hospital, who related his interest in arriving at programs that can successfully combat genuine problems involving youth, of which there are many. Dr. Summitt added that for many years those in the field of behavior science, psychiatry, education, law enforcement people, probation officers, welfare workers, etc. have been searching for people willing to sponsor programs which will help the tense situation between parents and children -- in his opinion, Project Quest represents such a program, and ^{he} was delighted when Tom Drucker made himself available a few years ago and was equally pleased to see that the City of Torrance was sufficiently understanding to offer a haven for this group.

Dr. Summitt then elaborated on sensitivity training per se and the prevalent feeling that it is some kind of an evil to be combated, admitting to mixed emotions in this regard on this often misunderstood activity.

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At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, Dr. Summitt advised that he had not attended any of the last 16 sessions of Project Quest. Dr. Summitt added that he was speaking only to issues, not as an authority on the exact techniques or programs of Project Quest, except to emphasize that in numerous relationships with Mr. Drucker, and with Lillian Watson also associated with the program, he is convinced of their sincerity and satisfied as to their competency to do what Project Quest says it does.

In conclusion, Dr. Summitt commended the City for making the Project Quest meetings possible; Project Quest, rather than representing an evil or a sickness or some kind of insidious program to undermine morality, is designed to support morality and to foster individual growth.

The director and creator of South Bay Project Quest, Mr. Tom Drucker, stated that the motive and purpose of this group is oftentimes hard to understand because it is very simple, and came about as a result of his experience with disturbed children in a private school, along with tutoring disturbed adolescents, wherein he became increasingly aware of the pain and waste being created today by problems, particularly within the family, in our society.

Project Quest is not sensitivity training, Mr. Drucker continued -- the meetings consist of talking about issues and dialogue between people, and are taped both for review and for the information of interested parties. It was the desire of Mr. Drucker, in establishing Project Quest, to provide a forum, an arena, a town hall meeting, which would provide an opportunity for adults and youth to come together and talk about issues important to their lives with a free interchange of ideas. It was further noted by Mr. Drucker that Project Quest has always been open to all people and any group in the community; it is widely advertised by way of newspapers and flyers.

Mr. Drucker then described the various matters discussed at the meetings, the motive and manner thereof -- not unlike school attempts to inform both students and parents regarding today's problems, specifically as related to drugs. Mr. Drucker further advised that there is data available regarding Project Quest and its success, along with case studies of individuals and families who have received help from the program.

Next to speak was Mr. Richard Demena (?), 1259 West 187th Street, Gardena, who stated that he attended several Quest meetings where most generally the youths listen to educated adults -- these meetings are attended by young people who do not get answers to their questions at home. Mr. Demena then alluded to various Quest discussion pertaining to the national anthem, the flag, sex, -- and his concluding remarks were "if the members of the Council want this sort of stuff to keep going on in a public building which taxpayers pay for, go right ahead and keep supporting it."

Mr. Mark Sherbacher, Los Angeles County Department of Community Services, stated that he has attended six Project Quest sessions and found them very worthwhile -- there has been real

give and take between young people and adults. He has been very encouraged by this Project, and in his work they have tried to get groups to sponsor this type of discourse between youth and adults which is very healthy, particularly for young people who have problems and who feel alienated. Mr. Sherbacher stated that he knows that a number of young people have been referred to Quest by the County Probation Department in Torrance, and probation officers have felt that young people have been helped by the experience they have had in Quest; it seems to him that the youth-adult discussion type of thing is very constructive in the community.

Mrs. Jeannette Altermatt, 1323 Hickory, noted that a Bond Steering Committee is in process at the present time trying to find ways and means to make proper and good recreation for the community of Torrance -- in view of the evidence presented at this meeting, it is her opinion that the Council would be abdicating its responsibility to the citizens of this community if this program is allowed to continue.

Mr. Drucker returned to comment that the City of Torrance is providing a service for its community -- Project Quest is run with the utmost care, concern and good faith for the citizens of Torrance, and a loss to the community would result were the Council to take the facility away.

A MOTION was offered by Councilman Surber: That Council deny the subject request. Mr. Surber further commented that he would base such denial on the organization's printed material, and the further fact that it was explained in the first application some 1½ years ago that the rules governing the Recreation Center prohibit the Recreation Department from allowing any single group in the City to book a series of events which ran over a period of many weeks. It is not right, in Councilman Surber's opinion, to tie up a public facility with one group - be it good, bad or indifferent.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Wilson first stated that he feels there are a lot of questions that have been raised at this meeting -- the City's role in this matter and its support in terms of supervision, the City's liabilities, etc. Dr. Wilson further commented that undoubtedly the program is doing a great deal to save lives, as well as saving money from the standpoint of reduced juvenile delinquency and crime; there certainly are two sides to be considered, and there is a need for considered evaluation relative to the program and its continuance. Review by a Council Committee would be appropriate, in Councilman Wilson's opinion.

Councilman Sciarrotta pointed out that this project was started by the Youth Welfare Commission and that they should investigate Project Quest, taking the foregoing remarks into consideration, with a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Miller acknowledged a need for further clarification, having heard the pros and cons, and described his personal experience at Project Quest and the knowledge both exchanged and obtained there. The Mayor also recalled that the former Council had voted unanimously to allow Project Quest the opportunity, at the request of the Youth Welfare Commission -- the minutes reflecting complimentary remarks by the Council at that time. Rather than preclude the opportunity for this group, or any group in the community, to have a complete thorough investigation as to its merits, Mayor Miller indicated that he would certainly support Councilman Sciarrotta's position in that it be referred back to the Youth Welfare Commission, where it originated.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was then made by Councilman Sciarrotta: That the matter of Project Quest be referred to the Youth Welfare Commission for investigation and recommendation as to its continuance and the frequency of meetings, such report to be returned to the Council within 30 days. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Prior to voting on the substitute motion, Mayor Miller entertained comments from the Council:

Councilman Johnson expressed concern with the fact that the Council has given Project Quest the opportunity to use the building free of charge, during which period other groups with equal "good" intentions have been denied the right to use the same building. The experimental time has been sufficient, in Mr. Johnson's opinion, and it would seem to him that the Council has no business giving rent-free public facilities paid for by public taxes to groups over a prolonged period of time where the Council cannot do equal justice to other groups with equal possibilities.

Further concern was expressed by Councilman Johnson in that the City is in fact sanctioning the program -- be it good or bad -- and he does not feel the public at large would condone such a sanction; public facilities are paid for by all the people and all the people have a right to their use, and Mr. Johnson would support the original motion for denial of the request.

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that he was one of the originators of the Quest program and that he is well versed in the problems of youth; he has actively participated in the Torrance Youth Council programs and deemed this a very healthy program and the kind of thing that should be stressed in the community. Project Quest started out in a similar direction, according to Mr. Uerkwitz; however, based on his observations at the meetings he attended, this program has deteriorated to a point where it is no longer beneficial -- he, therefore, can no longer support the program as it presently stands, and would be in favor of the original motion for denial.

Attendance at Project Quest meetings was also reported by Councilman Surber who added that he would not want his children exposed to this type of program -- in his opinion, it does advocate doing away with the family concept.

Councilman Surber's main concern, however, is the fact that Project Quest has tied up the Recreation building for a year and a half; Mr. Surber does not feel any group has this right nor does the Council have the right to authorize to so tie up a building -- referring it back to the Youth Welfare Commission will not resolve one thing; the Council should make up its mind here and now.

It was questioned by Councilman Brewster as to whether or not other groups have approached the City for free use of the building for similar type programs -- Director of Recreation Van Bellehem advised that there have been such requests from time to time. Mayor Miller noted that the Project Quest had use of the building at the request of the Youth Welfare Commission, with approval of the Council -- the need now is for clarification of how long it is to continue.

Councilman Sciarrotta reiterated his feeling that the Youth Welfare Commission should make the investigation.

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

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

The schedule of the Youth Welfare Commission was reviewed, with the need for a special meeting likely being necessary -- in view of the importance of this matter, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Youth Welfare Commission expedite the subject consideration and have the necessary meetings within the month, in order that it be back on the Council agenda in thirty days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 9:35 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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22. DONATION FROM VICTOR WOMEN'S CLUB.RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That the City Council accept the donation of \$395 from the Victor Women's Club and that the money be set aside for proposed shuffleboard court covers at the Albert Bartlett Adult Center.

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

Mayor Miller expressed the thanks of the Council to the Victor Women's Club for their generosity.

WATER SYSTEM:23. APPROPRIATION FROM WATER REVENUE FUND.RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That Council approve an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the Water Revenue Fund for construction of approximately 1,300 feet of 6-inch water main and appurtenances along Crenshaw Boulevard, from south of 235th Street to 239th Street.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Water System Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:24. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

At the time bid quotations were requested, it was difficult to predict the exact total number of pages in the catalog; therefore, the City Librarian recommends that George Lithograph Company be paid \$975 (plus tax) in excess of the original service contract. (This project is part of the original cost of cataloging and processing books paid for out of bond funds.)

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above request of the City Librarian; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:25. ORDINANCE re: destruction of duplicate City records.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2137

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 12.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY DUPLICATE CITY RECORDS NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRED.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2137 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. DATA PROCESSING SEMINAR.

The suggested dates for the Data Processing Seminar were reviewed by the Council -- September 30 and October 1st were selected for the seminar.

27. ORDINANCE re: operating vehicles on private or public property.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2138

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 45.6.21 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT OPERATING VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2138 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Roland Libby, 23027-B Nadine Circle, expressed approval of the ordinance, since he has experienced the noise and nuisance caused by motorcycles in a nearby field -- it is the understanding of New Horizon residents that the ordinance will give the police the power they need and will alleviate the problem of citizens having to testify; their support of the ordinance is based on that concept and understanding.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster that the word "motorized" be added in Section 1. (a), to read: ".....or other form of motorized transportation." This met with approval by the Council, and Councilman Uerkwitz amended his motion above to indicate approval of Ordinance No. 2138, as amended.

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Opposition to the ordinance was expressed by Councilman Surber -- there are sufficient laws on the books now; enforcement is the problem. In Mr. Surber's opinion it is of utmost importance that energies be exerted towards providing a place for people to ride these vehicles. Police Chief Nash reported that a study is presently underway to create a park for motors, such study to be available in approximately six months.

Mrs. Marian Byers, 21505 Ocean Avenue, stated that there is a real need for a place for bike riders, and would be of tremendous benefit to young people, perhaps eliminating the need for such things as Project Quest.

Councilman Uerkwitz pointed out recent efforts to provide such a place (the back hillside at Chandler's); the above referred to Police Department study should provide an all encompassing program. Councilman Brewster also noted the fact that a Bond Issue Steering Committee is now at work trying to determine the needed recreational facilities, and such input should be made to that committee.

Mr. Ed Redford, 3906 Cathann Street, stated that he and his son have been cited for riding motorcycles on private property, although both bikes were "street legal". In his opinion the subject ordinance will be entirely out of line.

Next to speak was Mr. R.C. Harrison, 23040 Cerise, representing the Marble Estates Homeowners Association, who reported on the extensive motorcycle riding in the Marble Estates area -- the residents strongly object to the noise and interference of these motorcycles. Mr. Harrison further stated that he is strongly in favor of a provision for a place for the use of motorcycles; he objects to the riding of them on the streets around residential sections.

Mrs. Ethel Kovach concurred in the dire need for a specific area for this activity, and suggested that the City try to acquire the abandoned Nike site on Barbara Street. (Assistant City Manager Scharfman noted that this property is in the City of Redondo Beach.)

The motion approving Ordinance No. 2138 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that his "yes" vote is for the reason that the ordinance essentially does not change anything and only eliminates the need for citizen complaint so the police can do their job. Mr. Johnson indicated as well his complete support for the development of a motor bike area -- such a place is sorely needed.

Councilman Surber stated his "no" vote will perhaps serve to stimulate some action to acquire such a bike riding area.

Councilman Wilson, at the time of his "yes" vote, urged that the needed bike area be provided as soon as possible.

Mayor Miller stated that he voted "no" as he did before approximately one year ago, the point being that when something is acquired and it is a reality, then the subject ordinance should be put into effect -- but until that time he would be opposed to the ordinance. The Mayor added that some of the Quest problems well may have been caused by the elimination of many activities of the youth through laws.

28. Municipal Bond Issue Seminar.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That two delegates (one from the Bond Issue Steering Committee and one from the Recreation Department) be sent to the Municipal Bond Issue Seminar (University of California at Davis), and that adequate funds in the amount of \$270 be appropriated.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above request of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Discussion followed on the merits of the seminar, with Councilman Johnson being of the opinion that other arrangements might be made locally to provide such training. Assistant City Manager Scharfman clarified the specialized training offered at this seminar and most worthwhile in view of the magnitude of the bond issue being contemplated by the City.

Also discussed were the possibilities of arrangements whereby local presentations could be made so that the entire Steering Committee might benefit. Assistant City Manager Scharfman will report back on such arrangements and the costs thereof.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, it being the consensus of the Council that the "yes" votes were based on the understanding that all avenues would be explored as to bond issue information and the dissemination thereof.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:29. ORDINANCE NO. 2132.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2132

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 ON THE WEST SIDE OF WESTERN AVENUE NORTH OF THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-22.

(Torrance Planning Commission initiated)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2132 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2133.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2133

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 MADISON STREET AND BETWEEN 234TH STREET AND SKYPARK DRIVE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-31.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2133 at its second and final reading; his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2134.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2134

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 EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, 100 FEET NORTH OF 167TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-7.

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Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2134 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

32. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$545.29 to GMC Truck and Coach for various GMC factory parts for repair of a City bus requested by the City Garage.
2. \$529.19 to Custom Floors for replacement of carpeting requested by City Airport in their "Administration Building".
3. \$327.05 to Westwood Ceramic Supply for one only ceramic wheel requested by the Recreation Department as a replacement unit for the Art & Craft Classes.
4. \$624.29 to Pacific Union Metal Company for two 30-ft. high aluminum light poles requested by Traffic and Lighting to replace damaged poles at Los Arboles Park.
5. \$836.62 to B & K Instruments, Inc. for one only hand-held precision sound level meter which gives exact sound level measurements for sound monitoring purposes as requested by the Airport.
6. \$398.79 to J. Jones Company for 300 only 3/4-inch water pipe couplings requested by the Water Department for stock.
7. \$725.84 to W.B. Equipment Company for 200 each 2½-inch and 200 each 4-inch plastic hydrant caps requested by the Water Department for stock.
8. \$660.85 to Park-Son, Inc. for six 6-inch water valves requested by the Water Department for stock.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

9. \$494.85 to Needham Book Finders for 256 adult non-fiction books.
10. \$4876.49 to Campbell and Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 470 juvenile books and 486 adult books.

33. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To modify Airport Control Tower Air Conditioning System.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the awarding of a contract to Nichols Refrigeration, Inc. to modify the Airport Control Tower air conditioning ducting system in the amount of \$1150.92, which will be reimbursed by the F.A.A.

34. Considered separately.

35. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Crenshaw Boulevard from 190th Street to Del Amo Boulevard (Job #67058).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the additional work be approved;
2. That the work be accepted;
3. That final payment be made to the contractor, Sully-Miller Contracting Company, and
4. That \$48,000 be appropriated from State Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

36. CLAIM of Hilton Ardison for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

37. CLAIM of Paul H. Muskat for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

38. CLAIM of Mishima's Restaurant, Inc., for refund of ABC (Tipplers) Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

39. CLAIM of the Proud Parrot (formerly The Mariner Motor Hotel) for refund of ABC (Tipplers) Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

40. CLAIM of Rita Perry for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations on agenda items #32,33,35,36,37,38,39, and #40. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

41. Torrance Boulevard Lighting Assessment District.
(Heard earlier in the meeting.)

34. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - Landscaping and Installing Concrete Sidewalks at Alta Loma Park. Reference Bids B70-30 and B70-42.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

A. LANDSCAPING:

That Council accept the low bid of \$16,534.97 for the landscaping of Alta Loma Park submitted by the Big Seven Nursery, and approve the awarding of the contract for this service.

B. CONCRETE SIDEWALKS:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by Sully-Miller Contracting Company and approve of the awarding of the contract to them in the amount of \$6,400.00.

C. TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING:

(Phases of project development and the financing therefore, per memo of August 19th.)

D. ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT:

That \$5,000 be appropriated from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund to cover added cost.

Separate consideration of the above item was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz because of the funding involved.

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

There was discussion on the separate consideration of this item -- Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary confirmed that it properly could remain with the Noncontroversial Items inasmuch as the motion for approval of these items concurs with the recommendations pertaining to each one. Mayor Miller requested that this represent future policy on these items.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41A. Building and Safety Director McKinnon suggested that the Council review the plans and specifications of the City Hall addition which will be on file in the City Manager's office, noting as well that this will be a matter for approval on the September 1st agenda.

42. Plaudits for the Police Department from Mr. Dick Fitzgerald, County Director of Beaches, for their splendid performance at the Surf Festival were conveyed by Councilman Brewster.

Further praise was directed to the Recreation Department by Councilman Brewster for "Oliver" and "The Clown Prince of Wanderlust", which he deemed perfectly delightful programs.

43. Councilman Johnson referred to recent Council action adopting an ordinance changing the "O" zoning in the Southeast Torrance area, and requested that the City Attorney develop an expansion of the ordinance approved so that the "O" zone would be universal throughout the City of Torrance.

44. The proposed noise ordinance, and a needed DBA, was noted by Councilman Johnson. Airport Manager Egan confirmed that efforts are being made in that direction.

45. Councilman Johnson requested that City Manager Ferraro, Building and Safety Director McKinnon, and Director of Recreation Van Bellehem submit suggestions relative to the feasibility of an addition to the senior citizens building in North Torrance, such addition to occupy the patio area just west of the present building.

46. Further discussion, in open Council or in a Committee meeting, in order to give the voting representatives some instruction relative to the elimination of nonproductive oil leases legislation now pending was recommended by Councilman Johnson. There were no objections to Mr. Johnson's request.

47. The following MOTION was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That it be the policy of this Council that the subject matter on any regular agenda item must be divulged. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.
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48. The repeated accidents on 182nd Street/were pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz, as was the urgent need to solve the problem. Traffic Engineer Horkay reported on the efforts to date to alleviate this situation, as well as the possible remedies therefor -- a rough grade of asphalt which would probably eliminate some of the skidding, guide paddles with reflectors. Guard rails were recommended by Councilman Uerkwitz, but, in any event, his primary concern is to get something started.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to refer the above matter to the Council Public Works Committee to make a determination whether public hearings should be held or not, to return to the Council with a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

49. Councilman Uerkwitz recommended the establishment of a policy whereby the material and the agenda for the Council Committee meetings be furnished two days prior to the meeting, whenever possible. There were no objections, and Assistant City Manager Scharfman indicated that this would be done, whenever possible.

50. Of concern to him, Councilman Wilson advised, was the factory built homes moratorium -- in his opinion, the Council had made an error, inasmuch as there seems to be no justification either from the City Attorney's standpoint or from the Building standpoint, since the houses do comply. Dr. Wilson further fears that the City will be held liable on the basis of inverse condemnation of a company doing business legitimately; he, therefore, MOVED to reconsider the subject moratorium placed on factory-built homes. The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion followed on the moratorium, it being noted that the moratorium is for the purpose of study and definitely not prejudicial in nature -- also discussed was the propriety of using such homes as model homes to display to contractors for sale elsewhere.

51. The status of local industry pollution, and reports and committee meetings thereon, was questioned by Mayor Miller -- Sr. Administrative Assistant Menard reported the events to date, and indicated that a written report would be furnished the Council. Mayor Miller labelled this a matter of community urgency, and suggested that the Council consider modes of procedure for future discussion after the Staff report.

52. Mrs. Byers was present, with a petition bearing 300 signatures relative to the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard divider and "right turn only" signs. Clarification was furnished by Traffic Engineer Horkay -- a satisfactory solution was reached this afternoon, in a meeting with the residents, in that left turns out and right turns in will be permitted, and the intersection has been thusly redesigned. Mrs. Byers confirmed that this would be a satisfactory arrangement.

53. Mr. Robert Mueller, 5005 Vanderhill Road, reported recent difficulties with his water service -- the water having a most unpleasant odor, rusty in nature, and minus circulation. Water System Manager Borgwat advised that remedial action is underway in that they have increased the frequency of the flushing of that line. Mr. Mueller acknowledged some improvement in the situation; Mayor Miller requested that he report back should the problem return.

54. The president of the Torrance Jaycees, Mr. John Dunbar, advised the Council that the Jaycees are cosponsoring the National Slo Pitch Finals, in conjunction with the Torrance Recreation Department -- this activity necessitates additional funds, and it was requested that permission be given to sell beer in the park during this event, slated to run four days at Torrance and El Nido Parks.

Director of Recreation Van Bellehem noted that the Park and Recreation Commission had approved the subject request -- Mr. Van Bellehem added that there is no law against selling beer in the parks; in fact, quite a number of groups do so. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the request; in view of its legality, Councilman Johnson MOVED to concur with the subject request.

Prior to a second on the motion, Councilman Surber indicated that he was opposed to granting the request, and deemed it setting up double standards -- he does not favor beer in the parks, and to approve this request will necessitate approval of other requests.

Discussion returned to the legality -- Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary confirmed that "the beaches are dry and the parks are wet". Assistant City Manager Scharfman pointed out the necessary ABC clearance as well as License Review Board approval. Past instances under like circumstances were discussed, and the following action resulted:

Councilman Johnson's motion for approval of the request was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with the vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Vernon W. Coil

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

APPROVED BY:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance