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Adjourned at 8:30 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, September 29, 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, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Miller's request, Mr. Bill Largent led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father Wolfe, St. James Catholic Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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 Brewster, 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

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guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The meeting of the Charter Review Committee on September 30th was noted by the Council.

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Mayor Miller announced that this Council meeting will be filmed by a group from the UCLA Extension Media Services, under the direction of Miss Lynn Lipmann -- this film will be incorporated in a series being prepared by UCLA to be used by teachers and administrators concerned with local government, the project being financed by a Federal Grant.

Miss Lipmann acknowledged the Mayor's introduction, and expressed the hope that the film made this evening would mirror some of the good work being done in this community, particularly as related to the youth and overall community concern.

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(Taken, out of order, at this time:)

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

24. Audio-visual equipment purchased by Friends of the Library for branch libraries.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That the donation of audio-visual equipment, valued at \$1,000, by the Friends of the Torrance Library for branch libraries be accepted.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, expressed their thanks for this generous donation.

On behalf of the Friends of the Torrance Library, Mrs. Denny expressed their pleasure to work with the Council, the Library Commission, and the City Librarian in furthering the library system in the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the Council accept this donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library, with the gratitude of the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to George W. Brewster for his faithful and diligent service to the City of Torrance as a member and Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission.

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

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO GEORGE W. BREWSTER FOR HIS FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-204. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Brewster modestly abstaining.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Torrance PTA Membership Enrollment Week" - October 5-19, 1970.  
Proclaimed by Mayor Miller.
11. "U.S. Savings Bonds Week" - October 5-9, 1970.  
So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

In view of the fact that the advertised hour was 6:30 P.M. agenda items 12 (Zone Change 70-15) and 13 (Zone Change 70-17) were held for later in the meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2147 adding Article 4 to Chapter 4, Division 9, of the Torrance Municipal Code to provide a procedure for the validation of priorly constructed illegal uses, and adding Section 99.1.11 to provide a filing fee therefor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2147

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE VALIDATION OF PRIORLY CONSTRUCTED ILLEGAL USES AND ADDING SECTION 99.1.11 TO SAID CODE TO PROVIDE A FILING FEE THEREFOR.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2147 at its first reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Verkwitz.

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Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Brewster expressed concern regarding the subject ordinance in that establishing such a procedure to accommodate illegal uses might encourage such illegal uses in construction.

Discussion followed on the intent of the ordinance, with clarification by City Attorney Remelmeyer that this type of thing has been done through the years under the guise of waivers and that there is a critical need for such a procedure ordinance, otherwise any and all such requests must be rejected. Specifically noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer was the fact that it is considerably more reasonable to obtain a building permit at the beginning of any construction rather than pay the fee imposed by this ordinance.

Councilman Brewster indicated that he did not intend to block the ordinance, that such a tool is sorely needed, but it is his opinion that it is less than perfect, but he will live with that in that it is better than nothing.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. RESOLUTION granting a validation permit for property located at 21318 Ladeene Avenue (Davis - V70-12).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VALIDATION  
PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21318  
LADEENE AVENUE, DESCRIBED AS LOT 600,  
TRACT 21676.  
(Edward and Kathleen Davis, V 70-12).

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-205. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council that Building and Fire Inspectors were at the subject property this date; the Building Inspector found 12 violations of the Building Code which Mr. Davis will have to remedy. The passage of the above resolution, Mr. Remelmeyer added, will not, of course, validate those violations of the Building Code, and Mr. Davis will be furnished a copy of this report.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

16. CASE NO. S70-114 - DAVID I. TANNER - POLE SIGN.  
Appeal from the decision of the Sign Review Board for denial of permission to change faces in existing pole sign at 23730 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mr. Tanner was present to reiterate the circumstances of his purchase of the subject property, which included the sign in question;

he would not otherwise have made the investment. Mr. Tanner then requested Council approval to change the faces in the existing pole sign to identify his business.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson related/that the intent of the Sign Review Committee was to favor a ground sign, this having been obtained from like locations on Crenshaw.

It was noted by Mayor Miller that this is a corner lot and technically would have frontage on two sides. Added by Councilman Johnson was the comment that this particular sign has been at this location for quite some time; he finds it a rather attractive sign and not at all objectionable -- it is merely a matter of changing the face to identify the new owner; to otherwise decree would work a real hardship.

Councilman Brewster inquired, in the event of approval of the request, if Mr. Tanner could then be served with notice of the abatement period within ten years -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that Mr. Tanner could so stipulate, if desired. Mr. Tanner thereupon stipulated that he was on notice relative to the 10-year abatement requirement.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Mr. Tanner be allowed the subject sign, subject to his stipulation re: the ten year abatement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

17. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE extending a moratorium on the erection or other placement of factory-built houses on property in the City, and declaring the presence of an emergency.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2148

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE ERECTION OR OTHER PLACEMENT OF FACTORY-BUILT HOUSES ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2148 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

18. Additional Police Radio Frequency.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRICIAN:

That \$2,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to cover costs of "on-the-air" testing, engineering study of interference and application to F.C.C. for an additional Police Radio Frequency License.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION authorizing an Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for a Rose Parade Float.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY OF A FLOAT IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE ON JANUARY 1, 1971.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-206. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Staff explore the possibility of entering the Torrance Area Youth Band and/or the Torrance Mounted Police in the 1972 Rose Parade. City Treasurer Rupert, a member of the Parade Committee, advised of their intent to immediately submit applications for both units after the 1971 Parade, but the selection depends on someone dropping out.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION AND LEASES for successors (Spin Off) to Building Contractors Faulkner-Mitchell Lease.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THOSE CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES

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DATED \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_ BETWEEN  
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THOMAS H. WELCH  
 AND VIOLET E. WELCH; ROBERT L. MARSH,  
 JACK R. MARSH AND W.C. MARSH; J.R. SILVEIRA  
 AND C.A. SILVEIRA; BOIES M. BEVANS AND  
 MURIEL E. BEVANS; ALAN C. STRICKFADEN;  
 DONALD R. BUELL AND KENNETH J. ERDMAN;  
 ROBERT L. MORGAN AND VELMA L. MORGAN;  
 GARFIELD J. PAPAS AND JUNE E. PAPAS;  
 ALOYSIUS NARKEWICZ AND PHYLLIS NARKEWICZ;  
 AND CARL R. FAULKNER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-207. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. ROLLING HILLS PLAZA, Mr. Al Levitt's House of Pies.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER/AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That Council approve the subject proposal, subject to the approval of other departments having jurisdiction and the proper amendments to the lease concerned.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, City Manager Ferraro confirmed by way of Airport Manager Egan that landscaping would be provided as required by ordinance.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

22. PROJECT QUEST -  
 Report from the Youth Welfare Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta noted the substantial material received by the Council pertaining to Project Quest, and <sup>that</sup> to decide on the merits of the program would prove extremely difficult -- questioned by Mr. Sciarrotta was the Council's jurisdiction in deciding on the merits of the project in that it is not City sponsored. Should there be such an attempt for Project Quest then a like procedure would be applicable to anyone using the Recreation facilities.

Germane at this time, Councilman Sciarrotta continued, is only whether the use of these facilities shall be continued on the present basis, or that the use should not be allowed.

If it is desired to discuss the merits of Project Quest, then another date should be set, in Councilman Sciarrotta's opinion, in order to devote several hours to this consideration -- the issue of the use of the building could be resolved at this time -- should Project Quest be permitted to use the building on the same basis, or should the basis be changed, or should they not have the use of the building at all?

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It was stated by Mayor Miller that he is of the opinion that he has sufficient information to make a determination, with reams of material furnished; the Mayor can see no point in deferring a decision on this matter -- the issues remain the same.

Resolution No. 68-135 was called to the attention of the Council by Councilman Johnson -- this resolution represents the law, the rules and regulations governing the use of the Recreation building -- and it would seem that all that is necessary is to go to the resolution. If Project Quest can comply according to the resolution, Mr. Johnson continued, that would be one consideration; the law has been made, and it would appear that permission outside this law has been given. Councilman Johnson added that there is a Director of Recreation who has been administering these matters without any trouble; he should be given back his building and his ordinance.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the Council work to Resolution No. 68-135 in the subject case, as well as in other cases that would govern. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That the request of Project Quest for the use of the Recreation building until December 14th be granted, and that they then qualify according to the rules of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Councilman Wilson indicated that he wished to make a prepared statement, which incorporated the following sentiments: This issue has involved many people very personally, as well as the City -- this is a most important issue with lives literally at stake. To be determined is whether the Recreation Center should be made available, at no expense to the City, on a regular basis for Project Quest -- in order to make this determination it seems to Dr. Wilson that certain criteria must be established which would justify the Council permitting this action. The need cannot be overestimated in that throughout the city, state, and nation there are hundreds of thousands of young people who are disgruntled, disenchanting, alienated, and literally bent upon self-destruction -- this is reflected in the horrendous crime rate among juveniles, even in the City of Torrance, which is personified in the turning away from reality and to the world of pills, marijuana, and heroin.

Councilman Wilson continued, noting that were there a national disaster from earthquakes, fires, or floods, there is no question that all public facilities would be made available to accomodate victims. Yet what is done, in an equal catastrophe, for the minds and lives of our youth?

There has been favorable testimony, Dr. Wilson noted, from professional people -- educators, social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists, as well as laymen -- programs similar to Project Quest have been heralded as the best solution thus far to cope with the problems faced.

Councilman Wilson then referred to the need to ascertain how effective the program has been -- based upon extensive hearings by the Youth Welfare Commission, the Commission has advised the Council that it is a good program and recommended that it be continued.

In addition to the program, according to Dr. Wilson, there must be participants -- if the facilities are to be used on a regular basis, there must be numbers to justify the use -- the Council has been informed that there are large numbers of both young people and adults desirous of using the Center which would, therefore, serve the entire community rather than just one age level.

The issue before the Council, in Dr. Wilson's opinion, has been used as a platform to launch an attack against individuals, programs, and philosophies which have little bearing upon the original problem; Dr. Wilson views this with great consternation, for what is at stake is not whether the City shall provide a meeting place for a particular group, but whether any group has the right to use public facilities for any purpose whatsoever. These are perilous times, with expressions from many voices proclaiming rights as well as restrictions -- the immediate concern of Councilman Wilson, among all these voices, is one that he hears that violates the very basic democratic principles upon which this country was established and which afforded the opportunity for it to grow and develop the highest form of economic and technical advances, and, most assuredly, the finest form of government. This voice is the voice of repression, limiting freedom and strongly reminiscent of Nazi Germany which spoke as a collective voice for all, and not that voice of the founding fathers of our nation when they specifically delineated in the First Amendment that Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or abridging the freedom of speech or the press, or the right of people peacefully to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Continuing, Councilman Wilson stated that fear has overcome faith -- suspicion has subdued trust -- well-meaning individuals contributing time, energy, and intelligence to worthwhile programs have been unmercifully attacked, ridiculed, and censored. And where does this end -- it may well be merely the initial assault of even larger forthcoming attacks openly and fearlessly on the basic democratic principles which encompass the basic freedoms as expressed in the First Amendment. Dr. Wilson continued, stating that he fears more the results of such repressive tactics than that which the present time may seem to warrant for this could ultimately lead to a thought-controlled nation -- ironically, the very criticism which is being rendered against Project Quest (that of "brainwashing") is, in fact, the very act those who accuse are guilty of -- that which is cloaked as truth is in reality nothing less than blatant hypocrisy.

Historical traditions were outlined by Councilman Wilson, who concluded with a quotation by Thomas Jefferson: "Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As

that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered, and manners and opinions change with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times."

Mayor Miller indicated that the motions offered tend to preclude discussion from the audience, and he invited audience participation prior to roll call vote on the motion.

Mr. Tom Drucker, Director of South Bay Project Quest, 20 Avenue 20, Venice, stated that they had requested and received what was termed the sponsorship of the Youth Welfare Commission -- at that time they did not understand the legalities that have since come to light which are now being investigated by the City Attorney. A better reference, in Mr. Drucker's opinion, would be "endorsed" or "supported" by the Youth Welfare Commission, who noted as well the earlier Council recognition in that the facilities were granted under the "sponsorship" or endorsement of the Youth Welfare Commission, and to make Project Quest the drug abuse program of the Youth Welfare Commission.

Discussion followed on the circumstances of the original Council approval of use of the facilities for Project Quest -- it was the comment of Mayor Miller that the fact that 4 members of Council, as elected officials, see fit to endorse a program, it would be endorsed; if four were not so inclined, then it would not be endorsed, regardless of any action of the Youth Welfare Commission. Hence this factor is not really germane and is not at issue in this consideration.

Questioned of Mr. Drucker by Councilman Surber was the reason for his selection of the City of Torrance for Project Quest, in view of the problems in Venice. Mr. Drucker responded that he was invited by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church to give lectures on drug abuses as related to the family; at that time people from the community of Torrance came forward who were enthusiastic about the program and its approach, followed by contact from the Youth Welfare Commission.

Councilman Surber then inquired as to the reasons for Project Quest advertising in the Los Angeles Free Press; Mr. Surber read the Free Press advertisement aloud, noting that it appeared in the February 25, 1970 issue. Councilman Surber indicated his reservations about such advertising, particularly in view of the concern for Torrance children -- he then inquired if Mr. Drucker had taken a head count to determine how many Torrance children and parents participate in the program.

It was Mr. Drucker's response to the above questions that, as a matter of course, Project Quest publicizes the topics for the Monday night meetings in all local papers that carry free advertising of community lectures, which include the Times and the South Bay Daily Breeze, and apparently the Free Press.

Councilman Surber then asked Mr. Drucker if he was involved with the Topanga Center for Human Development, where supposedly a nudist colony is conducted -- Mr. Drucker advised that the

Topanga Center for Human Development is not a nudist colony; it is licensed under the State of California as a private, non-profit, educational institution, and conducts seminars and weekend workshops in the fields of meditation, psychology, and various other forms of personal growth.

Next noted by Councilman Surber was an indication by Mr. Drucker that the title "The Ritual of Parent Killing" might not have been in good taste. Mr. Drucker commented that the entire title was "The Ritual of Parent Killing or Generational Conflict", and that he had indicated that that particular brochure was put together by a number of people, and he had not taken the proper time to look over the final copy, otherwise he would have realized that that title might not be appropriate. One of the things they try to do, Mr. Drucker added, is to convey an image of a kind of educational program that young people will value, as well as adults.

The length of time it is intended to carry on this program was next questioned by Councilman Surber, it being his understanding that there is a set series which is repeated. Mr. Drucker advised that they have not done that; each Monday night is a separate program, and it is his feeling that when the people fail to benefit from it the attendance will drop and they will find that they are no longer helping people; at such time he would be the first to discontinue the program.

It is Mr. Drucker's further opinion that many people from Torrance are benefitting from Project Quest -- they do not ask for names and addresses, nor do they inquire whether or not they live in Torrance, but it appears that many people within walking distance participate in the meetings.

Councilman Uerkwitz referred to the information at hand that Project Quest had been requested to leave St. Andrews Presbyterian Church; Mr. Drucker stated that that is not correct, and a spokesman is present.

With that, Reverend George McLaird, Assistant Pastor, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Redondo Beach (residence: 5220 Clearsite - telephone: 373-2121) stated that Project Quest was not asked to leave St. Andrews Presbyterian Church -- it was brought up at a Board session, but Project Quest left before there was any opportunity to vote on the matter. It is Reverend McLaird's opinion, based on his conversations with these people, that had the matter been voted on, Project Quest would have been invited to stay.

Reverend McLaird returned to clarify that he is present at this meeting for the reason that he works on the narcotic "Hot Line" in Palos Verdes; Project Quest has been in the past, and is, one of their most reliable resources -- it is doing an extremely effective job in the community with families who are having trouble communicating with one another. With what is going on in the City of Torrance, Reverend McLaird added, narcotic-wise that this program can<sup>not</sup> be allowed to be dissolved -- it would be like reprimanding, revising, or tearing down one of the fire

stations because it didn't operate perfectly -- that certainly would not have happened this week with the rash of dangerous fires. Reverend McLaird does not maintain that Project Quest is perfect, but that they are doing an effective job for a number of families, and they are really needed. It was added by Reverend McLaird that the foregoing represents his reason for being here; he does not represent the church.

Next to speak was Reverend Norman Springer, Pastor, Upper Room Chapel, Redondo Beach (residence: 1011 Avenue C, Redondo Beach) who stated that the Upper Room Chapel was not in any way related to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church except in the fact that they consider themselves brethren in Christ, and they are involved together in community projects, adding that he is not in any way representing St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. His interest, Reverend Springer continued, in Mr. Drucker's presentation is based on the fact that for some twelve years he has been involved with drug addicts in this area, as well as the Teen Challenge program, and he found himself very shocked at Mr. Drucker's teachings and felt it detrimental to the community and against basic principles that people believe in -- hence his letter to the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church; it is his understanding, from hearsay, that the church asked Mr. Drucker to leave and had discontinued his program; in any event; Mr. Drucker did not stay for the full term.

Councilman Wilson inquired as to Mr. Springer's program for assisting a drug addict -- the program in their church, Reverend Springer responded, has been to go out on the streets and make direct contact with the young people who need help; they are specifically counseled along religious lines and an attempt is made to bring them into the church; if there appears to be a tremendous problem, they are referred to the Teen Challenge program.

The manner of identification was next questioned by Dr. Wilson -- Reverend Springer advised that they are very easy to spot; they are obviously troubled, alienated from society, wild-eyed, and identification becomes a simple matter after a while.

Councilman Surber inquired if Reverend Springer found Mr. Drucker's program patterned in a religious sense -- did Christianity enter into his teachings? Mr. Springer replied that it did not, at all -- in fact, he was very shocked by the fact that "Mr. Drucker used God's name in vain inside the church, and used several curse words", a matter about which he is extremely sensitive and which he found very offensive. It is Mr. Springer's further understanding that there was a fee in the amount of \$300 for Mr. Drucker's services.

The substitute motion was repeated by Councilman Sciarrotta, with clarification of its intent and the added comment to the effect there are "the best of times and the worst of times" (per Charles Dickens; it is the worst of times because never before has our society been so challenged in preserving order while retaining its liberty. It is the best of times, Mr. Sciarrotta continued, because to our generation of Americans, more than to any other, has been given the opportunity of showing to the world that liberty and

order are compatible concepts even during a period of social revolution-- we are faced with a series of great opportunities wearing the disguise of insoluble problems. It is now clear, Councilman Sciarrotta concluded, that America is in the midst of a revolution, and that there may be as significant and final an impact as any other phase of our national history -- one of the phases of this revolution is the revolution of the young. This revolution is manifested in many ways, of which narcotics is one, and the question arises as to how much the adults are to blame and what to do with the dilemma?

It was the added comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that the Recreation Center belongs to all the citizens of Torrance -- it is his personal feeling that for one organization to monopolize the Center is not fair, but he is not opposed to their using it other than the once-a-week frequency.

A poem relative to the labelling of individuals, authored by Councilman Sciarrotta, was read aloud by him.

Councilman Uerkwitz inquired if Councilman Sciarrotta would include in his motion that Project Quest is not sponsored by the City of Torrance. Mr. Sciarrotta indicated that this should be a second motion, it not being his intent to discuss the merits of the program.

Mayor Miller, prior to calling for roll vote on the question, inquired if the Council wished to hear from any one else in the audience. Councilman Brewster indicated that he would like to hear from a Youth Welfare Commission representative as to whether they recommend that Project Quest be a quasi-sponsored City activity because of its value to youth in the community, etc., and might possibly change the whole nature of the action.

Such representative did not respond, but the following speaker did appear before the microphone. (Mayor Miller indicated that this would be the last speaker before voting on the motion, if agreeable with the Council; no objections were voiced.)

Mr. Richard Abshear, 19905 Anza Avenue, stated that were the Mafia sent to investigate crime one can sense rather than perceive that the outcome of that investigation is preordained; if the Youth Welfare Commission investigates an action they have condoned from the beginning, there is little doubt regarding that outcome either. The report before the Council, Mr. Abshear continued, is the result of action taken in self defense insofar as the Youth Welfare Commission is concerned.

What is not before the Council, Mr. Abshear further stated, is a description of the manner in which those meetings were conducted, adding that as County Chairman of the American Independent Party, he conducts meetings with an attendance of approximately 200 people, and that they do not break out into riots because everyone gets a chance to be heard, and the majority does prevail.

Mr. Abshear continued, stating that the Youth Welfare Commission meetings did not break out into riots, mainly because many attending were doing so for their own entertainment - the outcome was known to them - and this Council is the only recourse.

The procedures employed at the Commission meetings were then described by Mr. Abshear -- with many changes in the ground rules -- with the final meeting as bad as all preceding meetings; it was obvious that the Commission's mind was made up. Mr. Abshear then pointed out that he personally had presented several articles (as referenced in the Youth Welfare Commission minutes); the Commission had no opportunity to study any of this material presented to them -- the decision was made, and it was unanimous.

In conclusion, Mr. Abshear stated that, in view of the obvious conflict of interest regarding the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission, and the fact that they have returned the expected verdict, it would appear that these meetings have given the Council the time it needed to properly assess the situation. The only issue at hand, according to Mr. Abshear, is shall Torrance continue to subsidize social experiments with the minds of Torrance children and at the expense of Torrance taxpayers -- all that is really asked is that regulations with regard to the use of City facilities be fairly and equally applied; Torrance has been "good neighbors" to these people for approximately a year and a half; if they really have something good going for them, it is entirely possible that they could approach local government in their own communities and receive favorable action -- Mr. Abshear feels that Torrance has had enough.

Mayor Miller called for roll call vote on the substitute motion; it carried, as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, at the time of his "no" vote, that he does not believe the Council should arbitrarily go outside its own law to give free use on a series basis -- let them be governed by the law the Council has made regarding this particular facility.

Councilman Uerkwitz clarified his "yes" vote, stating that he has total opposition to the project as it stands, but the vote in this case will allow the Council an opportunity to review the situation and get the Council back in its original position of administering the ordinance as it was written. Mr. Uerkwitz added that he feels the Council was in error in the first place for granting this variance.

Mayor Miller stated, relative to his "yes" vote, that he is not opposed to the program, and has found nothing so far other than a lot of gossip, a lot of innuendos -- he has never

seen any subject so taken out of context in his entire eight years on the Council -- Project Quest has been operating for a year and a half, with unanimous Council approval of the original request -- but the first time someone rocks the boat there is controversy. If it is such a controversy, why did it function for a year and a half -- where was everybody, questioned Mayor Miller?

Of real concern to Mayor Miller, and the true issue in this matter, is the constant tie-up of the building with one group once a week -- this must be reviewed; certainly there are other facilities available.

Mr. Drucker was permitted to ask a question to the effect that continual use of the facilities, per the present reading of the ordinance, is expressly prohibited; therefore, if Project Quest reapplies, it would seem that they would have to go through the same kind of experience all over again -- Mr. Drucker wonders if there is anything which can be done in the interim period between now and December 14th to find ways which would be mutually agreeable to the project, the people it serves, the citizens of Torrance, and the Mayor and Council which would result in endorsement, rather than sponsorship, of this project?

Councilman Wilson deemed this a very good question, and something that the Committee should take under consideration to study the present ordinance to see if there are exceptions that should be made and the necessary changes made to the ordinance.

Concurrence with Dr. Wilson's remarks was indicated by Councilman Brewster -- there seems to be general agreement with the concept of Quest, that is, the creation of the environment in which to communicate, and there is probably a need in the community for that kind of mechanism. Councilman Brewster thereupon MOVED that this matter be reviewed by the Council Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that he could see no objections to such review -- if the citizens of this community see fit, as a majority group, to want this project in the Recreation Center on a permanent once-a-week basis, the Mayor would likewise have no objections. At this point, under the present ordinance, Mayor Miller indicated that the restrictions must be recognized, as well as what is permitted -- were the ordinance so changed, so would his attitude; where there are laws, the Council must abide by them.

Mr. Drucker added that the issue most strong with him is the fact that they are a drug abuse and delinquency prevention program and that a deference be made to that kind of program in the consideration of the use of these facilities.

Councilman Brewster's motion for review by the Council Community Development Committee carried, as follows:

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

It was the request of Councilman Surber that Staff determine how many Torrance children and parents are involved in Project Quest, for the benefit of the taxpayers, as well as an agenda of the presentations proposed over the next six months. Mayor Miller instructed Mr. Drucker to furnish this information to the Council Committee.

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The hour being 7:55 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess.

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(The Council now returned to:)

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

12. ZONE CHANGE 70-15 - TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on property located on the north side of 182nd Street 150 feet west of Van Ness Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 70-15, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Department and Planning Commission for a change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on ZC 70-15. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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Councilman Johnson returned to "Project Quest" discussion, and the fact that he desired to make an additional motion in this regard: That all reference relative to City-sponsorship be removed from Project Quest. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Wilson that the above motion be amended to state: "until all legal aspects are cleared." Councilman Johnson so amended his motion; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Kathleen Bresnahan, 23505 Evalyn, spoke, in reference to Project Quest, that it had been her hope, along with others, to speak at this meeting, but that Mayor Miller had cut off such opportunity, noting that Mr. Drucker had been afforded more than one time to speak. Mrs. Bresnahan further indicated that she had been promised a chance to speak by the Mayor, and that it was unfair for the Council to vote in the manner they did, deeming the Mayor primarily responsible for rushing this vote.

Mayor Miller responded that he had proceeded as he did in concurrence with the Council's wishes in the matter -- the Mayor further indicated that he would entertain no further debate, the action has been taken; Mrs. Bresnahan may sit in judgment if so desired.

Mrs. Bresnahan reiterated her feeling of unfair treatment, that Torrance residents were not heard, and the handicaps presented by unfamiliarity with Council procedures; her freedom of speech has been seriously hampered by certain members of the Council.

Councilman Surber at this point reaffirmed that the City Attorney is pursuing the legal aspects and the liability of the City of Torrance relative to Project Quest -- it was Mr. Surber's further request that the City Attorney research the legal ramifications of Mr. Drucker's using the tapes from public meetings for profit.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to proceed with the next order of business; there were no objections.

13. ZONE CHANGE 70-17, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on property located between 182nd Street and 180th Street approximately 450 east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil; it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Zone Change 70-17, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

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Mrs. Vera Powell, 2909 West 235th Street, a part-owner of property in the subject area, questioned why the entire area is not zoned R-3, in view of the varying zones, uses, and setbacks in this general location. Mrs. Powell clarified that she has no objection to the subject zone change proposed. Planning Director Shartle indicated that Staff would study the remaining area as to bringing it into some kind of conformity.

City Clerk Coil noted a letter received from Phillip and Anna Finney, Box 1095, Avalon, California indicating that they are in favor of the zone change from C-2 to R-3 in this case. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the letter be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and the Planning Commission re: ZC 70-17. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:35 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its regular agenda at 7:36 P.M.

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23. HERMA TILLIM CENTER.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That Council authorize an appropriation of \$2,500 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund to be used to survey the present recreation building facilities fronting on Artesia Boulevard and to prepare a master plan for further development of these facilities.

Councilman Johnson indicated concurrence with the above recommendation, adding that the structure proposed by him between the buildings certainly would not come to \$60,000 (as indicated in June 22nd communication). Mr. Johnson added that it appears that it is proposed to tear down the old building, and adding a new one, which is not what he had in mind; he would not disagree that a facing can be put on the entire series of structures -- but he certainly does believe that there should be preparations to upgrade the Center.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation.

Noted by Councilman Brewster, prior to a second on the motion, was a similar, overcrowded condition at Walteria Park, with a need perhaps for some master planning work there as well. Mr. Brewster recommended that Walteria Park be included in the action.

Councilman Johnson indicated his awareness of this situation, and stated that he would have no objection in including same in his motion, with the master plans for both facilities representing \$5000.00.

City Manager Ferraro recommended that the Council approve both in principle, with a report back from Staff as to the actual cost thereof. It was noted that any appropriations in this regard must be from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve, in that the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund is presently fully encumbered.

Councilman Johnson thereupon restated his motion, to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, to include the Herma Tillim Center and the Walteria Park Senior Citizens facility, such work not to exceed \$5000, with appropriation from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. ORDINANCE re: permits for signs encroaching onto or over City property.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2149

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 88.5.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RE: PERMITS FOR SIGNS ENCROACHING ONTO OR OVER CITY PROPERTY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2149 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of barricades near exposed natural gas transportation pipelines adjacent to City streets.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2150

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 97.9.26 AND 97.9.27 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF BARRICADES NEAR EXPOSED NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION PIPELINES ADJACENT TO CITY STREETS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2150 at its first reading. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

27. ORDINANCE amending Salary Ordinance covering employees represented by Torrance City Employees' Association deleting class of Senior Duplicating Equipment Operator and adding class of Central Services Supervisor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2151

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.61.2 OF PART VI, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1, OF THE

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TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY DELETING THE CLASS OF SENIOR DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND ADDING THE CLASS OF CENTRAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2151 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2146.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2146

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF 182ND STREET AND PRAIRIE AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-18.

(Lucille Forsythe)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2146 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Uerkwitz.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

29. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$1688.00 to Pacific Toro Company of Gardena for one only 76-inch Toro power mower as requested by the Park Department as a replacement.
2. \$337.18 to Emblem Manufacturing Company for 680 Torrance Police patches as requested by the Police Department for stock "as needed".
3. \$358.28 to David's Glove for 20 dozen work gloves as requested by the City Garage for stock "as needed".

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4. \$1266.00 to Xerox Corporation for 40 cartons of Xerox toner as requested by Central Services Division for use with the Xerox copier.
5. \$700.00 to Blinker Lite Supply for rental of 500 barricades as requested by the City Airport to be used for the "Airport Days" safety program.
6. \$936.44 to Pacific Union Metal Company for three 30-ft. aluminum light poles as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as replacements of vandalized standards at the Los Arboles Park.
7. \$900.00 to Lampman and Associates for the design and preparation of plans and specifications for the installation of guard rail on 182nd Street between Glenburn Avenue and Ermanita as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
8. \$998.72 to Motorola Communications and Electronics for one portable Motorola radio as requested by the Police Department as replacement units.
9. \$470.53 to Bower Wholesale Company for 5,000 rounds of .38 caliber "federal match" ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use in practice on the target range.
10. \$363.98 to Vermont Lumber of Torrance for 100 - 12-ft. sign posts as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock "as needed".

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

11. \$1668.90 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 246 adult selections.
30. STREET SWEEPING GUTTER WIRE - AWARD OF CONTRACT -  
Reference Bid B70-48.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by the Don A. Wren Company and approve of the awarding of a contract for the four tons of wire with them in the amount of \$1826.44 including sales tax and invoice cash discount.

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT - CURB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION ON  
235TH STREET, EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW (Informal Bid)  
Job 71114.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Cancino & Medina Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected.
2. That \$300.00 be appropriated from the Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

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32. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - STORM DRAIN IN THREE LOCATIONS IN SOUTHEAST TORRANCE (Jobs Nos. 81007, 81008, 82004).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Graham and Company.

33. CLAIM of Lois L. Kobzev against City for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

34. CLAIM of Paul K. McKissock for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

35. CLAIM of Lawrence J. Reid for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

36. RENEWAL OF BUS LEASE TIRE AGREEMENT - 1970-71 FISCAL YEAR. B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the renewing of the existing lease tire contract for an additional one-year period at the mileage rate of \$.0091 per bus mile (six tires) which is subject to minor variation based on a periodic check of mileage experience with Torrance buses. This rate is now also subject to change due to changes of the "average hourly wage rate" experienced by the B.F. Goodrich Tire Company which is reviewed every six months by B.F. Goodrich Company.

37. Withdrawn. (Claim of Dorothy Gale Blommer)

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and #36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Clarification of agenda item E - report and accounting of all cash receipts, disbursements and fund balances for the month of May, 1970 - was furnished by City Treasurer Rupert in that the minus bank balance figure of some \$80,000 indicated thereon is somewhat misleading (and depressing). Mr. Rupert then explained that there are checks authorized for payment by the City Council far in advance of their due date; such checks are held by Mr. Rupert, and there is always a sufficient balance.

39. City Clerk Coil directed specific attention to agenda item A - the invitation to the Victoria Terrace Homeowners Association to be recognized at the September 29th Council meeting - and their declination; Mr. Coil noted that this is the third such homeowners group to so decline.

It was the suggestion of City Manager Ferraro that other groups - such as church groups, civic groups, etc. - might welcome such an invitation. Mayor Miller requested that the City Manager prepare a list of such groups for consideration by the Council.

40. Data Processing Manager Sharp reminded the Council of the Data Processing Seminar on September 30th; a most worthwhile two-day program has been prepared.

41. The communication from the Civil Service Commission with their annual report (Information Item B) was noted by Councilman Brewster. Mr. Brewster thereupon MOVED to file the subject annual report, and to congratulate the Civil Service Commission on another year of loyal, dedicated service to the City and to its citizens. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

42. Councilman Brewster suggested that there might be a need for review of areas that were at one time A-1 but have since been rezoned to R-1, with the previous uses under the A-1 zoning remaining as non-conforming -- it is Mr. Brewster's understanding that there are some problems in the Southeast Torrance area, particularly with an overabundance of small farm animals who present difficulties to the R-1 residents.

The value of the establishment of some form of abatement for such non-conforming use was questioned by Councilman Brewster.

Planning Director Shartle indicated that he would follow through on Councilman Brewster's above comments.

43. Further noted by Councilman Brewster was the City Manager's communication relative to the development of a legislative/ liaison program -- it was the consensus of the Council that such a program should be pursued; Mayor Miller appointed the following ad hoc committee for this purpose: Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, and Sciarrotta.

44. Councilman Johnson reviewed the Council action of September 22nd wherein the two routes for the Southern California Edison Company's 220 KV transmission lines were selected.

It has been of considerable concern to Councilman Johnson since that time -- he had raised some questions at the time of the consideration, and then temporarily had permitted himself to be carried away and get sold on what he believes to be the short term view in allowing those lines to come down Hawthorne Boulevard instead of Crenshaw.

Councilman Johnson further stated that he is concerned because the short term is a fairly good solution, and it certainly would eliminate those lines on Hawthorne, but it is Mr. Johnson's feeling that eventually those lines would come out anyway, if the other lines were put down Crenshaw. Councilman Johnson indicated that he has no quarrel whatsoever with the Western Avenue lines.

It is known that Crenshaw has to be widened, Councilman Johnson continued, in the not too distant future to relieve the #1 problem of congestion, and it seems to him, rather than let those lines go down Hawthorne, there should be an attempt to get them down Crenshaw and do so as economically as possible.

Councilman Johnson, therefore, MOVED that Council reconsider the matter, in order to get it out on the floor, and instruct the City Manager to come back to the Council in approximately two weeks with a report relative to the cost of land acquisition and other improvements necessary -- just as though that were the only way that it could possibly be accomplished. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

At this point, Mayor Miller noted a fact, which had not previously occurred to him, that he is the owner of a 50 ft. lot on Crenshaw, <sup>and</sup> he should abstain from voting in this matter. It was his request that the voting record on September 22, 1970 indicate as well that he has abstained in this consideration.

Councilman Wilson spoke in favor of the above motion, noting that he had voted against the Hawthorne Boulevard proposal on September 22nd -- it seems to him that havoc would really be created along Hawthorne, both transportation wise and aesthetics, and he would prefer consideration of Western, rather than Crenshaw, but Crenshaw is certainly a better choice than Hawthorne.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson reiterated the findings of the Underground Utility Committee, noting that there were no objections to the Crenshaw route, it was simply felt that the most could be gathered through the Hawthorne route in that no section of the City would be oversaturated -- Southeast Torrance would be surrounded by high tension lines with the Crenshaw route which would result in three lines encompassing this single area.

Further noted by Mr. Jackson was the fact that lines would be placed along Crenshaw where no lines presently exist. It was his further suggestion that a decision be made as soon as possible in order to assist Southern California Edison Company in their process.

It was also clarified by Mr. Jackson, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, that the City would fare out better, dollar-wise, going down Hawthorne -- the impossibility of putting both lines down Western was reiterated by Mr. Jackson, a fact confirmed by both Southern California Edison Company and the Public Utilities Commission.

The pros and cons of Hawthorne vs Crenshaw were discussed, with Mr. Jackson elaborating on the expense to the consumers, the role of the 1911 Act, as well as the overall "cleaning up" aspects of the situation. Councilman Johnson noted that the requested report from the City Manager would detail these considerations, adding that Hawthorne Boulevard is developing in a most commendable, first class manner by way of commercial centers -- it is inevitable that less desirable structures will give way to quality development within the next several years. Added by Councilman Johnson was his feeling that the long range view should be taken, concepts will change in due course, there will be advancements in technology which likely will make undergrounding feasible.

Councilman Johnson restated his motion: That the Council reconsider the subject matter, with a report from the City Manager pertaining thereto. Councilman Surber again seconded the motion, which failed to carry, with a tie vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Surber, Wilson.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz.  
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller. (Owns property on Crenshaw).

Councilman Johnson reiterated his strong feeling that there should be another look at the matter. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson pointed out that, based on the September 22nd action of the Council, Southern California Edison Company began the machinery for the engineering of these poles and for the actual accomplishment of the routes; the City Manager's office is now preparing a letter to the Public Utilities Commission to put before them for full consideration, keeping in mind the time requirements built in by Southern California Edison and the City's own responsibility re: the 1911 Act.

Councilman Johnson thereupon announced that he would change his "Yes" vote of September 22nd in regard to this consideration to "NO", for the reasons above stated. It was then requested by Councilman Surber that his "Yes" vote on that date likewise be changed to "NO".

It was pointed out by Councilman Brewster that the above action results in a tie vote on the original motion, in view of the earlier announced abstention of Mayor Miller, and, therefore, failure of the original motion.

City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that the Council may change its vote -- this has been permitted over the years -- but it can result in problems, such as the one now confronted by the Council.

In order to break the tie, Councilman Wilson announced that he would vote "YES" on the original motion.

The original motion, therefore, carried.

45. A letter from Mrs. Arch MacDonald praising the Torrance Police Department for the well-trained, professional and intelligent manner used by them in their community relations was read aloud by Councilman Surber.

46. Councilman Uerkwitz recognized the achievements of two Torrance residents, Los Angeles Police Department's Sergeant Dean Thomas and Sergeant Lloyd W. Waller in winning Valor Awards. Mr. Uerkwitz MOVED that the City Clerk prepare a tile plaque in recognition of this achievement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and there were no objections.

47. The recent efforts of the Torrance Fire Department in the tremendous Southern California fires were acknowledged by Councilman Uerkwitz, and, at his request, Fire Chief Lucas detailed the participation by his department.

48. An acute traffic problem, and a petition pertaining thereto, on Palos Verdes Boulevard was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the request that the Traffic Engineer review this matter and report back to the Council as soon as possible, with notification to the signers of the petition as to the date it will appear on the Council agenda.

49. Councilman Brewster questioned whether or not the City of Torrance was in any way eligible for the paramedic training now enjoyed by Los Angeles City and County firemen -- Chief Lucas responded that Torrance has not become involved at this point, primarily because of the manpower situation; they are observing the program but do not have any immediate plans.

50. Mrs. Jeannette Altermatt, 1323 Hickory, inquired if she would be out of order to submit her material regarding "Project Quest" at this time, having arrived late at the meeting. There were no objections by the Council to such presentation.

Mrs. Altermatt stated that one week ago some Council members had been invited to come to her home to hear a speaker relative to growth centers and Project Quest. She added that Mayor Miller had pointed out to her that it would be unappropriate for him to attend, as did the others; Mrs. Altermatt stated that she understands their position, and she respects it.

However, Mrs. Altermatt continued, all have stated that they would review any materials on the subject that she desired to submit, which she will do at this time, apologizing for previous commitments which made it impossible to furnish same to the Youth Welfare Commission.

Part of the material she is submitting, according to Mrs. Altermatt, was prepared originally for a group of concerned parents from Topanga Canyon, but it does tie in very well with the subject consideration. Noted by Mrs. Altermatt was the fact that the South Bay Project Quest is advertised in the Topanga Human Development Center (copy furnished) -- adding that on Page 24 of the brochure it states "the relationship of the

family unit to the drug culture, a Quest program" (October 31st, November 1st) with further reference to "an important part of the Topanga Center's continuing growth process is its sponsorship of the South Bay Project Quest in its request for Federal assistance. Quest is a community-based project for youth and adults dedicated in fostering human development..." Questioned by Mrs. Altermatt was whether or not the people from the South Bay are being asked, and is the City of Torrance sponsoring something like this at the Topanga Center?

It was next questioned by Mrs. Altermatt who authorized the ad in the Los Angeles Free Press for Project Quest, noting that the September 25th issue (page 32) carried an announcement re: the topic, "Racial Polarization", for the South Bay Project Quest meeting on September 28th at the Torrance Recreation Center.

Mrs. Altermatt then quoted comments of J. Edgar Hoover in the January, 1970 issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin: "In face of these perplexing conditions many citizens are practically moral cowards, afraid of being labelled puritanical or square; they tolerate and condone acts and habits which they know are morally wrong but which they do not have the courage to denounce or oppose. This is unfortunate because they fail themselves, their children, and their country. Where morality and decency are concerned, Americans must not let rationalization and double-talk confuse them; there is nothing enlightening, enduring, or progressive about degeneracy -- no great nations or stable societies have ever been built on false moralities. If we value our country and our system of self-government under the rule of law, then we must not stand by and let moral standards be compromised."

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that copies of the above material be made available to all parties involved in this investigation, in the interest of fairness to all -- Mayor Miller concurred, and no objections were expressed.

Mr. Drucker returned to further comment, but Mayor Miller indicated that it was pointless to further belabor the subject. A public hearing by the committee on this matter was suggested by Councilman Uerkwitz, in view of the differences of opinion; it was noted by Councilman Wilson that the Youth Welfare Commission had had a hearing, the committee assignment is to study the ordinance. Mayor Miller inquired if the Council desired the public hearing; there were no indications that this should be pursued.

At this point Councilman Surber moved that Minute Secretary Ava Cripe transcribe the minutes for the Youth Welfare Commission for the meetings of September 14th, September 16th, and September 23rd. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson pointed out the availability of the tapes of these meetings which would doubtless prove superior to reading minutes. Mayor Miller then specifically inquired if the Council desired to continue this; if so, to let him know -- Councilman Uerkwitz stated that if there are not to be hearings before the committee, then the people should be heard here and now. It was noted by Councilman Brewster that action was taken by the Council earlier in the evening, and many of the people have departed; it is not proper to continue this now.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that a public hearing be held on Thursday, October 1st, at 4:00 P.M. on this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mrs. Surber spoke from the audience, requesting that the above hearing be delayed until minutes of the Youth Welfare Commission aforementioned meetings are available to the Councilmen -- the minutes that were furnished omitted certain things, as well as misstatements; further, they are not yet approved by the Commission, with no minutes as yet for the September 23rd meeting.

Mayor Miller called for the question. The motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

51. Mrs. Stella Billings, 4129 West 178th Street, noted that a Charter Review meeting is scheduled for September 30th, and related her feeling that Mr. Reid Bundy misunderstood her comments at the last Charter Review Meeting -- what she is trying to get the Council to endorse is that a statement go into the City Charter, not the ballot, that will say that Council candidates will be expected to declare their political affiliations -- Mrs. Billings does not believe that is against State law. City Attorney Remelmeyer will check into this and advise.

At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

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*Vernon W. Coil*

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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED BY:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
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