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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, October 6, 1970, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, a member of the audience, Mr. Bill Campbell, led in the Salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by the Reverend Charles Treffry, South Bay Church of God.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of September 22, 1970, were approved as recorded upon motion being made to that effect by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Wilson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously as is shown below:

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

NOES: Councilmen: None

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's

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

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilman Brewster reported that the Public Works Committee met earlier today and considered the matter of the License Review Board -- a report on this matter will be forthcoming. Further, Councilman Brewster announced that the Inter-City Highway Committee composed of members from 13 different South Bay communities, will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Alondra Club on Prairie Avenue, Lawndale, this Thursday, October 8, 1970. Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. with a cocktail hour immediately preceding. The topic of the evening will be a discussion on the Torrance Freeway led by the District City Planning Engineer of the State Division of Highways.

Charter Review Committee - Councilman Wilson announced that the next meeting of subject committee will be held at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers on Thursday, October 22, 1970, at which time Staff Department Heads and City Commissions will be asked to give their comments.

Civil Service Committee - Councilman Johnson reported that this committee is scheduled to meet at 2:30 PM tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, October 7, 1970, at which time they will discuss the Reorganization of the Personnel Department, the City's proposal re Personnel Testing Contract, and possibly, one other matter.

Police/Fire Committee - Councilman Uerkwitz stated that a tentative date has been set for the next Police/Fire Committee meeting - October 20, 1970, at 4:30 PM.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" - October 5 through 10

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

11. "Project Concern Day" - October 10

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

Taken out of order at this time was:

17. Reduced Bus Fares for Senior Citizens

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations of Staff on subject matter. Mayor Miller seconded the motion.

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Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Johnson expressed his opinion that he would rather see the plan adopted which would represent no cost to the Torrance Senior Citizens or alternatively, adopt a 10¢ cost to any senior citizen, using the Medicare card as the identification means for proof of age. He felt that the 10¢ spread out to everyone would substantially reduce the amount it is now costing the senior citizens to ride our bus line. He then offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION, calling for no cost to the Torrance Senior Citizens with a plan for identification to be worked out by the City Manager and Staff. Councilman Surber seconded the motion.

Before a vote was taken on the substitute motion, Mayor Miller indicated he favored trying the 10¢ reduction in the fare for a trial basis of 90 days, then have a report come back from Staff as to just what the cost was, whether or not it would lessen or increase the \$240,000 the City is now losing from the bus operation. If the impact was not that much on the bus lines, then he would suggest going a step further to reduce the fare costs.

Councilman Uerkwitz agreed with Mayor Miller, feeling an interim step should be taken first before deciding to go all the way to the "no cost" plan for senior citizens. Eventually, he hoped the "no cost" plan would materialize, but in the meantime, this plan seemed best to him. He then AMENDED HIS MOTION to include that they would try Staff's recommendation on a 90-day trial basis. Councilman Johnson stated he would accept that and withdrew his substitute motion. Councilman Surber subsequently withdrew his second to the substitute motion.

Councilman Wilson, while agreeing with Councilman Uerkwitz' motion, felt that a 6 month trial plan would be better since he did not believe 90 days would be enough time for the word to get around. Councilman Uerkwitz AMENDED HIS MOTION again, changing the 90 day trial basis to a 6 month trial basis.

Favoring the alternate suggestion of Councilman Johnson was Councilman Brewster -- that is, to have a flat 10¢ rate for all senior citizens, whether Torrance residents or not. Councilman Brewster contended that there never really has been a good test of the elasticity of the fare versus the attraction of riders and this plan, in his mind, would be a change dramatic enough, to test this thesis. Councilman Surber was in agreement with his thinking, believing there was not enough difference in the 10¢ reduction to really show an effect, while Councilman Sciarrotta concurred with Councilmen Uerkwitz and Wilson and Mayor Miller, feeling that the matter of the fare reduction should be taken in steps, on an experimental basis, rather than try to make a substantial reduction all at once.

Stating that he believed Councilman Brewster's point was well taken, Councilman Johnson offered another SUBSTITUTE MOTION, calling for a 10¢ fare on a 6 month basis, utilizing the Medicare card for identification as to age. Councilman Surber

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seconded the motion.

Before a vote was taken on the substitute motion, a member of the audience, Mr. Jack Bliss, 826 Carmelynn, Torrance, stated he agreed with Councilman Brewster's comments and advised that a similar program recently undertaken in the City of Gardena where a slight reduction was made in the bus fare, did not show a substantial increase of riders, whereas in cities such as San Francisco, where a large decrease in fare was made, showed a great deal more senior citizens taking advantage of the program.

Mayor Miller reminded the audience and the Council that the entire matter of the bus operation had been turned over to City Management just prior to the last election, at which time the Council had promised not to become involved in the matter at all -- Management was directed to determine the lines and whatever it would take to economize and reduce the \$200,000 plus loss to the taxpayers. The Council is again involved in this matter, he continued, and possibly, rightfully so; however, recalling past experience, he asked that the people, deserving though they may be of the proposal to drastically reduce or even eliminate the bus fares, support the 10¢ reduction program for a 6 months trial basis, with the thought in mind to go on with the reductions if this program proves successful.

Roll call vote was taken on Councilman Johnson's substitute motion (10¢ flat rate fare for all senior citizens, on a six month test basis); the motion failed to carry as is shown below:

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

Roll call vote was taken next on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion to concur with the recommendations of Staff (10¢ reduction in fare for senior citizens) for a 6 months trial basis. The motion, already seconded earlier by Mayor Miller, carried unanimously.

A member of the audience, Mrs. Dorothy Kidde, 1308 West 218th Street, Torrance (Los Angeles strip) asked if there might be some means of identification other than the Medicare card since that is issued only to people 65 and over. Mayor Miller believed that this probably could be worked out satisfactorily by Staff. It was suggested by another member of the audience that the Torrance Recreation Center-issued "green cards" could be used. These are obtainable to senior citizens 60 and over upon registering with the Recreation Department, although no proof of age is required in order to obtain said card. The discussion continued in this direction and the question arose "what age limit should be set in the proposed program?" It was unanimously decided upon MOTION being made by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that senior citizens aged 60 and over should be entitled to the benefit of the 10¢ reduction.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. Award of permaplaque expressing appreciation to George Post for his service to the City as a member of the Planning Commission of the City

Subject permaplaque, presented by Mayor Miller, was gratefully accepted by Mr. George Post, 2309 - 229th Street, Torrance.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. Minimum size living areas for single-family dwellings

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Department and Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. ORDINANCE adding Section 95.3.36 to the Code to require a conditional use permit for Accessory Uses on Commercial Parking Lots

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2152

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 95.3.26  
TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE  
A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ACCESSORY USES  
ON COMMERCIAL PARKING LOTS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2152. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried unanimously.

REAL PROPERTY:

14. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of that certain deed to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Quitclaiming all rights, title and interest to certain Torrance Beach Properties

Councilman Uerkwitz questioned the advisability of selling subject lots -- he was provided with a reply by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the City does not own entire lots, but rather portions of them, sometimes the portion is as small as 1/164. The small interest in said lots, picked up by the City over the years through tax sales, etc., is periodically turned over to the County, the purpose being to allow all land along Paseo de la Playa and the beach itself to fall under the jurisdiction of the County. Councilman Uerkwitz recalled

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that it had been discussed at a prior meeting, the matter of access to the beach and the need to retain easements, etc. Mr. Remelmeyer's response was that the County is holding this property in trust for the public. The Council some time ago, Mr. Remelmeyer continued, decided to transfer the City's interest in these lots to the County in return for which the County agreed to try to obtain clear title to all the lots along the beach.

Councilman Uerkwitz then asked if it would not be in the City's best interest to maintain control of these lots, so they would, for example, have a voice as to where a proposed walkway to the beach would be located. Mr. Remelmeyer reiterated that what is being done is merely continuing the policy based on a decision made by the City Council some years ago (1961) to transfer all of the City's interest in the beaches to the County. The City's interest would be so small anyway, that he did not believe it would serve any useful purpose to try to maintain any of this land. Further, it is believed the County has been operating on the basis of this gentleman's agreement and have probably spent a great deal of money in that regard. It might be true, Mr. Remelmeyer admitted, that it could be of benefit for the City to maintain control of some of the beach property, but such would not be the case on these particular lots which are located at the northern end of the beach.

It was asked by Councilman Surber if subject lots represented the last such property in which the City holds any interest. Mr. Remelmeyer's response was in the affirmative; however, the City does, he added, pick up additional land from time to time through tax sales, etc. Any that might be acquired, though, he felt, would probably be so small that it would not serve any purpose to do anything other than convey it to the County. At the conclusion of the discussion on subject matter, City Manager Ferraro pointed out that the land being discussed was actually in the County parking lot, anyway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN DEED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS QUITCLAIMING ALL ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST TO CERTAIN TORRANCE BEACH PROPERTIES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt Resolution No. 70-208. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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15. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Fifth Amendment to Lease No. 3-A and First Amendment to Lease No. 3-B between City and Jefferson Company

RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Second Amendment to Lease No. 6 and Second Amendment to Lease No. 7 between City and Rolling Hills Plaza Company

Planning Director Shartle advised that an addendum, consisting of a Precise Plan of development for the center, must be made to the proposed lease agreement in order to resolve certain problems that have arisen. Presently, the City's regulatory powers are not sufficient to cover all the things that have come up, e.g., maintenance of the parking lot, maintenance of landscaped areas, etc. Actually, what is being suggested, Mr. Shartle continued, is that the City's property be treated in much the same manner as all other commercial and/or apartment developments are treated, requiring a Precise Plan of development. Airport Manager Egan supported this thinking, reiterating Mr. Shartle's statement that the City should be exemplary with its own property. In response to a question raised by Councilman Johnson, Planning Director Shartle explicitly described what would be included in the Precise Plan that the City presently has no control over. Councilman Johnson was of the opinion that the requirement of a Precise Plan at this time would add a cost responsibility to the developer, over and above the terms of the contract and was diametrically opposed to the imposition of this requirement unless a method of adjusting the contract can be realized.

Continuing, Planning Director Shartle outlined the tenant-landlord situation which exists here and compared it to private situations where the tenant, regardless of who it is, and regardless of who is landlord, must comply to City regulations. Airport Manager Egan thought Mr. Shartle's proposal had excellent application throughout the City, on any property which the City may lease or commit to second or third parties. Further, he stated that it had become apparent to him for some time that a stronger device than he has in the Airport Department must be established in order to require tenants to live up to the various standards set up by the City in the Ordinances of the regulatory Departments. Councilman Wilson interjected that he agreed wholeheartedly -- the City cannot set two types of standards, one for private developers who build on their own property, and one for those who care to build on City property.

One of the problems existent, according to City Attorney Remelmeyer, was that Staff had not had sufficient time to complete their work on subject item, since the Council had ordered it back on the agenda at a specific time. The new recommendation of Mr. Shartle's, which Mr. Remelmeyer felt "certainly had merit" had not received his study, nor that of certain other Departments. He therefore suggested that action be deferred on this item until Staff has a chance to complete their study and attempt to arrive at a workable

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solution.

To stress his point, Planning Director Shartle referred to a parallel case to what he is proposing for subject development -- that of the White Front Store development. The store itself was established some time ago; however, just recently, the City has exercised its right to upgrade the development by requiring landscaping, deceleration lanes, and a few other items.

In response to Mayor Miller's question if the proponents would object to a two week delay, Mr. Alexander Pope, of the law firm of Fine and Pope, attorney for the lessees, stated his client had no objections with the condition that the Council act on the two items on the agenda, adding the Precise Plan and other requirements at a later date. The most substantial matter -- the \$4 million amendment -- has to be back before the Council again later, anyway, he added. Also, since Mr. Leavitt will be on vacation for two weeks, a four week delay on that matter would be more advantageous, Mr. Pope stated. Upon receipt of advice from City Attorney Remelmeyer, the Council announced they could not comply with Mr. Pope's request to approve the two subject Resolutions at this time. Councilman Sciarrotta then moved that Item 15 be continued for 4 weeks (November 10th). Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Prefacing his remarks by stating that 99% of his contacts with the City in the past year had been very good, Mr. Al Leavitt, the proponent in subject matter, called the Council's attention to the fact that this issue had been raised on July 23rd. As a result, the Council, in early August, had considered the matter and ordered it back on the agenda for action on this date. There was no doubt in anyone's mind at that time, Mr. Leavitt stated, that this would be enough time for the Staff to complete their work; however, if Staff feels they do not have enough information as yet, he continued, "...we certainly can't force them to act in any way." One particularly disappointing experience, Mr. Leavitt stated, was the fact that plans for the street have been submitted 3 or 4 times and still have not been accepted by the Traffic Department. Every time the City wants a change, he has to have the plans drawn over again, and now, additional changes are being requested by the City. Also, referring to the problem of maintenance which Planning Director Shartle brought up earlier, Mr. Leavitt stated he had never received notification of any problems with the property -- if he had, he certainly would have taken corrective action.

In order that the \$4,000,000 construction provision can be met as scheduled, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Airport Manager Egan's Recommendation No. 4 contained in his communication to Council dated October 1, 1970. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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Councilman Sciarrotta then moved that Mr. Leavitt be given an extension until February 15th, 1971, to comply with the \$4 million requirement since the Council is now delaying action on this matter. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PARK AND RECREATION:

16. SEA-AIRE PARK

Request of Director of Recreation to expend not over \$3,000 to furnish and equip a new ceramic program at Sea-Aire Park, and purchase and install an electric kiln and necessary tools and cupboards

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Recreation Director and Senior Recreation Supervisor Dee Manning. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

18. Letter from Albert Isen, Attorney at Law, regarding the recent action taken by the City Council on the location of the Edison Company's new transmission line down the middle of Hawthorne Boulevard

Since this item had been taken care of last week, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that subject letter be filed. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried as is shown below:

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

19. ORDINANCE establishing device to automatically deliver a recorded message to a telephone subscriber without his consent prohibited

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2153

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 45.6.20 TO CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON OTHER THAN A PUBLIC UTILITY SHALL INSTALL ANY DEVICE WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY INITIATE AN INTRA-STATE TELEPHONE CALL AND DELIVER A RECORDED MESSAGE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A SUBSCRIBER BY A PUBLIC UTILITY TELEPHONE COMPANY WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SUBSCRIBER.

Councilman Surber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2153. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. Recommendation to City Council that a decision be made as to whether or not they wish to continue the Rule of three with regard to the Promotional Eligible List, or whether or not they wish to abolish this right

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that subject item be referred to the Civil Service Committee of the Council, and, since they are meeting tomorrow afternoon, that the matter be considered at that time. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

21. Recommendation of Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee of the City Council regarding policy of granting paid leave to employee organization representatives for meetings on employee business outside the City

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations provided. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

Prior to roll call vote being taken on the motion, an objection was raised by Officer Phil Joseph, 22925 Arlington, representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, stating that the \$2.50 per employee per year was not agreeable to his association. Further, the Association would like to meet and confer with Management or other representative of the Council to discuss this matter.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked if this was a meet and confer item, to which City Attorney Remelmeyer replied it was not. Councilman Sciarrotta then provided the basis on which the \$2.50 per employee per year was decided. A discussion ensued as to the equity in this type of arrangement, since some Departments, or employee associations had fewer members, they would receive only nominal amounts. Officer Joseph contended that the Ordinance establishing employee benefits was so established only after meeting and conferring with the various employee associations; yet, now, the Council is changing this ordinance without first meeting and conferring. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson referred to Section 14.8.16, subsection (b) which stated in part, "...attendance of meetings by employee representatives outside the City may be authorized but at no cost to the City for salaries or other expenses related to attendance at such meetings unless approved by the City Council." It was Mr. Jackson's understanding that subject Committee of the Council is attempting to establish a policy on which to base said approval.

Captain Richard DeArmitt, 5102 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, representing the Torrance Firefighters, stated that his association appreciated the gesture by the Council Committee; however, as far as the Firefighters are concerned, they have been supplementing their own time for years, and probably will continue to do so, until something definite is

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worked out. The \$2.50 per employee per year would only amount to \$355.00 for his association, he continued, and would not be enough to send more than one employee to one function, and then, it would have to be someone who was the rank of Fireman. Captain DeArmitt stated he realized there were a lot of problems existent here; however, he suggested that consideration be given to working out something to the effect -- 1 hour per employee per year rather than the \$2.50 per employee per year.

Councilman Johnson offered a substitute motion, that the sum of \$2.50 per employee be allocated to City Management for the purpose of paying for employee association members attending out-of-state conventions and that the money be administered, not on a per-employee basis, but rather on a justifiable basis.

Before a second was made to the motion, the various pros and cons of the suggestions made were discussed. Councilman Uerkwitz felt that this matter should be referred back to Committee rather than try to act tonight. Mayor Miller commented he thought the responsibility lies with the employee groups; sometimes, it even appears that this is a "political thing" -- who can give the associations the most. If the Council sees fit to set a dollar amount, he continued, that figure should not be deviated from throughout the course of the budget year. "We want to be nice guys," Mayor Miller added, but it must be remembered that the money taken from one source depletes another source, and the pressure is put on the Council for other things. To this, Councilman Uerkwitz reminded the Council and the audience that the Council has no responsibility to send employees to any conventions -- it is merely a gesture of good will to do so. City Attorney Remelmeyer upheld this thinking, stating that it is not mandatory to meet and confer on this matter in the technical sense; however, that does not mean that the Council cannot meet and confer on the item.

Councilman Johnson's motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Miller then ordered that this item go back to the Police/Fire Committee for reconsideration, and there were no objections.

The hour being 7:25 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Council returned to its regular agenda at 7:28 P.M.

22. Amendment to Salary Ordinance regarding Certain Other Employees and Class Specifications for Law Clerk with Report from Civil Service Commission

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2154

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.41.2 OF PART IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THE CLASS OF LAW CLERK TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES FOR CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2154. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2147 relating to Validation Permits

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

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 to adopt Ordinance No. 2147 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2149 relating to permits for signs encroaching onto or over City property.

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

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.

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Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2149 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2150 relating to erection of barricades near exposed natural gas transportation pipelines adjacent to City streets

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

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 Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2149 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried unanimously.

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2151 relating to Senior Duplicating Equipment Operator

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

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 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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2151 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

27. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

A. BUDGETED

1. \$437.83 to Gardena Hardware for one (1) only portable electric generator-3000 watt as requested by the Water Department as a replacement item.

2. \$1,679.75 to Southern Bolt for 1,800 various size brass bolts and nuts as requested by the Water Department for water service maintenance for stock.
3. \$451.75 to UARCO, Inc. for 35,000 cash register and field receipt forms as requested by the Recreation Department for use in registering in the various Recreation programs. This is a re-order from UARCO who has the plates from a previous order.
4. \$437.30 to GMC Truck & Coach for various GMC bus repair parts as requested by the City Garage. GMC Truck & Coach of Oakland is the sole West Coast distributor for these repair parts.
5. \$3,924.60 to Motorola Communications & Electronics for three (3) Motorola Mobile Radios as requested by the Police Department for their use as replacement units. This is a manufacture direct purchase. Motorola does not sell through dealers.
6. \$311.56 to Automatic Signal of Torrance for six (6) traffic signal replacement line switches as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department. This is a manufacture-direct purchase - company does not sell through dealers.
7. \$462.21 to 3M Corporation for 50 gallons of scotch clad non-slip material as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use on the pedestrian over-pass walk way at 187th and Crenshaw. This is a manufacture-direct purchase and is not sold through other dealers. This material will eliminate slip accidents while crossing the overpass.
8. \$684.91 to Graybar Electric for four (4) complete general purpose flood light fixtures with ballasts and 1000 watt lamps as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department as replacements for damaged and burned out units at Walteria Park.
9. \$1,318.75 to Steward Company for one (1) only heavy duty commercial grade paper drill as requested by the Central Services Division.
10. \$472.52 to Hearne Brothers for four (4) revised maps of the greater South Los Angeles area as requested by the Planning, Fire, Engineering and City Clerk's Departments. These maps contain a mechanical street finders device. This is a proprietary sole source item.
11. \$512.73 to IBM for one (1) only IBM selectric typewriter as requested by the Data Processing

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- Department for new personnel. This is a manufacture-direct purchase. IBM does not sell through dealers.
12. \$2,345.27 to Magnasynch-Moviola Corporation for a 10 channel tape play back unit as requested by the Police Department to supplement existing equipment. This is a manufacture-direct purchase from the sole Los Angeles source.
  13. \$324.86 to Dictaphone Corporation for one (1) only Dictaphone transcribing machine as requested by the Police Department as a replacement unit. This Dictaphone unit is necessary in order to transcribe messages from other "existing" dictaphone dictating units used in the Police Department.
  14. \$2,038.09 to S.A.C. Electronics, Inc. for one (1) only intelligence surveillance kit as requested by the Police Department for use by the Vice & Intelligence Division. This is a manufacture-direct purchase which is not sold through dealers.
  15. \$588.48 to Paul's Photo of Torrance for two (2) Kodac Instamatic cameras; one (1) Yashica camera; one (1) Honeywell strobe; plus slide copying equipment and miscellaneous cases.
  16. \$1,651.08 to F. Morton Pitt Company for 50 "special duty" Toptex riot helmets complete with safety visor, shield and decal as requested by the Police Department. Last year Purchasing and the Police Department reviewed tests conducted by LAPD on safety helmets using an outside lab and Bell-Toptex helmets were rated superior to all other brands tested. F. Morton Pitt is the sole Los Angeles outlet for Bell-Toptex helmets.
  17. \$844.00 to Park & Turf Equipment for two (2) slightly used but like new 30-inch "Tru Cut" power mowers as requested by the Park Department as replacement units.
  18. \$661.49 to Caligraphics Printing & Publishing for 50,000 bus schedules covering all existing routes as requested by the Bus Department. This is a reorder from Caligraphics who was low bid on the original order and has the plates.
  19. \$747.78 to Johnson Stationers for 16 tablet arm chairs as requested by the Fire Department for the Fire Station #1 classroom.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS

20. \$428.18 to Clow Corporation for various 8" water pipe tees, ells, flanges and reducers as requested by the Water Department for use at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Payment has already been received for this material.
21. \$3,624.98 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one (1) only 10" water meter as requested by the Water Department for use at the Airesearch service on Van Ness Avenue. Payment has already been received for this meter. This is a manufacture-direct purchase from Hersey Sparling who does not sell through other dealers.
22. \$473.48 to Park-Son, Inc. for one (1) only 12" tapping sleeve and one (1) only 10" water tap valve as requested by the Water Department for use at the Airesearch service. Payment has already been received.
23. \$308.06 to Park-Son, Inc. for two (2) 8" water valves as requested by the Water Department for use at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Payment for these parts has been received.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES

24. \$1,709.10 to Gaylord Bros, Inc. for 3,000 plastic book supports as requested by the City Librarian. Money for this expenditure would come from the Library Bond Fund.
25. \$467.13 to Needham Book Finders for 130 adult books.
26. \$614.94 to New York Times for 20 adult books.
27. \$3,186.79 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 232 adult books and 320 juvenile books.
28. \$340.61 to G. P. Putnams Sons for 19 adult and 49 juvenile books.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: That the Council approve the foregoing purchases.

28. CLAIM of Dorothy Gale Blommer for personal and property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK: That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

29. CLAIM of Ronald E. Drake for personal injuries.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK: That said claim be denied because of not being timely filed.

30. Approval to renew annual Los Angeles County Cooperative Contract - for Traffic Signal Controls, Parts and Accessories (\$7,000 annual expenditure)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: That Council approve of Torrance renewing our "Cooperative" County contract with the Econolite Corporation for an additional year to coincide with Los Angeles County's contract period.

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Diesel Tractor with backhoe and front loader - Reference Bid #B70-51.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: That, inasmuch as Southwest Tractor (low bid) did not meet specifications with regard to the P.T.O. unit and that Harron, Rickard & McCone offered additional worthwhile features in addition to the P.T.O. on their unit bid, that Council accept Harron, Rickard & McCone's bid and award them the contract in the amount of \$11,475.00 plus sales tax.

32. Recommendation to approve and execute the renewal of license agreement with Southern California Edison Company for use of the Lomita Substation Site for recreation purposes, with recommendation from William Klement, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Sports and Aquatics.

RECOMMENDATION OF WILLIAM KLEMENT, SENIOR RECREATION SUPERVISOR: That the City Council approve the execution of the Agreement with the Southern California Edison Company to renew the license to the City of Torrance for use of the Lomita Post Substation property for recreation purposes.

33. LA ROMERIA PARK - Request from Director of Recreation to expend \$2,500 for the purchase and installation of one pole and security lighting for La Romeria Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF WILLIAM KLEMENT, SENIOR RECREATION SUPERVISOR: That the Council approve subject request.

34. Renewal of City Uniform Rental Contract - 1970-71

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: Inasmuch as Atlas Coverall & Uniform Supply Company has given good service over the period of the contract, it is recommended that Council approve the renewing of the existing uniform service contract with them at their original bid price of \$.70 per uniform for one (1) additional year beginning October 1, 1970.

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35. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Street Sweeper - Reference Bid #B70-50

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: That Council accept the low bid submitted by the Dearth Machinery Company for a Wayne Sweeper and approve of awarding them a contract for same in the amount of \$16,105.63 including tax.

36. Annual Gasoline and Oil Contract for Police Vehicles - Field Servicing Fiscal Year 1970-71; Gasoline - \$35,000 annually (125,000 gallons). Oil - minimal requirements.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: Inasmuch as the Police have expressed their satisfaction with the present service program from local Mobil Stations, it is recommended that Council approve of the renewing of this program for an additional year.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations regarding Items 27 through 36 inclusive as listed above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that the City is the plaintiff in an anti-trust case being conducted in San Francisco regarding water meters, to be held on October 13. Since he would not be able to attend, Mr. Remelmeyer asked that the Council authorize the hiring (for one day) of Attorney John Busterud who has been helping to some extent in this matter. Mr. Busterud is representing about 50 other cities in this same matter and will merely add Torrance to the list of plaintiffs. Councilman Johnson so moved to authorize City Attorney Remelmeyer to hire Mr. John Busterud to assist in said matter, for one day, not to exceed \$100.00. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

38. In that Messrs. Vel Miletich and Parnelli Jones, recent recipients of permaplaques from this City, were unable to attend the Council meeting, City Clerk Coil relayed their message expressing sincere thanks and appreciation to the Council for the awards.

39. In response to City Clerk Coil's question as to when the Council wished to interview applicants for the existing vacancies on the Civil Service and Citizens Advisory Commissions, the unanimous decision reached was to interview new applicants only at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 1970.

40. City Manager Ferraro reminded the Council of the Annual Ministerial Breakfast to be held at 7:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 29, 1970, at the Torrance Recreation Center. The speaker for the event will be Planning Director Shartle who will provide information re the various developments occurring within the City.

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41. The fact that the City of Torrance is cooperating with the downtown businessmen's group, headed by Mr. Lucius Babcock III, in coordinating a study to be conducted by students of the University of Southern California's School of Architecture and Fine Arts, was reported by City Manager Ferraro. There will be about 35 to 40 students participating and the cost to the City will be nominal, Mr. Ferraro believed -- probably under \$500.00. Mr. Ferraro agreed with Councilman Wilson that input from these students to the City's Goals Committee program would be invaluable and the suggestion was made to invite the group to attend a Goals Committee meeting in the near future.

42. It recently came to the attention of Councilman Brewster that the Park and Recreation Commission, at a recent meeting, took action to change the next meeting of the Bond Steering Committee (comprised of 7 appointed members and 7 Park and Recreation Commissioners) from its regularly scheduled date of October 21st to October 14th, one week earlier, apparently for the convenience of several of the Recreation Commissioners themselves. Mr. Brewster had no argument with the reason behind the action but did not believe that the Recreation Commission, constituting less than a quorum of the Bond Steering Committee, should take the liberty of changing the meeting date of said committee without consulting all of the members, particularly since some of the appointed members of the Steering Committee had set aside the date of October 21st. Further, Councilman Brewster felt that the Recreation Commission should rescind their action in this regard and if they should proceed to hold the Bond Steering Committee meeting on October 14, they should take no action on that date, but merely adjourn to the 21st as originally agreed upon by the entire Committee, and he so moved. Councilman Uerkwitz seconded the motion which carried, there being no objections.

43. Councilman Johnson asked the Council and audience to join him in extending praise and appreciation to Councilman Uerkwitz for his unselfish efforts in coordinating the opening of a newly built medical center for the inhabitants of the Morongo Indian Reservation. Councilman Uerkwitz was the sparkplug in initiating the building of this center, Councilman Johnson continued, and he felt that due recognition should be given. Also participating in this project were Mary Jo McMullen, Secretary to the organization, and Lt. Carmel Cook, who was the coordinator.

44. Compliments were extended Airport Management, the Airport Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and all others responsible for the fine air show held this past weekend by Councilman Surber. Estimates revealed 15,000 spectators on Saturday and 25,000 on Sunday. Councilman Surber also praised Mayor Miller whose voice was projected over several radio stations in the area announcing the Air Show.

Following Airport Manager Egan's comment that there were probably as many people in the environs watching the show from

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outside the Airport itself, Councilman Brewster interjected that he had heard there were several rear end accidents on Pacific Coast Highway caused from persons driving by the Airport straining to see the activity. In this connection, Councilman Uerkwitz reported it had been suggested that the Transportation Committee have a critique of the show in the near future, possibly in November.

Continuing, Councilman Surber asked the entire Council to join him in extending special tribute to the Boy Scouts of America, the Explorer Scouts and the Civil Air Cadets who all assisted in parking cars, crowd control and guarding the exhibits during the show. Airport Manager Egan agreed this should be done and suggested a formal tribute be given, perhaps a permaplaque. Mayor Miller so moved that formal recognition be given the three groups mentioned in the form of permaplaques. Councilman Surber seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

45. Regarding the flashing red light recently installed at 234th and Anza, Councilman Surber noted a letter of appreciation had been received from the Southwood Riveria Homeowners Association thanking the Council for their action.

46. Councilman Surber referred to a letter received from the Torrance T.P.O.A. signed by Officer Phil Joseph, which related that the gold medal winner in the wrestling division for the past two years in the California Police Olympics was none other than our own Officer Gerald Butler. Further, Officer Butler has been asked this year to participate in the National Police Olympics to be held in Arizona. Officer Phil Joseph then spoke, introducing Officer Butler and his wife, both present in the audience, and announced that the gold medal award of the National Police Olympics, earlier mentioned by Councilman Surber, was presented Officer Butler on October 4th. It is expected that Officer Butler will be asked to represent the United States, California, and the City of Torrance in the International Police Olympics to be held in England.

Following Officer Butler's presentation regarding the history of the Police Olympics and his participation in same, Councilman Surber moved to honor him with a commemorative tile plaque. Councilman Uerkwitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

47. Councilman Wilson reported that he and Councilman Surber had lunch earlier today with the Chamber of Commerce Government Efficiency Committee during which time the question had been asked "how can revenue for the City of Torrance be raised without raising taxes?" It seemed to Councilman Wilson that we have the answer right here to that question, which has heretofore been ignored -- the Torrance Airport. The Airport "...is a veritable treasure that could yield the City literally hundreds of thousands of dollars over a short period of time," he continued, and he therefore, asked that the

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subject Committee undertake an economic study to determine how the Airport can furnish this City with revenue without raising taxation.

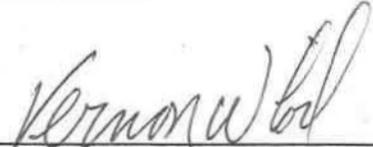
48. Referring back to Airport Days, Mayor Miller expressed his appreciation to Dan Walker of Metro Media who gave some \$15,000 of radio time to the City in allowing the announcement of the air show over the various networks. Mayor Miller requested that Management send a letter of thanks on behalf of himself and the Council.

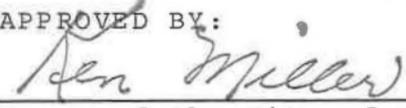
49. Director of Building and Safety McKinnon announced that the plans and specifications for the new Fire House #3 were presently available for review in the City Manager's office.

50. Mr. Hugh Carmichael, 5102 Calle de Arboles, requested that the Council direct the Bond Steering Committee to expedite the preparation of a schedule showing the recreation facilities and projects which are expected to materialize with the passing of the proposed bond issue. He expressed concern that construction of these facilities, assuming a favorable reaction to the bond, would not take place as early as anticipated by the public, particularly if the Consultant's report, originally expected to be completed by November 1st and recently postponed until December 15th, is continuously delayed. Also, enthusiasm is high right now, Mr. Carmichael noted, and too many delays could adversely effect the now favorable feeling of the public towards the bond issue. Mayor Miller thought Mr. Carmichael's suggestions were good and well founded and believed that the election of a permanent Chairman to the Bond Steering Committee would be a step in the right direction to accomplish Mr. Carmichael's request. Once that permanent chairmanship is established, Mayor Miller continued, Mr. Carmichael could direct his remarks to the Committee itself. In this regard, Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, directed the Bond Steering Committee to proceed immediately to elect a permanent chairman and to establish, with the aid of the Consultant, a schedule of projects to be initiated with the passing of the bond issue.

The hour being 8:00 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

APPROVED BY:  
  
Mayor of the City of Torrance  
Sandra Sedwarft  
Minute Secretary

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