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Adjourned at 10:55 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, November 24, 1970, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Miller, Miss Susy Allen led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Francis Rath, Seaside Community United Church of Christ, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 1970 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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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 Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Works Committee: Councilman Brewster advised that the findings of the committee relative to the Streets and Highways Commission and the Sign Review process will be on the December 15th Council agenda.

Legislative Committee: A report from this committee will be forthcoming very shortly, according to Councilman Sciarrotta.

Transportation Committee: Councilman Surber advised that it had been necessary to postpone the meeting scheduled for November 23rd; a new date will be set and interested parties informed.

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Introductions were in order -- Mayor Miller noted the attendance of Cadet Troop #455 (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club) and their leader, Mrs. Hooks, and welcomed them to the Council meeting.

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REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL SESSION.

9. Civil Service Commission appointment.

Held for later in the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

10. The Tartar Troubadours of Torrance- presentation of musical selections.

Under the direction of Mr. David Norman, the Tartar Troubadours provided a delightful musical interlude, following appropriate recognition of illustrious Torrance High School alumni present -- former Mayor Isen, Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil, Police Chief Don Nash, and Councilman Sciarrotta's eight sons and daughters.

11. AWARD OF PERMAPLAQUE COMMENDING ALBERT ISEN.

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, conveyed the deep appreciation of all Torrance residents for former Mayor Isen's fifteen years of dedicated public service, as detailed on the permaplaque. There was grateful acceptance by Mayor Isen, and he departed from the Council Chambers amid warm applause and a standing ovation.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

12. APPEAL OF RZP 70-2, filed by I.M. Bush and Photo-disc Corporation to allow the erection and operation of a photo service building at 2700 Pacific Coast Highway. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

The property owner, Mr. Irving Bush, was present and indicated that he had not had an opportunity to review the new Condition #11 relative to the posting of a corporate surety bond or a time certificate of deposit sufficient to guarantee the completion of said landscaping with irrigation system, and the restriping work; also, granting the City and its employees permission to enter upon said property to do the subject work.

At the request of Mayor Miller, Mr. Bush retired to Room 214 to study the above condition, with the hearing to be resumed later in the meeting.

13. ZONE CHANGE 70-23, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.
Change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on property located on the west side of Amie Avenue between Emerald Street and Torrance Boulevard.

An 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 Zone Change 70-23, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission -- that the north 640 feet on the lot lines be rezoned to R-3 and that the remaining 660 feet on Torrance Boulevard stay in the same C-2 zone. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: Conditional Use Permit 70-4, Aeronca, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ADDITION OF A

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NOISE ABATEMENT STRUCTURE FOR USE IN THE
OPERATION AND TEST OF JET ENGINE COMPONENTS
IN THE M-2 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE
SOUTH SIDE OF SKYPARK DRIVE, WEST OF
CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.
(CUP 70-4 - AERONCA, INC.)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-230. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote, as follows:

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

Regarding his "no" vote, it was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he does not believe this is a proper application for the Airport due to both noise and air pollution problems in the future associated with this operation -- further, it is the first jet application on the Airport, even though it's a test structure.

15. ORDINANCE RE: ZC 70-15.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2171

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY
THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT
THE NORTH SIDE OF 182ND STREET, 150 FT. WEST
OF VAN NESS AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN
ZONE CHANGE 70-15.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2171 at its first reading. 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.

16. ORDINANCE RE: ZC 70-21.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2172

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CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF

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THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF APPLE AVENUE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SANTA FE AVENUES, AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF ARLINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN AVENUES.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2172 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he had originally voted "no" on this matter because of the property located at Lincoln and Arlington Avenue and a small section which he did not agree should be C-R (PP) -- since that time the proponents have indicated that they are not overly concerned with such zoning, hence the change in vote.

17. ORDINANCE RE: ZC 70-17.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2173

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN 180TH STREET AND 182ND STREET, APPROXIMATELY 450 FEET EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-17.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2173 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

18. ORDINANCE RE: ZC 70-20.

City Clerk Coil, at Mayor Miller's request, assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2174

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THOSE CERTAIN PROPERTIES WHICH ARE LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF ARLINGTON AVENUE, 100 FEET NORTH OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, SANTA FE AVENUE, ORANGE AVENUE AND ARLINGTON AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-20.

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Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2174 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Uerkwitz, and Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Miller (reasons previously
stated).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

19. PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF VIA CORONA.
RESOLUTION declaring intention to vacate a portion and
setting a date for public hearing thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE
A PORTION OF THE ALLEY (KNOWN AS VIA CORONA)
EAST OF VISTA MONTANA IN TRACT NO. 23988 IN
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME AND PLACE
FOR A HEARING THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE
PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No.
70-231. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call
vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

20. Acquisition of land for Park purposes.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney
to take all necessary action to obtain an appraiser for the
subject property by selecting an appraiser based primarily
upon availability and time required to do the job.

The method of appraiser selection was reviewed, at Councilman
Uerkwitz' inquiry. Mayor Miller requested that a breakdown on past
appraisal jobs, the appraiser selected, and the money represented
be prepared by the City Attorney for the information of the Council.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur in the above recommenda-
tion of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman
Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council approve the filing of a Notice of Intent to File
Application with the State of California (Land and Water

Conservation Act) so that this source of funds could be utilized if circumstances make it necessary.

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

The Council now returned to:

12. APPEAL OF RZP 70-2.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the continued hearing on this matter, and first invited the comments of the property owner, Mr. Irving Bush.

Mr. Bush indicated his understanding of Condition #11, and elaborated on the hardship represented by the required irrigation, indicating his preference for the planting of trees requiring little water and hand watering same.

Discussion followed on the requested relief from the irrigation requirement, and the compromise represented by Condition #11.

There was, in Councilman Wilson's opinion, a bigger issue -- that of the operation itself, to which he is opposed.

Councilmen Johnson and Uerkwitz indicated their feeling, that the matter should be delayed to permit further negotiation, noting that some beautification might be attained, there being nothing now.

It was the comment of Mayor Miller that he is not necessarily opposed to the subject request, and recognized that some landscaping would result; however, he would not consider waiving the irrigation requirement. But the feeling of the majority of the Council should be determined at this time; if denial of the request results, there is no need for further consideration and discussion.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for DENIAL of RZP 70-2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows, "yes" being for denial:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, and
Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.

21. Request of Slim Kidwell for City's consent to assignment of his thirty T-hangars.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That Council adopt the subject resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONSENT OF ASSIGNMENT OF THE THIRTY (30) T-HANGARS OF E.G. KIDWELL TO JOHN M. JONES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-232. (the blue version, spelling out the conditions). His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. RESOLUTION regarding James A. Philpott (Aerial Sign Towing) agreement with the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JAMES A. PHILPOTT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-233. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 8:12 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At 8:15 P.M. the Council reconvened, and took the following action: Councilman Johnson MOVED that the Council go into Personnel Session re: Civil Service Commission appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (AGENDA ITEM #9)

The Council returned to its agenda at 8:45 P.M. Mayor Miller announced that Mr. Rudy Limon had been appointed to the Civil Service Commission. Councilman Wilson MOVED to confirm the subject appointment to the Civil Service Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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23. Halibrand request for Cesspool in City Planter Area.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That Council consent to Mr. Halibrand immediately constructing a cesspool for his three executive hangars in the planter area adjacent to the north end of his T-Hangars, subject to the condition that Mr. Halibrand restore the surface over the cesspool to the satisfaction of the Airport Manager.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Manager, such approval being subject to compliance with all other City codes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. RESOLUTION re: certain Quitclaim Deed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE RECORD OWNERS, JOINTLY OR IN SEVERALTY AS THEIR INTERESTS MAY APPEAR, OF A PORTION OF BLOCKS 122, 123, 121 and 124, TRACT 2807.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-234; the motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

25. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of a Sanitary-Sewer-and Drainage Easement in Lots 22 and 23 in Tract No. 3458.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF A CERTAIN SANITARY SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN LOTS 22 AND 23, TRACT NO. 3458 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-235. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

26. PETITION regarding speed, noise, and access on Palos Verdes Boulevard between Torrance and Sepulveda Boulevards.

Noted was the communication from the City Traffic Engineer outlining action taken to date, and recommending further study re: use of police radar units and the use of decibel meter to control noise on Palos Verdes Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above request of the City Traffic Engineer for further study. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to speak on this matter.

Responding was Mr. Bill Garrison, 21605 Palos Verdes Boulevard, who stated he was the spokesman for the petition signers and reported their feeling that the traffic survey, while very thorough, was devoted almost exclusively to the convenience of passing traffic, with none of the problems outlined in the petition being solved.

Mr. Garrison then noted that they have been denied a 25 MPH speed limit on Palos Verdes Boulevard, yet other streets in Torrance (all wider and some with center dividers) have lower speed limits.

Exception was taken, Mr. Garrison continued, to the reference to Palos Verdes Boulevard as an "arterial street" -- it is not a through street, ending in front of the Daily Breeze office; it is only 54 ft. wide; the traffic lanes are only 9½ ft. wide compared to 11½ ft. on many streets in Torrance. Further noted by Mr. Garrison was the fact that Palos Verdes Boulevard was originally a 2-lane street with a 25 MPH speed limit, with subsequent revision by the Traffic Department.

Further denied, according to Mr. Garrison, is the four-way stop sign at Ruby Street despite the fact that there is extensive use by school children -- further, Ruby Street serves as one of only two access streets for all the homes west of Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Mr. Garrison then outlined what has been successfully accomplished on Anza Avenue between Sepulveda and Pacific Coast Highway, and questioned why they should be denied the same traffic controls on their narrower, dead end street which the Traffic Department has given to wider, divided Anza which is a through street?

An apparent lack of communication between the residents and the Traffic Department was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, as well as the need for clarification as to why what is desired by the residents cannot be done.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That this matter go back to the Traffic Department in order that they may meet with the people and try to work out any possible

compromises that may remain relative to things not yet done. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

At Mayor Miller's question as to when the subject recommendation was received by him, Mr. Garrison advised that last Friday morning a work force appeared on Palos Verdes Boulevard and started painting curbs red and posting 30 MPH speed limit signs before anyone had received the information now before the Council. Mr. Garrison then came to City Hall to ascertain what had happened.

It was then stated by Mayor Miller that communication in situations of this nature is imperative -- a better rapport between Staff and citizens must be created in order that Council may better serve the public. The Mayor would concur with Councilman Uerkwitz' motion, and would not act on this matter at this time under any circumstances in view of the absence of communication between Staff and the public.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion was unanimously favorable, it being noted that this item should be returned in three weeks.

Further action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to establish a Council policy in that where there is a petition from the people, then it is incumbent upon Staff to meet with the people and attempt to bring back a consensus of the people, or at least the results of meeting with them. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Added by Councilman Brewster was the comment that the above action would in no way represent a command to Staff to compromise its recommendation, but rather a matter of communication and discussion.

It was clarified by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that it is the intent of Council that any petition placed on the Council agenda would first be reviewed by Council and then referred to Staff, where necessary, for the necessary communication. It was recognized that there are situations involving petitions which go directly to department heads for recommendation prior to Council consideration, and it was the consensus that common sense would dictate the cases where the department head should communicate with the citizens.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

27. Councilmanic-Administrative Ad Hoc Committee Report.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCILMANIC-ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

That Council endorse and adopt the conclusion and recommendations outlined in November 17th communication on this subject.

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MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Councilmanic-Administrative Committee.

It was stated by Councilman Wilson that the Committee acknowledges that it does not have all the answers; this matter has been referred back to the City Attorney for specific answers to questions before the establishment of further policy.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Mayor Miller invited Council discussion at this time, and first to speak was Councilman Uerkwitz who stated that he has no argument with the Charter references, which have been lived up to; he does, however, have problems with the wording in Items 2 and 3 -- he does not feel this will solve any present or future problems in that the people elect each Councilman to act on their behalf, and the Council is responsible to the people. Should the people not agree with what a Councilman is doing, he will be removed from office.

Strong objections to the subject report were voiced by Councilman Johnson, for such reasons as the fact that no such condition now exists to cause the imposition of such restrictions on any of the Council members. Mr. Johnson then reviewed the circumstances surrounding "Project Quest" and the request of Councilman Surber to reproduce considerable material, which has resulted in this committee finding.

Continuing, Councilman Johnson stated that he was deeply disturbed because the committee found it necessary to quote the Charter delineating the noninterference by the City Council with the powers and duties of the City Manager as one would read an instruction manual. Mr. Johnson is of the opinion that Councilmen are sufficiently familiar with Charter provisions so as to obviate the need for calling attention to a specific rule for guidance.

Councilman Johnson further stated that he has no intention of participating in the making of a rule in which any majority vote of this Council could, in fact, control the actions of the minority in respect to relationships between the people and individual members of the Council. In his opinion the only policy needed is one in which each Councilman is left to act in his own best judgment in respect to handling his affairs as a Councilman; the City Manager should work cooperatively in the furnishment of personnel services and material which each Councilman believes necessary to do the bidding of the people of Torrance. Further, pointed out by Mr. Johnson was the fact that the people of Torrance are sophisticated and well informed and have come to expect a high degree of intelligence and performance of their elected representatives and paid staff; if such privileges or positions are abused, the people will let the Council know.

It is Councilman Johnson's recommendation that no specific rule of conduct be set down by this Council which would control the activities of another in respect to the handling of his City business. Further, that it shall be Council policy that each individual shall

act on his own recognizance and the City Manager shall furnish whatever staff and material that may be necessary in the conduct of each Councilman's daily business with the people. If the City Manager feels, in his judgment, that the request being made is unreasonable and cannot resolve the question with the Councilman involved, he should be authorized to call the matter to the attention of the Council and obtain a ruling.

Discussion followed, with elaboration on the meaning of Item #2 by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Surber then inquired if he could have material run off on "Project Quest" -- the request that brought this all about. Mayor Miller then described various possible situations, exclusive of personalities, which could result in a heavy workload for already burdened Staff members -- where does it begin and where does it end? In his 8+ years on the Council, the Mayor does not recall such a situation ever before the Council, and it is well that ground rules are established at this time; those proposed by the committee represent much latitude, in his opinion.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That no specific rule of conduct be set down by this Council which would control the activities of another in respect to the handling of his City business. Further, that it shall be Council policy that each individual shall act on his own recognizance and the City Manager shall furnish whatever staff and material that may be necessary in the conduct of each Councilman's daily business with the people. If the City Manager, in his judgment, feels that the request being made is unreasonable and cannot resolve the question with the Councilman involved, he should be authorized to call the matter to the attention of the Council and obtain a ruling. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, but failed to carry with roll call vote as follows:

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

The main motion, to concur with the committee report, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Tentatively suggested by Councilman Sciarrotta was a regular report to the Council relative to amount of secretarial time, etc. consumed by Councilmen. Disagreement with such an arrangement was expressed by Mayor Miller -- should there be an overuse, then let the City Manager bring it to the attention of the Council. There was general concurrence by the Council, and Mr. Sciarrotta withdrew his suggestion.

28. Legislative Action regarding Hearing of State Legislature on Premature Subdivisions.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize Staff to address letters on your behalf to each of the Torrance representatives as well as others who are on the particular committee expressing opposition to the bill as written and indicating our support of the concept advanced by the League of California Cities.

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

29. Letter from Louis T. Gilbertson, Councilman, City of Temple City, asking that Torrance adopt a resolution regarding a report of the Urban Problems Committee entitled "Changing Roles for Cities".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, TO SET ASIDE ACTION TAKEN ON NOVEMBER 5, 1970, APPROVING REPORT OF THE URBAN PROBLEMS COMMITTEE ENTITLED "CHANGING ROLES FOR CITIES," AND TO PLACE THE MATTER ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-236 with the comment that Councilman Gilbertson of Temple City is concerned about what appear to be some rather heavy-handed tactics by the president of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities with regard to a policy report submitted.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. RESOLUTION requesting the League of California Cities and the member cities thereof and State and National Legislators to approve the program of utilizing Surplus Military Aircraft in fighting forest fires.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-237

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AND NATIONAL LEGISLATORS TO APPROVE THE
PROGRAM OF UTILIZING SURPLUS MILITARY
AIRCRAFT IN FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-237. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta, at the time of his "yes" vote, that this idea was initiated by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, adopted by the City of Los Angeles and many other cities; it seems to him a good thing in that these people have given this matter considerable study.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

31. Revised Class Specifications - Park Sprayer.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve the revised class specification for Park Sprayer.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Civil Service Commission; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. Request for excused absence from Civil Service Commission meeting of November 9, 1970 for Walter R. Ruhlow.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council approve the subject request for an excused absence for Commissioner Ruhlow.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Civil Service Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. RESOLUTION re: Testing Contract between the City and State Personnel Board (Cooperative Personnel Services).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN COST SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR PERSONNEL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1970-71.

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Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-238. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

34. ORDINANCE NO. 2167.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2167

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CARSON STREET AND MAPLE AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-5.
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2167 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

35. ORDINANCE NO. 2168.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2168

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST CORNERS OF WESTERN AVENUE AT 185TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-19
(Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2168 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. ORDINANCE NO. 2169.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2169

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.7.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS OF THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2169 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

37. ORDINANCE NO. 2170.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2170

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 6 TO DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING EMISSION OR CREATION OF NOISE BEYOND CERTAIN LEVELS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2170 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Congratulations to Staff for their fine efforts ^{preparing} in this noise ordinance, particularly to Airport Manager Egan, were conveyed by Councilman Uerkwitz.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:38. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:A. BUDGETED:

1. \$353.43 to Constructors Supply for 100 traffic signposts as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use on City streets.
2. \$627.73 to A-1 Chemical for one only rug scrubber and shampooer as requested by the Custodial Department as a replacement item.
3. \$578.14 to Carroll Sagar & Associates for four library book trucks as requested by the City Librarian for use at the Torrance libraries.
4. \$1297.35 to J.J. Cress Company for one only Cress ceramic kiln as requested by the Recreation Department as a replacement item.
5. \$938.55 to Jamison Manufacturing Company for one only Park climber and slide set as requested by the Recreation Department for installation at El Retiro Park.
6. \$1406.32 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 100 replacement branch valves as requested by the Water Department.
7. \$985.37 to W.B. Equipment Company for 200 only 2½" and 300 only 4" plastic hydrant caps as requested by the Water Department for stock.
8. \$389.77 to Dickson Safety Products for 532 boxes of various type first aid supplies as requested by the Fire Department for use at all stations and in vehicles.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

9. \$580.25 to Best Concrete Products for one only concrete meter vault as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Payment has already been received for this purchase.
10. \$364.08 to Park Son Incorporated for two 8" water valves as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY:

11. \$870.93 to Mr. Donald Myers for 229 records and 29 tapes as requested by the City Librarian.

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12. \$1,004.36 to Field Enterprises Educational Corporation for 8 sets adult books.

13. \$886.81 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 116 adult books and 22 juvenile books.

39. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Two Air Compressors - Ref. Bid #B70-58.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the low bid submitted by Savage Equipment Company, that it be accepted, and a contract be awarded to them in the amount of \$8427.34, including tax.

Further, that Council reject all bids submitted on the previous Bid #B70-47.

40. SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: 1 only Gertsch Frequency Meter - Model FM9 (Original Purchase Price \$2,100.00).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council formally approve of the selling of the frequency meter to Point Loma Communications in the amount of \$1200.00.

41. JOINT ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TIRES.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the City joining with Los Angeles County on a "joint" annual contract for vehicle, truck and miscellaneous equipment tire requirements. Contracts would be with the respective low bidders. This approval would encompass Los Angeles County Agreements #27479 and #27481 which are with Firestone Store #7134 (Los Angeles) for passenger car tires and Tyrco Industries for truck and off the road tires. Contract period would be November 1, 1970 to October 31, 1971.

42. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION AND REDUCTION OF BONDS ON TRACT #22704. (Subdivider: Boise Cascade Building Co.)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That a time extension be granted to October 14, 1971 in which to complete all public works improvements;
2. That Performance Bond #400BX 7171 be reduced from \$662,000.00 to \$64,000.00;
3. That Labor & Material Bond #400BX7171 be reduced from \$367,875.00 to \$32,000.00;
4. That Inspection Bond #400BX7182 be reduced from \$18,000.00 to \$2,600.00;
5. That Performance Bond #400BX7184 in the amount of \$25,000.00 be released;
6. That Labor and Materials Bond #400BX7184 in the amount of \$25,000.00 be released;

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7. That Performance Bond #400BX7183 in the amount of \$50,000.00 be reduced to \$25,000.00;
8. That Labor and Materials Bond #400BX7183 in the amount of \$50,000.00 be reduced to \$25,000.00.

43. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Del Amo Boulevard from Henrietta Street to Prospect Avenue (Job #65036) B69-42.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted;
2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Nelson & Belding Contracting Corp.; and
3. That refund in the amount of \$5,404.44 to the City of Redondo Beach be authorized; and
4. That \$4000 be appropriated from State Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and #43. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

44. Councilman Brewster reported his shock at the very light fine levied on some apparently guilty gamblers by the Municipal Court.

45. Councilman Johnson requested that Staff prepare a report on the operation of CCMO as it relates to the deepening of the wells on the secondary recovery matter -- what are they doing, what do they intend to achieve, and when will they be completed?

46. The Swap Meet at the Radium Theatre was next noted by Councilman Johnson, which he declared a "major enterprise". He has observed that the spaces are occupied by the same faces on the days the Swap Meet is in operation, and is aware of the nuisance to the people in the neighborhood relative to parking and trash.

It was Councilman Johnson's request that (1) Staff be given three weeks to study and confirm his findings as to the nuisance of this operation; (2) to have Council commence to think in terms of referring these findings to the Planning Commission and Planning Department to arrive at a formula for parking determined that would be equitable and fair to the neighborhood (perhaps to have sufficient parking space to act as though the total land area within the fence was under a roof) -- in any event, some formula which would keep those people off the street and give adequate off-street parking as is required of everyone else.

Further recommended by Councilman Johnson was that the financial aspect, in terms of revenue; of this Swap Meet be referred to the Council Finance Committee for reevaluation, to be returned to Council for immediate tapping as a source of revenue.

Concurrence with the foregoing comments was expressed by Councilman Sciarrotta, noting that Councilman Wilson had originally made the suggestion regarding possible revenue from Swap Meets. Mr. Sciarrotta added that Swap Meets are fast becoming big business, and should pay a license fee like anyone else. It was his further suggestion that rather than review by the Council Finance Committee that Staff study the matter and recommend to Council the amount of revenue this would bring.

There were no objections, with Staff to report back in three weeks.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta read an article appearing in the Municipal News titled "Coalition pushes revenue-sharing in 92nd Congress" which indicated the excellent prospect for revenue-sharing with the new Congress, and that the efforts in Torrance and other cities were not in vain.

48. A Council Governmental Efficiency Committee was recommended by Councilman Surber -- such a Committee could effect savings for Torrance citizens and provide added efficiency in the City. Mayor Miller commented on the merit to the suggestion, and described events some years ago which led to present-day procedures relative to much of the printed material furnished the Council, although, admittedly, it might now be superfluous.

49. Councilman Surber noted the mailing of the Planning Commission agenda (only a 66¢ item, true) received by him on Saturday, and inquired if it would not be possible to include it with the Council agenda material delivered on Friday night? City Clerk Coil will coordinate this material.

50. The trash bill enclosure regarding the Chamber of Commerce/Tournament of Roses and a donation therefor was questioned by Councilman Surber who thought this had been resolved what with the money appropriated and the income from Airport Days. In his opinion, this is a matter that should have first been presented to Council.

51. Councilman Surber then requested, through the City Attorney, that, if possible, Mr. Drucker be restrained from using tapes recorded in the Recreation Center re: "Project Quest" for any purpose which would financially benefit him.

It was the further request of Councilman Surber that all the tapes since August 15th concerning "Project Quest" (Council, Youth Welfare Commission, and Park and Recreation Commission) be held by the City Attorney until further notice. Added by Mr. Surber was the comment that he has an investigation underway, and retention of the tapes would be appreciated.

52. It has been brought to the attention of Councilman Surber that some people are upset regarding his wife's activities at City Hall, such as picking up mail and accomplishing certain things which he must call on her to do since he must work for a living in downtown Los Angeles. It would be appreciated by Councilman Surber if she were afforded the same courtesy by Staff that is afforded him -- should there be a question, a telephone call to him would resolve the matter.

Continuing, along this line, Councilman Surber requested that the City Attorney ascertain what might be done regarding an assistant, paid or unpaid, for Councilmen -- or perhaps a field deputy to assist Councilmen. Mr. Surber then outlined the extensive demands on Mrs. Surber by way of telephone calls and secretarial work in his behalf, and reiterated that her visits to City Hall are for him and at his direction.

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Noted by Assistant City Manager Scharfman at this point is the fact that the Chamber of Commerce has established a Governmental Efficiency Committee, and the City hopes to be working with them in the near future.

The Tournament of Roses insert in the trash bill, according to Mr. Scharfman, has been done for several years with approval by the previous Council.

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Questioned by Councilman Wilson was any possible liability on the part of the City by the investigation alluded to by Councilman Surber. City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that his office is presently working on the matter of liability as it relates to "Project Quest", adding that generally a Councilman has a special type of privilege, such as is given to judges and public officials when speaking in their official capacity, which is different than that of an ordinary person where libel is concerned.

Recalled by Mayor Miller was an opinion prepared by the City Attorney relative to former Councilman Vico and similar circumstances; the Mayor requested that a copy of this opinion be furnished the Council.

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53. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated that he would support a Governmental Efficiency Committee, as recommended earlier by Councilman Surber, and urged that there be further thought about such a committee by the Council.

54. In reference to the Citizens' Advisory Committee, and the ever present vacancies, it was the suggestion of Councilman Uerkwitz that the presidents of homeowners associations in the City be invited to become members of this Committee -- in that way 40% of the Committee would turn over every year, with sufficient regular members to carry the Committee on.

55. Mayor Miller noted the invitation from Mobil Oil for the Council to tour its facilities and observe their efforts to curtail pollution on December 3rd at 5:00 P.M. Assistant City Manager Scharfman indicated that he would make all the necessary arrangements.

56. Mr. Robert Hamer, 302 Calle de Arboles, referred to a Home Occupation recently approved by the Planning Commission for a telephone answering service in a Riviera area home, and indicated that, in the opinion of the residents, the intent of the ordinance covering this type of use has been violated.

A petition signed by the affected residents was then presented by Mr. Hamer, it being requested that the City Council direct the Planning Commission to again consider this matter; to study what types of uses homes are being put to; further, that the Council direct the Planning Commission to not permit any more businesses conducted in the home which in any way can be construed a commercial enterprise.

Mr. Hamer then elaborated on the subject business: a telephone answering service being conducted at 122 Calle de Arboles, a business inaccurately described to the Planning Commission. Mr. Hamer displayed the Yellow Pages for the South Bay (with an advertising deadline of July 14, 1970), Page 511, which carries an advertisement for the "Aladdin Answering Service, Inc. with 24-hour service and '24-hour genies to serve you', 122 Calle de Arboles."

Next noted by Mr. Hamer was the fact that on September 22nd a building permit was issued for the addition of a family room at that residence, with construction completed in record time. Immediately following this construction, according to Mr. Hamer, telephone trucks were on the scene, with two or three trucks per day now in front of that residence. It is his further understanding that three switchboards have been installed in the added room, and that each board can accommodate 100 "customers".

In conclusion, it was the comment of Mr. Hamer that it would seem that the intent of the applicant was to employ people in the premises in connection with the home occupation application, which is clearly contrary to Item J in the application -- it would further seem that structural alterations of the premises have been made which are related to the home occupation which is clearly contrary to Item K in the application for such a permit.

At Mayor Miller's request, Sr. Planner Hagaman outlined the Planning Commission consideration of this request, both the original application, approved by them, and the subsequent complaint at the meeting of November 18th -- the opinion rendered by the Deputy Attorney at that meeting was that until such time as an actual condition of the Home Occupation Permit was violated, the Commission could not rescind their action.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that it would be possible for the Planning Commission to cancel such permit provided they have evidence to support the finding, and the finding supports the conclusion. It was further noted by Mr. Remelmeyer that the Council has the authority to pass an amendment to the ordinance which would prohibit certain types of activities.

Discussion followed on appropriate procedure, with City Attorney Remelmeyer ruling that the Planning Commission is the

body with jurisdiction in this matter, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject Home Occupation Permit go to the Planning Commission for rehearing of the entire matter. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and there were no objections.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that there be reconsideration of the whole problem of the Home Occupation Permit by the Planning Department and Planning Commission.

Mr. Sam La Foder (?), 306 Calle de Arboles, advised that there are other answering services on this street. He was referred to the Planning Commission hearing for presentation of this information.

57. Mr. Kenneth Storey, 2123 West 180th Place, stated that he has had a barber shop at 182nd and Prairie for the last thirteen years, but with the recent rezoning of the property, his use of the property with a barber shop has become null and void.

Sr. Planner Hagaman reviewed this matter - denied by the Planning Commission on November 18th - noting that Mr. Storey has filed a Variance, but was denied temporary occupancy by the Commission.

Mr. Levane Forsythe, 1931 West 184th Street, described what is proposed for the subject property, and the fact that the building to be used by Mr. Storey as a barber shop (with cabinets, plumbing, etc. already purchased) was originally so designed and was in the proper zoning, with a variance -- when the overall picture was changed it nullified the variance, there being some misunderstanding that the variance was still in effect.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that temporary occupancy approval could be granted by the Council, it being understood that an appropriate ordinance will be prepared to cover such situations.

It was the consensus of the Council that temporary occupancy cases should be considered by the Council, particularly in hardship cases such as this -- whatever action must be taken to permit Mr. Storey to operate for the needed period of time until there is a decision on the variance, should be taken, subject to all conditions the City Attorney might want to impose. Mayor Miller so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Added by Mayor Miller was that while the approval above has been granted, whatever is done by Mr. Storey between now and the final decision is of his own doing; neither the Council nor the Planning Commission can be held responsible.

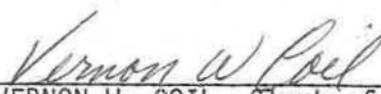
58. Mrs. Stella Billings, 4129 West 178th Street, reported the hazardous traffic condition at Artesia and Prairie -- there having been several bad accidents recently.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay reported that this is a State intersection but it has been reported to them and their reply is awaited.

59. Mrs. Ethel Kovach confirmed that "Project Quest" will be on the December 1st Council agenda, and requested a copy of the City Attorney's opinion re: taping of proceedings.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

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VERNON W. COIL, Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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