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Adjourned at 8:52 P.M. to Tuesday, December 15th, at  
5:30 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 1970, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. 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, Scout Leader Valdez led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Daniel B. Weaver, Jr., Del Amo Southern Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 1970 be approved as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried as follows:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any

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such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Works Committee: Councilman Brewster reported that this committee had met this date with continuing discussion on the makeup paving policy -- it is hoped to present a revised policy to the Council for their consideration within the next month.

Charter Review Committee: A meeting of this committee will be held on December 2nd at 7:00 P.M. with homeowner groups in attendance, according to Councilman Wilson.

Goals Steering Committee: Councilman Wilson advised that this committee will meet on December 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

Police and Fire Committee: Councilman Uerkwitz stated that a meeting has been scheduled for December 15th and will primarily be devoted to Fire -- they would like to meet for a few minutes at the Fire Department on Crenshaw and then return to City Hall.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. "Bill of Rights Week" - December 9 through 15, 1970.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

"Civil Air Patrol Week" - Week of December 1, 1970.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller. Air Force officers in the audience were introduced; they expressed their thanks for the above proclamation.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

10. ORDINANCE NO. 2161 adopting the UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 1970 Edition.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the subject item.

City Clerk Coil presented an Affidavit of Publication -- Councilman Sciarrotta moved that it be filed, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter; 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.

Mayor Miller next inquired if the City Clerk has three copies of the Code on file in his office as required by law. City Clerk Coil responded "yes".

Councilman Brewster moved to introduce and read the title of said ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Clerk Coil, at Mayor Miller's request, read title of Ordinance No. 2161:

ORDINANCE NO. 2161

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 3 THEREFOR ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE AND APPENDICES A, B, D, E, F AND G, 1970 EDITION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2161 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 11. ORDINANCE NO. 2162 adopting the UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, 1970 Edition.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the ordinance adopting the Uniform Mechanical Code, 1970 Edition.

City Clerk Coil presented an Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that it be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Then asked by Mayor Miller was if the City Clerk had three copies of the Code on file in his office as required by law. City Clerk Coil responded in the affirmative.

Councilman Brewster moved to introduce and read the title of the subject ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil read the title of Ordinance No. 2162:

ORDINANCE NO. 2162

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 9 THEREFOR ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE UNIFORM

MECHANICAL CODE AND APPENDICES A AND C,  
1970 EDITION, VOLUME II.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2162 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was noted by Building and Safety Director McKinnon that plastic pipes are now approved, by written approval and under close control.

Councilman Sciarrotta requested that a report be prepared, for the information of the Council, regarding what was lost when the City lost its housing code.

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City Manager Ferraro indicated at this time that an Executive Session would be necessary to provide Staff instruction relative to new State laws on miscellaneous employees' retirement. Mayor Miller indicated that this would be done immediately after completion of the agenda.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. Time Extension Request for Conditional Use Permit 69-4.

City Manager Ferraro requested that there be a two week delay in that the legal office has some problems. There were no objections, and this matter was ordered held until the Council meeting of December 15th.

Councilman Brewster posed a question in that how might this in any way be influenced by the pending makeup paving policy which is being changed and developed. City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that he would check into this.

Mayor Miller inquired if anyone were present from the J.F. & B. Development Company; there was no response -- the Mayor requested that the people involved be notified of the two-week delay.

13. ORDINANCE extending the moratorium on construction of buildings or structures in the Hawthorne/Skypark Study Area and declaring the presence of an emergency.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2175

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM  
ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES  
IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

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ON THE WEST, MADISON STREET ON THE EAST, 234TH STREET ON THE NORTH, 236TH STREET ON THE SOUTH, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2175 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Miller invited anyone who wished to speak on this matter to come forward at this time.

Mr. Joseph Schaefer, 556 Via Media, Palos Verdes Estates, stated that he is the owner of five 30 ft. lots on Hawthorne Boulevard, and reviewed his various appearances before both the Planning Commission and the Council regarding this property. It was the request of Mr. Schaefer that the Council reconsider the moratorium on this property -- the moratorium has been in existence for two years, with taxes (in increased amounts) to be paid on this property and loan payments to be made -- all minus any revenue.

Recalled also by Mr. Schaefer was the fact that a building permit was issued to the animal hospital in this location, and it was naturally assumed by subsequent purchasers of property that they would also be able to obtain building permits.

It is Mr. Schaefer's opinion that plans presented for any property in the City, where all the requirements of the zone are met, the owner should be permitted to build -- it should not be based on the desire for a particular building or a particular customer.

Planning Director Shartle related the past history of this property, noting that plans for a 1911 Improvement Act for this area are still in the preparation stage. City Engineer Weaver added that there are problems with the street alignment in that some land-locked parcels will result and it is necessary to consider alternatives.

Questioned by Councilman Brewster was the necessity of a 12-month moratorium, as defined in the emergency ordinance. City Engineer Weaver indicated that the engineering likely would not take more than six months.

It was the further comment of Mr. Schaefer that the problems of drainage, streets, etc. were all considered two years ago, and there appears to be little progress. A schedule should be established, in Mr. Schaefer's opinion, in view of the two years the property owners have gone along with this; will it continue for five years, while they continue to pay taxes?

Mayor Miller would concur that there has been much delay, but the necessity of a continuation of a moratorium is present, with the present expiration date of December 2nd -- the Mayor then inquired if it would be possible to cut down the time of the moratorium in order to expedite this matter and give these property owners some relief. Planning Director Shartle indicated that he would have no objection to cutting down on the length of time of the moratorium.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Jim Rahman, 4722 Laurette, who presented the Master Plan for Development of the East Walteria Lake, dated March 22, 1962, which referred to drainage and grading plans at that time.

It was the consensus of the Council that the length of the moratorium should be six months, instead of one year. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that Section 5, fourth line down, should be revised by striking the words "December 1st" and the words "June 1, 1971" be substituted therefor.

Councilman Johnson amended his motion to incorporate the above revision. This was satisfactory with Councilman Wilson who seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

14. Recommendation that the City Council fix 7:00 P.M., December 22, 1970, in the City Council Chambers as the time and place for Public Hearing of assessment of costs to property owners for City forces' construction of underground utilities.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation for the setting of a public hearing re: underground utilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A possible conflict in dates with meeting scheduled by Bond Steering Committee on that night was reviewed -- Director of Recreation Van Bellehem will try to resolve this and will report back.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE which provides for a license tax for distribution of handbills.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2176

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 33.3.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH PROVIDES FOR A LICENSE TAX FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
HANDBILLS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2176 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

16. Transfer of monies in order to implement a cost/benefit study and use of helicopters to aid in traffic and crime control, during Christmas holiday, not to exceed 40 hours.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE CHIEF:

In order to implement the program, a special appropriation of \$2,400.00 is requested. Funds are presently available in the salary account #0270. Twenty five percent of the cost may be reimbursed by the Merchants Association some time after January 1, 1971.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Police Chief. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Surber that there might be merit in the Chamber of Commerce checking with Torrance merchants as to shuttle buses at the Del Amo Shopping Center and Bullocks Fashion Square. Councilman Brewster recalled that data was developed in the Del Amo Master Plan committee with regard to the number of local traffic movements wherein it was found that a substantial number of local movements could be eliminated were there a shuttle bus system.

Mayor Miller concurred that Mr. Surber's suggestion was a good one, and referred it to the City Manager to contact the Chamber.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement with Honeywell Information Systems, Inc.  
RESOLUTION authorizing the modification of an agreement with IBM Corporation.

Present on this matter was Mr. Rick Viggers, National Cash Register Company, who outlined their understanding of the proposal from the City re: computer configuration. It is their feeling that the recommended Honeywell configuration is in excess of \$5000 per month; NCR has now submitted a later bid for \$5000 or less, and it was requested by Mr. Viggers that Council not adopt the subject resolution until they have had a further evaluation.

Data Processing Manager Sharp stated that problems would be presented by delay, and then explained the procedures that were employed in obtaining the proposals.

Also present was Mr. Bob Peckham, Branch Sales Manager, Honeywell Information Systems, who reviewed the factors involved in selecting a computer, noting that they go far beyond price,

equipment capability, speed, etc., adding that additional concessions have been made by his company to facilitate the installation of the equipment and help defray costs; such concessions will run out as of the end of this year. Mr. Peckham indicated that December 15th, the date of the next Council meeting, would be satisfactory.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer agenda item #17 back to Staff, to be returned to the Council on December 15th, in order that everyone may have a fair shot in this matter and the removal of any possible misunderstanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2171.

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

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 FEET WEST OF VAN NESS AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-15.  
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2171 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2172.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2172

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF APPLE AVENUE BETWEEN WAHSINGTON AND SANTA FE AVENUES, AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF ARLINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN AVENUES.  
(Torrance Planning Commission)

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2172 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2173.

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

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2173 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2174.

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

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.  
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2174 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried as follows:

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

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$2782.41 to I.B.M. for annual contract for 216 dozen assorted IBM typewriter ribbons with delivery to be "as needed" as requested by Central Services for distribution to all City departments.
2. \$2151.78 to Moore Business Forms, Inc. for 240,000 continuous form water bills which can be run on Data Processing equipment as requested by the Customer Service Division to be delivered "as requested".
3. \$581.38 to Eugene Dietzgen for 400 sheets of Engineering drafting linen preprinted with the City of Torrance title blocks as requested by the Engineering Department for use in their operations.
4. \$300.68 to Noland Paper Company for 75,000 sheets of white Springhill bond paper as requested by Central Services for stock.
5. \$1032.74 to Western Water Works Supply for 12 only 6" and 6 only 8" repair clamps as requested by the Water

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

6. \$2504.12 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 251 adult and 45 juvenile books.
7. \$347.01 to Vogue Books and Records for 96 records and 10 tape cassettes as requested by the City Librarian.
8. \$831.07 to Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation for 7 sets of encyclopedias.
9. \$819.87 to Western Bookbinding Company for 434 paperback bound books.
10. \$2006.75 to Gaylord Bros. Inc. for 876 periodical binders.

23. CLAIM of Alice Werner for property damages.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

24. CLAIM of Victor M. Lugo for personal and property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

25. IMPROVEMENT OF CARSON STREET, MADRONA AVENUE AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD in the Del Amo Center - Fashion Square Area.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$125,000 be appropriated from State Gas Tax Funds for the referenced improvement.
2. That the Council approve installation of underground street lighting conduit and decorative poles in return for voluntary dedication of right-of-way from property owners on the south side of Carson Street.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations for agenda items #22, 23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:25 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.

The Council returned to its agenda at 6:27 P.M.

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ADDENDUM ITEM:

26. SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION RE: 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. 70-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND THE MEMBER CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND STATE 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. 70-239. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 6:30 P.M. a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. City Librarian West announced that, starting Sunday, December 6th, the "Friends of the Library" will sponsor the second annual "Sing In the Season", with a presentation at 4:30 P.M. in the Recreation Building -- the Council, Staff, and the public are invited to participate in this event.
28. A storm damage report was given by City Manager Ferraro -- Street and Park Department crews worked on an overtime basis during this period.
29. Councilman Brewster referred to a recent visit to Merit Lake in San Francisco, which lake houses a 5-acre park called "Children's Fairyland" and a most noteworthy development. Material on this was given to Director of Recreation Van Bellehem as a possibility for consideration in the forthcoming recreation requirement study.

Further, there is a small animal zoo -- Mayor Miller's dream; hopefully to come true with the regional park.

30. Councilman Johnson commended the Library Commission for their Annual Report; he was particularly impressed with the increase in volumes and services.

31. Councilman Johnson referred to his report furnished the Council re: Independent Cities of Los Angeles County - Law Enforcement Contract Study and elaborated on the status of this study.

32. Due to the fact that several people have contacted him, Councilman Sciarrotta stated, in reference to the Sunnyglen item considered at the November 17th Council meeting and which was denied, and their feeling that they would like to come before the Council and express their views, Mr. Sciarrotta made the following motion (being one of the 4 who voted against the subdivision):

That the Sunnyglen matter be reopened and placed on the Council agenda for January 12, 1971. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. Councilman Uerkwitz commended those employees in the Yard who did such an outstanding job during the storm, as always -- there was a particular problem at 190th Street which was supposed to have been fixed. It was Councilman Uerkwitz' request that a letter from the Council to the Flood Control District be prepared to place the Southeast Torrance area and the 190th Street area on a priority list for drainage when the bond issue is issued, some time in February. It was his further suggestion that the Chamber and homeowner associations be invited to participate in such correspondence.

34. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to the Artesia Freeway and requested that the City Attorney prepare a resolution requesting that the Artesia Freeway not be extended to North Torrance, that the study be concluded at Normandie -- with arguments by the Council to be presented at the time the resolution is on the agenda. Mr. Uerkwitz clarified that this does not pertain to a freeway route per se, but, rather, a study area -- the freeway route presently has been adopted to Normandie.

Questioned by Mayor Miller was where does the City stand relative to going on record, either for or against a freeway, in the event of a public hearing at a later date? City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he would check this out, and would furnish this information along with the resolution. Mr. Remelmeyer also indicated that he must first determine the status of this matter.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay stated that this is a new procedure now used by the State -- a Staff team attended the meeting on the Artesia Freeway, and an information item is being prepared for the Council. This item will be on the December 15th agenda and will explain what happened at that meeting.

35. Councilman Wilson introduced Mr. Ben Ogami, 1050 West 184th, Gardena, president of the South Bay Seven-Step Chapter, which is devoted to the rehabilitation of ex-convicts. Mr. Ogami described the extensive efforts of his group and the need for community support, a building to serve as a meeting place being a prime concern.

It was the consensus of the Council that this is a matter for review, first, by the City of Gardena, and then County and State. Mayor Miller directed that this be referred to Management for backup material for possible consideration at a future date.

36. Mayor Miller announced that Councilman Surber will serve as the delegate at the Atlanta convention, with Councilman Uerkwitz to serve as an alternate.

37. Mrs. Ethel Kovach, 21730 Barbara Street, outlined the extensive research undertaken by her relative to Project Quest in the interest of enlightening all who might become involved in this program and of protecting the City of Torrance from any possible misuse. Mrs. Kovach noted the November 23rd communication to the Council from South Bay Project Quest which indicates "Council support and confidence to this program" -- whereas the fact is that the Council gave only free use of the Recreation Building. It was her request that the Council state clearly, once and for all, that Project Quest received only free use of the building and did not receive the support of the City of Torrance.

Presented by Mrs. Kovach were the following statements which are contrary to claims made by Project Quest:

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A communication from Dr. Goodman, Torrance Unified School District, stating that any reports indicating TUSD support of Project Quest would be in error. Another communication from Dr. Goodman indicated that "neither the Board nor administration has authorized distribution of 'Quest' materials in the schools. In fact, it would be contrary to Board policy as it now exists."

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission, 8/25/70 which state: "There are always requests for use of the Recreation Center; there would be a waiting list for Monday night if Project Quest were not there -- in fact, programs had to be rearranged to make room for Project Quest."

Drug Education Program: Mrs. Kovach referred to the original belief by the Council that Project Quest would offer a drug education program whereas this organization has defined itself as "experimental teaching". The Daily Breeze quotes Mr. Drucker "...Project Quest is not a drug abuse program". Per the report of a Recreation Department employee: "...the meeting re: narcotic abuse put half the audience to sleep."

Letter from Quest coordinator to City dated August 7, 1970 indicates that Tom Drucker will be a California delegate to the highly selective December White House conference regarding youth. Mrs. Kovach requested that this be confirmed by the City Manager.

Letter to Council from Youth Welfare Commission dated September 17, 1970 which stated: "It seems a public retraction from Mr. Surber would be in order." It was stated by Mrs. Kovach that the above sentence was never a part of the motion.

Project Quest Information Fact Sheet indicates that "the entire project is legally sponsored by a group of South Bay residents who have moved towards incorporating Quest." Per the Ray Breen radio program, KABC, November 17th, Mr. Drucker stated that Project Quest was incorporated as a "private non-profit organization". A telegram from the Secretary of State was then displayed by Mrs. Kovach which stated: "Article of Incorporation for South Bay Project Quest are being held in our office pending tax exemption letter from the Franchise State Tax Board."

Questions for the City Attorney were then posed by Mrs. Kovach: do any problems for the City exist in regard to the soliciting and accepting of donations and contributions without incorporation papers? Is an accounting of the monies received while Quest was using the City's name as a sponsor necessary in order to protect the City?

Next noted by Mrs. Kovach was the fact that the minutes of the Youth Welfare Commission meeting of September 23rd indicated only that people spoke, with no identification whatsoever; these minutes were deemed incomplete by her.

Claimed by Mr. Drucker, Mrs. Kovach continued, is that he is a "consultant to the El Camino counseling staff" -- she ascertained, however, from the El Camino counseling office that

Mr. Drucker is not employed by the college but that he is hired by a group of the Associated Students to conduct an encounter group -- it further being ascertained by Mrs. Kovach that he is no longer hired by the Associated Students, having been replaced by Dr. Offman. An issue of "The Warrior" containing illustrations of Mr. Drucker and the encounter group was displayed by Mrs. Kovach.

On the November 17th KABC radio show, a question regarding nonverbal contact or nonverbal communication elicited the following answer from Mr. Drucker, according to Mrs. Kovach: "at Recreation Center Quest meetings we talk; we do not touch". A May 4th report from the employee monitor at these meetings relative to a "mini love-in" was quoted in part by Mrs. Kovach.

Dr. Theodore Rothman, a U.S.C. psychiatrist, gave Mrs. Kovach permission to quote him, to the effect that he does not endorse encounter groups or sensitivity training -- further, "that about two dozen patients have come to me after starting encounter groups or sensitivity training."

In conclusion, Mrs. Kovach again urged the Council to pass a motion to make it clear to any other city that Mr. Drucker might contact that Project Quest has misused and abused the good name of the City of Torrance; they have offered no data or proof to support its claims that it is providing a service or a benefit.

Mrs. Kovach also outlined her personal objections to Project Quest: it encourages the questioning of authority, parental concern has been ridiculed, the diminishing of the family value as a unit has been advocated; Mr. Drucker has specifically held to public ridicule the police, the schools, teachers, religion, and even the City of Torrance.

Mrs. Kovach ended with a quote attributed to Mr. Tom Drucker: "Some of the people who are for me are just as crazy as the people against me." (KABC radio, November 17, 1970).

Councilman Surber thanked Mrs. Kovach for the tremendous amount of work represented by the above investigation, and requested that it be incorporated in the City record on this matter.

Next to speak was Mrs. Barbara Huey (?), 5419 Reese Road, who stated that she was speaking as a member of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and as a member of the Board of Christian Education -- Mrs. Huey further stated that she was a member of the Board at the time Tom Drucker requested permission to present a drug program. This request was approved by the Board, but after four weeks of the program, it was decided that they had made a mistake by taking one man's word who brought the program to the Board -- it was the unanimous decision of the Board that they would never take on a program or support a program in the church without a complete study. In her opinion, the City of Torrance, the Youth Welfare Commission, likewise took the word of another person without thorough investigation -- it should go into the City record that Project Quest did not leave Torrance in good grace at all, that it left because of protests of individual citizens.

Mrs. Huey also reported on her attendance at Project Quest meetings and her concern for people there in need of true psychiatric help and the damage that might result from attendance at Quest meetings. It is the understanding of Mrs. Huey that Mr. Drucker has approached the minister of the Church of the Brethren on 190th Street requesting use of their facilities.

Speaking next was Mrs. Kathy Bresnahan, 23505 Evalny Street, who stated that, in her opinion, Project Quest serves no useful purpose in this community, or for that matter any other community in the United States. Mrs. Bresnahan then reported on her observations of Project Quest in action at six recent meetings; she found no redeeming values worthy of continuing this project which is not motivating youth to high moral standards and ideals -- this project, in fact, is a detriment to society and a threat to our children. Mrs. Bresnahan strongly urged that the City no longer support this, adding that she would feel obliged to investigate every program that the Torrance Recreation Department would offer, and that she wished she had earlier investigated Project Quest.

Mrs. Bresnahan then outlined the findings of her investigation of Project Quest: she first displayed a brochure from the Topanga Human Development Center which lists Tom Drucker as a member of its Board of Directors and Staff Facilitator, along with Jerry Kinnan (codirector of Project Quest). Some of the programs featured by the Topanga group, according to Mrs. Bresnahan, included a three-day "communal living experience", "workshop for couples" (for men and women presently in a relationship with one another, married or unmarried)", "basic sensuality", etc.

Further noted by Mrs. Bresnahan was the indication that in the Topanga group brochure both Dr. Gerald Haigh (officer to the Board of Directors and director of training) and Jerry Goodman, both psychologists, are listed. Mrs. Bresnahan then displayed a magazine titled "ANKH" which she deemed pornographic, noting that both Dr. Haigh and Dr. Goodman had participated in the compilation of this publication -- she read excerpts therefrom.

A further excellent reference in regard to growth centers appears in the November 9, 1970 issue of Time Magazine, according to Mrs. Bresnahan. A reprint from the book "Toward the Psychology of Being" and the reference to the "movement toward one world and one species was also presented by Mrs. Bresnahan, who also reviewed a list of organizations recommended by the author of this book, including the Topanga Human Development Center.

Further presented by Mrs. Bresnahan was a reprint from the Los Angeles Free Press of July 31st which stated that "nudist camps and nude growth centers will be severely limited by a licensing ordinance adopted unanimously by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors -- directly affected by the ordinance will be the Elysian Growth Center, Topanga Center for Human Development, etc.....where nudity is practiced for therapeutic and recreational value."

Added by Mrs. Bresnahan was her knowledge that Mr. Drucker has gone to Gardena City Hall attempting to get in there -- there have been other efforts to obtain the use of a church building, and that there have been contacts with a Manhattan Beach civic group.

Mrs. Bresnahan then reported her conversation with the pastor of the Topanga Community Church wherein she was advised that Topanga is one of the major areas for the exchange of dope, and where men make a commercial business of nudity -- further, according to this pastor, Topanga businesses have been folding right and left with the increase of the nudity business -- also, two churches have closed, with others in jeopardy.

Requested by Mrs. Bresnahan was indefinite retention of the tapes for the September meetings of the Youth Welfare Commission since the minutes for these meetings do not properly reflect what transpired. There were no objections, and it was so ordered by Mayor Miller.

In conclusion, Mrs. Bresnahan quoted from California Living, Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, October 25, 1970: "The guilt of a silent majority -- most Americans don't speak out in support of what they believe. We call them the 'silent majority'; they commit the crime of silence. The Herald-Examiner Editorial Staff speaks out on issues vital to security and well being of the American people, and we invite all Americans to participate. A letter to the editor is a good start. We are not guilty of the crime of silence. Are you?"

Mrs. Betty Jones, 5509 Beran Street, referred to her communication of December 1st (a matter of record) which outlined her conversations with Mr. Tom Drucker regarding certain film names and his resume. Mrs. Jones urged that a statement be made by the Council so that when Mr. Drucker and Project Quest leave Torrance they will not continue to use the name of Torrance.

Discussion followed on the general feeling of the Council in regard to Project Quest. The following MOTION, in the interest of clarification, was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the City of Torrance has not, and does not, endorse the activities of South Bay Project Quest. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to taking action, Mrs. Stella Billings reported that the cost of printing, in recent political activity, was only \$6.32 for some 500 pages -- she finds the lengthy Council debates in this regard somewhat ridiculous. Further conveyed by Mrs. Billings was the rumor from a political worker that the Mayor "takes his orders from Mrs. Altermatt.....?"

Mrs. Billings added that the real purpose of her speaking at this time is to invite the Council and the public to attend a meeting of the South Bay Chapter ACLU on December 6th wherein the annual Courage of Convictions Award will recognize the late Mr. Ruben Salazar.

Returning to Project Quest, it was the comment of Councilman Surber that, in his opinion, sufficient evidence has been presented, and he recalled the difficulties in obtaining desired information regarding Project Quest from Mr. Drucker -- there is nothing to indicate what might have been accomplished, and yet there is all kind of evidence from reliable people who have attended these

meetings questioning the merit of this undertaking. It is time the Council let people know where it stands in this matter, in Mr. Surber's opinion.

It is a very difficult position in which to place the Council, virtually in a seat of judgment, in the opinion of Councilman Wilson. The motion appears unfair to him in that the issue was over the use of the building. It now appears, Dr. Wilson continued, that one individual has been singled out, and, regrettably, many things have perhaps happened that have been under the name of Torrance, but by the same token there appears to be an error in terms of character defamation, if not assassination, of an individual who may, to his way of thinking, be doing right. It seems to Councilman Wilson that the motion is inappropriate; the issue is not over whether the Council has endorsed the program -- the Council has made its position clear in this regard -- the issue is in extending the use of the facilities.

Councilman Johnson stated that, in his opinion, the motion is in order in that the question is the continuation of the use of the City of Torrance, or the Mayor and Council members, for further selling of Project Quest elsewhere. It should be made very clear by motion that the City did not and does not support Project Quest or Mr. Drucker in his attempts to develop this program; the motion is in order, in Mr. Johnson's opinion, and he will support it.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that the Council has never sponsored Project Quest, and he will support the motion. It will be up to the various cities where application might be made to determine whether or not they want the program. The issue, according to Mr. Sciarrotta, was the frequency of the use of the building -- the frequency granted was certainly in error and this was to be justified after December 14th.

Mrs. George Surber spoke at this time stating that while Councilman Sciarrotta has indicated that the Council never sponsored Project Quest, why was it allowed for so many months? Such sponsorship was indicated on Mr. Drucker's flyers, and this matter has been before the Council since last August. It was then stated by Mrs. Surber that the Council would be leaving itself wide open for legal action if a stand were not taken. According to Mrs. Surber, the AMA psychiatric reports indicate that trainers have very legal responsibilities before, during, and after they have people in these classes -- hence the importance of a legal stand by the Council.

Added by Mrs. Surber was the comment that the women who have very busy lives have taken time to compile all this material -- considerable material would have been available to the Council had not Councilman Surber's requests for reproduction of material been denied.

Councilman Brewster indicated that he concurred with the words of the motion as it applied to him after April, 1970.

Councilman Uerkwitz' motion carried, there being no objections.

38. Mr. William Ogg, 2706 Portobello, requested permission, pending his application for a variance, for temporary occupancy of the premises at 23044 Crenshaw -- he then explained the circumstances of his lease of this building, being unaware of a zone change affecting this property in 1964.

It was noted by Planning Director Shartle that Mr. Ogg's request had been approved by the Planning Commission -- this appearance before the Council is in connection with the ordinance presently being prepared for these type cases.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to grant six months temporary occupancy to Mr. Ogg. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 8:40 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council go into Personnel Session. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

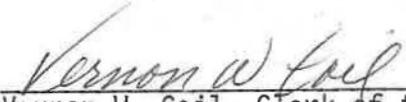
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The Council returned at 8:50 P.M. to take the following action:

39. MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that a special appropriation of \$1,000 be taken from the Unappropriated Reserves for the use of the City Manager in obtaining data for the forthcoming wage, hour and working condition conferences; and that the Mayor be authorized to sign and the City Clerk to attest all necessary documents in connection therewith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At 8:52 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, December 15th, at 5:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:

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Mayor of the City of Torrance  
Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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