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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 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: 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, Building and Safety Director Jack McKinnon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and 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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

There were no reports.

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The Joslyn Center Youth Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Jeanne Riddell, serenaded the Council with Christmas carols, and their efforts were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:9. VACATION OF A CERTAIN SANITARY SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT.
Lots 22 and 23, Tract No. 3458.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the subject Vacation in Tract No. 3458, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-258

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF A CERTAIN SANITARY SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN LOTS 22 AND 23, TRACT NO. 3458 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-258. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:10. VARIANCE 70-15, HENRY AND EDITH WHITING.

Request for a variance to allow dancing in a bar and restaurant located in the C-1 zone at 2170 Torrance Boulevard. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 Variance 70-15, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed, at Councilman Uerkwitz' request, that the fact that Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Mr. Uerkwitz' employer) is adjacent to the subject property did not represent a conflict of interest.

First to speak was Mr. Joe West, 22617 Mylar Street, who stated that he was opposed to the request, as an owner of property at 1230 Cota Avenue; Mr. West is not opposed to progress but not at someone else's expense -- the area now appears on the upgrade and it should stay that way. He also reported a recent incident involving a drunk driver and damage to parked cars on this street, which necessitated the provision of extra parking.

The proponent, Mrs. Edith Whiting, spoke at this time, specifically noting that the above referred to drunk driver was not one of her customers -- she then outlined the German atmosphere and activities proposed for her establishment, as well as her six years experience in this type of undertaking.

Reviewed as well was the likelihood of possible undesirable uses in the future -- such as a "go-go" bar -- City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that the Variance goes with the land rather than the use, and that an ownership change would have no effect on the Variance. The need for License Review Board approval for the proposed entertainment was also noted.

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of V 70-15, subject to conditions; and the further condition that there is approval by the License Review Board in accordance with a definition to be formulated which would restrict the kind of dancing and type of music to the kind represented by the proponent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Brewster indicated that his "no" vote was for the reason that it was a matter of procedure; he would prefer to first hear from the License Review Board.

11. PROPOSED REVISION IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE VICTOR PRECINCT
to eliminate Ladeene Avenue between Emerald Street and Del Amo 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 agenda item #11, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Dan Butcher, 2371 Terrance Boulevard, stated that he has requested removal of Ladeene Avenue between Emerald Street and Del Amo Boulevard from the Victor Precinct Master Plan for the reason that it does not go anywhere -- there now are improvements to the half-way point between Emerald and Spencer -- and it seems to him that the cul-de-sac could be moved down to the point north of Emerald and have the same thing.

Discussion followed on the possible creation of a landlocked parcel, the location of the cul-de-sac, consideration of an easement, etc. Councilman Wilson inquired as to the status of the storm drain matter and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District -- City Engineer Weaver advised that he would assume that this has been litigated.

It was added by Mr. Butcher that should the street be put in to the south of Spencer, the City would have a costly undertaking putting it over the sump property.

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

Discussion returned to the traffic circulation -- City Traffic Engineer Horkay advised that it is his recommendation that Ladeene Avenue not be vacated at this time; however, if and when the property does develop, and a plan indicating sufficient circulation is presented, then he would approve the vacation.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that, in his opinion, the Traffic Department's position, which is backed up as well in regard to other problems by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, is a sensible one -- it is not denied that it would perhaps be vacated upon presentation of a proper plan indicating good circulation and good offstreet parking, etc. -- this would simply be putting the decision off.

Noted by Councilman Uerkwitz was the fact that the existing development is long, rectangular-shaped apartments which can develop in only one way -- the street does not allow the planning of the property as it would were it not there. With the removal of the street now, according to Mr. Uerkwitz, the property in its entirety can be planned; retention of the street will present problems to the developer.

It was added by Councilman Johnson that better guidelines will result once the street is established in a positive pattern -- it seems to him that so long as the one parcel is un-landlocked, there should be no problems.

Mayor Miller pointed out that between Spencer and Emerald, on one side of the paper street is a sump which will not need accessibility; the other side is R-3 which means great depth, which would be fronting on Spencer Street -- hence, the Mayor stated, he can live with that vacation; the top one is a long cul-de-sac street anyway.

It was the further comment of Councilman Brewster that by removal of a street, curbside parking is also removed, and more land is added back into the R-3 zone for high-density development.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve vacation of the property from the dog kennel as far north as the cul-de-sac, and further subject to a stipulation by Mr. Butcher that he will reimburse the City for the extra land to make the cul-de-sac. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Mr. Butcher so stipulated.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Wilson.

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(Considered at this time:)

ADDENDUM ITEM:

51. PUBLIC HEARING - Report of Costs and Assessment for Construction of Underground Facilities Supplying Utility Service to Certain Properties in Underground Utility District No. 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That after the public hearing, the City Council approve an assessment of \$915.04 for the Omatsu property and \$546.54 to the Jewel Land Company property.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the above described matter, 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 Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer relative to the property described in the December 1, 1970 communication from the Traffic and Lighting and Engineering Departments to the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. A. Cover letter from the City Attorney regarding permits for oil well drilling with an emergency and regular ordinance pertaining to these permits.
- B. Report from Zoning Enforcement Officer Quale on the Secondary Recovery Unit of Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company.
- C. Report from Fire Chief Lucas on the Secondary Recovery Operation of Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company.
- D. Report from Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company on the current status of the Torrance Unit Secondary Recovery Water Flood Plan.

The request of an oil company attorney for two weeks postponement was noted.

Speaking at this time was Mr. P.L. Lacombe, representing Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company, as well as Petroleum Lakes Glazer (in the absence of Harry Gorman), who stated that he has read the reports, minus recommendations from Staff supporting the ordinance as requested. It was further reported by Mr. Lacombe that the ordinance was drafted prior to the execution of the unit agreement signed in 1967 -- his letter and Staff reports show that since that time they have been actively pursuing this Master Plan of Development. Further, they have released a great deal of acreage (all the white acreage within the subject line) by way of the previous Oil District and reduced down to the colored sites indicated on the map; those colored sites are under an arrangement with one landowner, Mr. Don Wilson; and are owned and controlled by the Standard Oil Company of California, the Getty Oil Company, or the Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company.

Continuing, Mr. Lacombe stated that the ordinance as written and as it applies to the "O" zones has detailed conditions of operation which cover noise, dust, etc.; it is a matter of compliance by the oil operators and enforcement by the City of Torrance. Mr. Lacombe then outlined the successful enforcement efforts by the City, and noted the further fact meetings are being held with residents on a problem-to-problem basis.

It was then reported by Mr. Lacombe that there is considerable concern on the part of Mr. Glazer in that the minerals underlying the Center were hypothecated by him early in the game in order to bring forward the development of the Financial Center and the other activities there -- it was based on the ability to go into a secondary recovery program; this plan is a Master Plan, just as the Center is a Master Plan, and it cannot be done on a well-by-well basis, the whole thing must be approved.

Mr. Lacombe further stated that there have been appearances before the City, the City has had the Unit Agreement which was approved by the State of California, and it is his feeling that they have tried to live within the rules of the game prescribed by the City.

In the event there are problems, Mr. Lacombe continued, it was his suggestion that there be a meeting with the Council Committee, to include those Homeowner Associations involved, with full review of the facts.

The subject ordinance, Mr. Lacombe concluded, has nothing in it -- it proposes a conditional use permit; they already have all the conditions in the ordinance.

It was generally indicated by the Council that referral to the appropriate Council Committee appeared in order.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question regarding the reference to problems presented the Financial Center by the proposed ordinance, Mr. Lacombe clarified that the minerals under there were hypothecated by partnership on the basis that it was valued on the extraction of secondary recovery oil -- the proposed ordinance adds a zoning problem to it and calls for public hearings. It was added by Mr. Lacombe that there have been changes of surface ownerships there which, if it went to the full extreme, could deny the Glazer partnership the right to develop that secondary recovery project. At the present time, according to Mr. Lacombe, the Del Amc Center has a Master Plan for a secondary recovery program with drill sites with conditions imposed, adding that they are a separate unit entirely and have not drilled well one.

It was stated by Councilman Johnson that the only program actually going and approved is the present secondary recovery with CCMO, which project is approximately 75% complete. Mr. Johnson added that he would acknowledge and would agree to exclude from these two ordinances that part of the program where permits have already been taken out -- beyond that point there is nothing that is in agreement between the City of Torrance and anyone else; if other agreements have been made by people among themselves, this is another situation, and not of concern to the City. Councilman Johnson urged that the Emergency Ordinance be acted upon at this time thereby stopping any future permits immediately, noting that a second reading is necessary which would give Glazer enough time to do their study and recommend any changes desired.

Mr. Lacombe assured the Council that a building permit would not be sought tomorrow by CWOD or Petroleum Lakes Glazer, all the O-1, O-2, and O-3 being under their control. It was pointed out by Mr. Lacombe that they have other going operations in the area, however.

Discussion followed on the problems to be resolved, with the following action resulting:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer agenda item #12 to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Development Committee of the Council, to be returned to the agenda in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the comment of Mayor Miller that the fact that government has the power of a conditional use permit is fine, but it should not be abused nor used in confusion -- the two week delay will permit time for needed clarification.

Councilman Brewster requested that there be drafted by homeowners a specific list of items that have presented problems and unhappiness, with their suggestions for improvement for review by the Committee.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Don McGee, 22934 Juniper, representing Palo del Amo Homeowners Association, ^{who} stated that the two week delay and the committee meeting meets with their approval, and seems like a good idea. Mr. McGee then inquired about any new wells starting, and it was clarified that permits have been issued for wells which have not yet been drilled. Mr. Lacombe added that on this site there are two wells to be drilled and completed by February, and that drilling may start during this study, reiterating that no new permits will be sought.

Mr. McGee continued, stating that their main concern is the drill site off Maple where it is planned to drill 12 wells and the lack of understanding as to what is proposed. It was his recommendation that any further drilling be held up until the facts are known. He then elaborated upon the results of the homeowner meetings, noting that some aspects of the situation are yet to be resolved, and indicated that he looked forward to the meeting within the next two weeks.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta requested that Mr. Lacombe contact the owner of the oil well at Hickory Park regarding the reduction of the fence to the oil well which would provide more recreation land.

It was the further comment of Councilman Johnson that some of the wells east of Torrance are slant drilling under Torrance's oil pool; he requested that the City Attorney investigate this situation and return to Council with some kind of an answer as to how to proceed.

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13. A. ORDINANCE to establish a residential townhouse district (R-TH Zone).
 B. ORDINANCE requiring additions to Sections 91.39.5 and 91-39.8.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance "B". His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2179

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 91.2.71 TO ARTICLE 2 OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, AND ADDING ARTICLE 39 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT.
 (R-TH Zone).

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2179 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman, Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change 70-23.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2180

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 WEST SIDE OF AMIE AVENUE BETWEEN EMERALD STREET AND TORRANCE BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-23.
 (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2180 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 22431, HARRY KISSEL.

Request for approval of a tentative tract map on property located at the south side of Newton Street on both sides of and between Vista Largo and Vista Montana. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Kissel was present to clarify his request, and confirmed that he will respect all the setbacks.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of Tentative Tract No. 22431, subject to conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. TIME EXTENSION REQUEST for CUP 69-4, Total Concepts Corporation.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that CUP 69-4 be extended until February 12, 1971, subject to the condition that all litigation between the City and the parties be disposed of to the satisfaction of the City Attorney. Councilman Sciarrotta so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 10-minute recess followed at 8:31 P.M.

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17. ORDINANCE amending the Municipal Code relative to the uses permitted in the C-4 and M-L zones.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2181

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 23 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE THEREFOR RELATING TO THE USES PERMITTED OF THE C-4 ZONE AND AMENDING SECTIONS 91.32.1 AND 91.32.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REVISING THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF THE M-L ZONE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2181 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. ORDINANCE re: Billboards.

Mr. Dan Walker, Foster and Kleiser, 1550 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles was present on this matter to review the action taken by the Planning Commission, and to state that it is the contention of the billboard industry that the conditional use permit for their standardized poster panel prohibits them from doing business; it is just too costly.

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Continuing, Mr. Walker stated that they have made a sincere effort to come up with a criteria which would result in stricter rules and regulations, rather than the conditional use procedure. It appeared to be the consensus of the Council, according to Mr. Walker, at an earlier hearing that the conditional use permit was clumsy and did in many ways prohibit the billboard industry from doing business in Torrance, and that the City should have some way of maintaining control over outdoor advertising by way of review.

Mr. Walker thereupon indicated that he would like to submit an alternative, and would like to amend the second reading of Ordinance No. 2145 by replacing 88.10.2 with the following language: "The maximum area of a standard billboard shall be 300 square feet for single-faced billboards, and 300 square feet for each face of a double-faced or V-shaped billboard, and they may be constructed only upon the approval of the Sign Review Board." (This would give the City control over any outdoor advertising which would come before the community, according to Mr. Walker.)

"A billboard larger than 300 sq. ft. but not exceeding 700 sq. ft.," Mr. Walker continued, "may be constructed only upon the granting of a conditional use permit."

Mayor Miller reiterated his feeling that the Sign Review Committee would serve the purpose -- he would not want it to be possible to build billboards without some review by someone in the City, and the conditional use permit would appear superfluous.

Councilman Wilson referred to Section 88.10.6 - Minimum Distance Between Billboards - and recommended that it be revised to read... "A minimum distance of three hundred feet shall be maintained between any two billboards located on either side of the street....." Mr. Walker suggested that the 400 feet recommended by them would be of greater benefit to the City -- Mr. Walker added that he would concur with the either side of the street recommended by Dr. Wilson, noting that there could possibly be exceptional situations.

Sr. Planner Hagaman commented that the above standards should be presented to the Planning Commission, a study presently underway by them, and only one meeting held to date with the billboard representatives. Mr. Hagaman also outlined the countless hours spent with and apart from Mr. Walker in an attempt to resolve this matter.

It was the consensus of the Council that the legislation must somehow get started, with possible amendments if problems develop -- the acquiescence to the Sign Review Board being a major factor -- and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the subject ordinance be returned to the City Attorney for rewriting to incorporate the Sign Review Committee portion for the smaller signs, and the spacing of the billboards. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he would amend the ordinance accordingly. He acknowledged the communication from Mr. Walker and his understanding thereof, with the comment that he is not bound by anything. Mr. Remelmeyer further indicated that he will make any necessary amendments necessitated by this, plus the fact it is necessary to build some standards in for the Sign Review Board.

At Councilman Brewster's question, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the revised ordinance will be returned to the Council for first reading.

A time limit of thirty days was requested - which time would permit further Planning Commission and Planning Department review as to standards and conditions.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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19. ORDINANCE repealing Ordinance No. 2155 and substituting another ordinance reclassifying property described in Zone Change 70-14, Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Company.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2182

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2155 WHICH AMENDED DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN ZC 70-14, AND SUBSTITUTING ANOTHER ORDINANCE THEREFOR AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (SKYLINE MOBILE HOME PARK) AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 70-14.

(Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand & Gravel Co.)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2182 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE

20. 1970 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE - Engineering Services.
(3 RESOLUTIONS)

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned numbers and read titles to:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-259

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 AGREEMENT WITH KOEBIG & KOEBIG, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON STORM DRAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 1970 BOND ISSUE PROJECTS NOS. 9804, 9814, AND 8150 LINE A.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-260

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 AGREEMENT WITH LAMPMAN AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON STORM DRAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 1970 BOND ISSUE PROJECTS NOS. 9827 AND 8151 - LINE C.

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RESOLUTION NO. 70-261

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 AGREEMENT WITH E.L. PEARSON AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON STORM DRAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 1970 BOND ISSUE PROJECTS NOS. 8150 - LINES C AND D AND 8153.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolutions No. 70-259, 70-260, and 70-261, subject to the approval of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Ollie Harrison, 5115 Scott Street, recommended that it be written into any of the above contracts that there be proper lighting, in view of past difficulties in this regard. It was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer that these are design contracts and such a request would not be applicable. Mr. Harrison then recommended that whoever does the work be tied down in the matter of this needed lighting.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:21. AMENDMENTS TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2183

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SIGNS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2183 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. APPEAL OF CASE S70-116 - ROBERT O'NEILL

Original request to change configuration of one pole sign at 3977 - 171st Street was approved subject to several conditions. Later wall signs exceeded limitations imposed by Sign Review Committee. Mr. O'Neill now requesting reconsideration even though beyond appeal date.

Mayor Miller ruled this matter was not properly before the Council, the appeal period having passed; it was the consensus of the Council that the appeal fee paid by Mr. O'Neill should be refunded him, and, further, that Mr. O'Neill should make a new application to the Sign Review Committee, with the right of appeal

to the Council within 14 days if again denied. Mr. O'Neill was present and acknowledged his understanding of this recommendation.

REAL PROPERTY:

23. RESOLUTION re: extension of commencement date, Rolling Hills Nursery, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-262

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT LEASE AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT AGRICULTURAL LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ROLLING HILLS NURSERY, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-262. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. RESOLUTION re: condemnation of certain land at Crenshaw Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO WIT: THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

(Northwest corner and the southeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-263. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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25. Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc. - Request to renew fuel facility site and petroleum agreement.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission: That Council approve of the month-to-month holdover for Collins-Dietrich Air Services on their airport lease dated January 1, 1961 and expiring December 31, 1970, not to exceed 4 months from the expiration date in order to permit the proper preparation of a formal agreement. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. RESOLUTION and lease transferring the Papas spin-off lease to Jack W. Mitchell.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JACK W. MITCHELL.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-264; his motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. Council Transportation Committee report re: Mrs. Darlene Wilson, dba Oriental Gardens, request to extend the term of her lease.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

That Council direct the Airport Manager to calendar a meeting to be held on or about January 2, 1974, with the Wilsons, for the purpose of reconsidering and exploring the possibility of extending their lease beyond the March 1975 expiration date.

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

28. IMPROVEMENT OF 230TH PLACE BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUES (1911 Act Assessment District).

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

That the subject assessment district be processed under City's old makeup paving policy.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. PROPOSED VACATION OF MADISON STREET BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND 234TH STREET. (Beneficiary: Inter-Pebco -- Fee paid)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-265

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE MADISON STREET BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND 234TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-265. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

30. A. RESOLUTION re: Cooperative Purchase with State of California.
 B. AWARD OF CONTRACT to Union Oil Company (Annual expenditure of \$38,000 for gasoline and oil for Police Units.)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

1. That Council formally adopt the subject resolution, enabling the City of Torrance to join in a "Cooperative Purchase" program with the State of California within the provisions of the City Charter; and
2. That Council approve of the awarding of the annual contract to the Union Oil Company to supply annual requirements for gasoline and oil needed by Police units while operating in the field in the amount of \$38,000. (It should be noted that a \$40 fee to cover overhead will be charged to the City of Torrance by the State to join this program on gasoline.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE "COOPERATIVE" PURCHASE OF NECESSARY ITEMS.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Purchasing Supervisor, and for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-266. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Surber complimented Staff on the negotiations accomplished in this matter which will result in substantial savings for the City.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

31. FAA Localizer Installation (Navigation Aid) for the Torrance Airport.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That the Airport Manager be authorized and directed to negotiate with the FAA for the site location, agreement, and installation of a localizer and outer marker for the Torrance Municipal Airport. Concurrent with the Airport Manager's action, it is recommended that a sub-committee consisting of Commissioners Smith and Doss thoroughly investigate all ramifications as to the installation of said localizer and report back to the Airport Commission by the second meeting of February, 1971.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Uerkwitz that this matter, in view of the many ramifications, be referred to the Council Transportation Committee. Discussion followed, with Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield providing clarification as to what is proposed. Councilman Brewster indicated that the request for the Airport Manager "be authorized and directed to negotiate with FAA...." appears to be carte blanche authority to proceed; Mr. Brewster has no objection to a survey but there certainly should be a report back at the conclusion of such a survey before any further authority is granted.

Mrs. Kathleen Bresnahan, 23505 Evalyn, reported that the Chairman of the Airport Commission, Mr. John Blaisdell, had advised her that this matter was an information only item insofar as the Commission was concerned, and was only to inform the Council that the Commission was making their own study on this and it would be presented at a public hearing to be held on January 28th before the Airport Commission.

It was added by Mrs. Bresnahan that, as a member of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, she would object to a localizer installation at the Torrance Airport, and she would like to wait for this public hearing.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that agenda item #31 be deferred until the Airport Commission comes back with a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Ollie Harrison, 5115 Scott Street, commented that any and all pieces of equipment which may be obtained from government to aid aviation safety would be greatly appreciated -- what is proposed will make it safer for planes coming into Torrance.

It was clarified by Mayor Miller that the Airport Commission's recommendations should be presented to the Council Transportation Committee, with a recommendation from both groups for the full Council.

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

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32. RESOLUTION re: Hi-Shear Corporation renewal of petroleum agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-267

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE PETROLEUM AGREEMENT BETWEEN HI-SHEAR CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID PETROLEUM AGREEMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-267. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

33. Recommendation on Recreation Center usage policy from Council Committee on Parks, Recreation and Community Development.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

That the existing Resolution (68-135) governing the Recreation Center administration is adequate as written and that in the future City Council should adhere to this Resolution in that all requests for Center usage be directed to the Recreation Department initially for interpretation and action. Any individual or group may appeal to Council, through regular channels, if they disagree with the Department's interpretation and decision.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Surber: That this matter be held until the Council has the City Attorney's written policy so that the vote may be on the entire package at that time.

Discussion followed on the proposed modifications, specifically as it refers to "Use of the facility in no way constitutes sponsorship or endorsement of the group or the activity by the City of Torrance." Councilman Surber then withdrew his substitute motion.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to concur with the committee recommendations was unanimously favorable.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

34. Civic Center Library Plaque.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

That two plaques be prepared -- one for incumbent Council members and Library Commissioners, and the second for past Council members and the name of Ethel M. Mosley who was a member of the Library Commission at the time of her demise.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Wilson that this item be referred to Staff to work out some of the details, as well as the art work, to be returned to the Council in more final form. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

35. Progress Report and Concerns of the Bond Issue Steering Committee.

Chairman of the Bond Issue Steering Committee, Mrs. Katy Geissert, was present to review the contents of her December 17th report to the Council, which report reiterated, for one thing, the fact that their prime concern is a park and recreation bond.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that the history of this bond issue is well known - it came about because of the great concern and need for parks and recreational facilities in the City; there appears to be substantial support at this time, and the momentum would be jeopardized should the original purpose be suddenly revised. Councilman Wilson stated that, in his opinion, the Committee is going in the right direction, and he commends and supports them in their efforts.

Councilman Uerkwitz noted that there had been positive direction that at least two Council members were concerned, for example, that a Fire Station be considered in this bond issue.

It was Councilman Johnson's opinion that the Committee can both study the park and recreation needs and capital improvements as they relate to park and recreation -- with study as well on the other items as they relate to other needs, such as police, fire, street, etc. With such a report before Council it can then,

as at budget time, select what is desired. It was added by Mr. Johnson that it might be well to consider separating the items on the ballot, and the people will make it known what they want. Councilman Johnson stated that he feels the Committee is going great, and it is now a matter of studying the remaining phases of the capital improvement needs.

Councilman Sciarrotta commended the Committee on their work also, and stated that if the issue becomes confused with putting in too many things it may die on the vine -- the Council needs to wait for the report of the consultant and his recommendations. In the meantime, Mr. Sciarrotta continued, the City Manager should furnish information as to what is needed for capital improvements. It must also be considered, according to Councilman Sciarrotta, that the Council will be relieved of the burden of developing parks and the acquisition of land which will leave money which ordinarily would have been used for this purpose for these other capital improvements. In conclusion, he stated the Committee should have the "go" sign to work this thing out.

Mayor Miller commented that the subject report represents the procedure requested by Council, adding that it is the same taxpayer's dollar being discussed, be it parks, recreation, a fire station, etc. If the public so declares that they would like to put money in a bond issue for parks and recreation, this would release other monies always included in the capital improvement program for the necessities of life. The Mayor deemed such discussion premature and that the Council should await the consultant's report.

36. REPORT ON ROADIUM DRIVE-IN THEATRE SWAP MEETS.

A communication from City Manager Ferraro indicating that the Swap Meet operation is a conforming use in a C-3 zone was noted by the Council.

Mr. L.D. Gasteiger was present and indicated that he had no objection to the matter of Swap Meets being referred to a Council Committee for review.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that this matter be referred to the Council Finance Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

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

Mrs. Barbara Odie, 2810 West 163rd Street, indicated that there are serious traffic problems which should be considered by the Committee -- she was advised that all interested parties should plan to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee on this matter.

Next to speak was Mr. L.R. Ikes (?), 16222 Ardath, who stated that a "thieves' market" is operating at the Roadium Theatre -- he added that he is a member of the Los Angeles Police Department

and has spent considerable time with a highly qualified burglar who advised him that much of his illegal merchandise has ended up at the Radium Theatre. These Swap Meets, Mr. Ikes continued, bring thieves into the neighborhood during evening hours -- the weekends bring in hippie groups and resultant problems involving parking, trash, and a circus atmosphere. Property values are affected by this situation -- help is needed.

The date for the Finance Committee meeting was established for Tuesday, December 29th, at 4:30 P.M.

37. COMMISSION VACANCIES REPORT.

It was agreed to hold interviews re: Commission vacancies at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 12th.

Mayor Miller at this time regretfully announced the passing of Traffic Safety Council member Dick Pyle on December 16th.

38. RESOLUTION re: Public Health Code.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to an ordinance re: the Public Health Code, with the instruction that it not be adopted at this time:

ORDINANCE NO. 2184

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 7 TO DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ADOPTS AND AMENDS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1959 EDITION, AS REVISED.

City Clerk Coil was then directed by Mayor Miller to assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-268

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1959 EDITION, AS REVISED, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-268. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY BEAUTIFICATION.

The Staff position in this matter, as follows, was noted:

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1. Railroads owe a duty to the public to make their facilities environmentally compatible with the built-up urban areas through which they pass.
2. Urban residential areas shall be given priority in any beautification program of railroad right-of-way.
3. The cost of beautifying these rights-of-way should be borne equitably by those who receive the benefit from those rights-of-way.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above items 1,2, and 3 of official policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

40. RESOLUTION re: record destruction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-269

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-269. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

41. ORDINANCE abolishing the Torrance Safety Council and the Streets and Highways Commission and establishing the Traffic Commission.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. That Council approve the subject ordinance;
2. That Council approve an appropriation of \$1,000 out of the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus;
3. That Council approve the transfer of \$2,126 from the Safety Council budget to the Traffic Commission budget.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2185

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 9 AND ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE

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TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ABOLISHING THE
TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL AND THE STREETS
AND HIGHWAYS COMMISSION AND ADDING A NEW
ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE
TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

Prior to taking action on the above resolution, it was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer that there should be an amendment to Section 13.9.2 in that the appointment and terms of members should be moved up one year.

Mrs. Bonnie McElroy, Chairman of the Torrance Safety Council, was present to first commend the above action, stating that the proposed Traffic Commission should prove to be a great asset to the City.

Mrs. McElroy then referred to the Torrance Safety Council's unfinished business -- a coloring book for elementary schools, a Citywide safety poster contest and needed trophies, the Torrance Safety School Coordinating Committee function, to name a few. It was the consensus of the Council that all activities of merit performed by the Safety Council should be incorporated in the Traffic Commission functions where feasible.

Concern regarding the elimination of the Torrance Safety Council and their outstanding accomplishments, particularly where public relations are concerned, was expressed by Councilman Johnson -- it seems to him that the Safety Council function is entirely different than the intent of the Traffic Commission, and he would like to have the part pertaining to the Traffic Safety Council elimination removed from the ordinance so that that organization may continue.

Discussion followed on the composition and duties of the Traffic Commission vs the Safety Council, it being the general opinion that consideration be given present Safety Council members for appointment to the Traffic Commission, that the Safety Council projects underway be given the highest priority as to funds, etc.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay stated that at a later date it is proposed to refer industrial safety and like matters to the Civil Defense Commission. The Council indicated their approval of such an arrangement.

Councilman Brewster noted the advance warning furnished by City Traffic Engineer Horkay that a Traffic Commission would command a substantial budget as Commissions go; Mr. Horkay, in a valiant effort, cut the appropriation down for the balance of the year, but it will rate serious consideration at budget time.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for adoption of the Public Works Committee recommendation and for Ordinance No. 2185, with the amendment requested by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Mrs. Eva Bisou spoke at this time stating that she has spent ten years on the Torrance Safety Council and there have been tremendous accomplishments. In her opinion the new Commission will throw all this out the window and would be unfair to the citizens of Torrance.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that his affirmative vote was based on the understanding that it will be incorporated in the new Commission the community relations aspects of the Traffic Safety Council. (Councilman Brewster pointed out that Item h on Page 3 would accomodate this request.) The role of the Civil Defense Commission regarding safety was acknowledged by Mr. Johnson.

Councilman Surber indicated that his "yes" vote was with reservations -- he would be inclined to agree with Mrs. Bisou in that eventually the Safety Council programs which have been so vital will be overpowered by the traffic considerations.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

42. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS LEAVE.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

That the best course of action would be to proceed with employee relations leave as in the past until July 1971; that Management proceed to encompass the matter of employee relations leave in the 1971 salary discussions; and that the policies with regards to granting employee relations leave be spelled out in the memoranda of understanding commencing July 1971.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above Committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Surber noted recent Fire Department leaves, particularly one involving missionary work, and requested that the Civil Service Commission review the need for the establishment of a policy in this regard.

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43. Recommendations from Staff and Civil Service Commission regarding reorganization of Personnel function of City.

Mr. Jack Salling, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, was present to recommend that this matter go back to the Council Committee for a meeting with the Committee members, Management, Civil Service Commissioners, and the Personnel Director in order to resolve some of these considerations.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that it is time for all parts of Management to sit down and expedite this matter -- there has been more feet-dragging with regard to this project than of any other known project.

The Council indicated concurrence with referring the proposed reorganization to the Civil Service Committee of the Council; it was so ordered.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

44. ORDINANCE NO. 2177.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2177

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLES 9 AND 10, SECTIONS 97.9.13, 97.10.2 AND 97.10.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL AND METALLURGICAL SAFETY STANDARDS FOR TANKS USED FOR STORAGE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND THE INSPECTION THEREOF; AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2164.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2177 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

45. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$325.36 to M. Johnson Supply for 12 only 8" water pipe, saddles as requested by the Water Department for stock.
2. \$1698.78 to J. Jones Company for 12 only hydrant heads and 18 hydrant locking devices as requested by the Water Department for stock.

3. \$703.47 to Brooks Products for 5 meter vaults and 12 meter vault extensions as requested by the Water Department for stock.
4. \$1115.00 to Capital Enterprise for 4 portable equipment storage shelters as requested by the Recreation Department - 3 each are replacements and one as a new unit for Pueblo Park.
5. \$419.89 to Wenger Corporation for 4 only 3-step Wenger chorus risers as requested by the Recreation Department for use in the various activities.
6. \$917.04 to Southern California Fence Company for various fencing materials as requested by the Park Department for construction of new fence along Del Amo Boulevard and for partial replacement of the fence at La Romeria Park.

B. SPECIAL LIBRARY ITEMS.

7. \$343.16 to Hermeg & Romine for 50 adult books and 1 set Annals of America.
8. \$354.48 to Doubleday & Company for 11 various renewal subscriptions.
9. \$378.43 to Campbell & Hall for 41 adult books.

46. CLAIM of Osborne J. Fagan for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

47. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 1250 GPM rated fire apparatus - Ref. Bid #B70-59.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve of the awarding of this contract for one only 1250 GPM Fire Apparatus to the low bidder Motor Truck Distributing Company in the amount of \$44,878.50 plus sales tax of \$2,468.32 for a total of \$47,346.82.

The amount budgeted for this fire apparatus is \$46,000 which is \$1,346.82 less than the amount of the low bid. In order to provide adequate funds for this purchase, it is also recommended that the additional amount of \$1,346.82 be allocated from the fire apparatus replacement reserve fund which was established in the 1969-70 fiscal year.

48. STORM DRAIN FOR MADRONA AVENUE NORTH OF CARSON STREET.
Gas Tax SS-238

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$7,000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds for the referenced improvement.

49. CURB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION on 235th Street east of Crenshaw Boulevard (Informal Bid) Job #71114.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract with Cancino & Medina be rescinded;
2. That the contract be awarded to Nick Vargas;
3. That Cancino & Medina be assessed the difference in costs; and
4. That the cash bond of Cancino & Medina be released.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #45, 46, 47, 48 and #49. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

50. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

City Manager Ferraro requested that this item be held for 30 days, for technical reasons; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

51. Public Hearing - Underground Utility District.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

52. ROSE PARADE FLOAT AGREEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL PARK, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: That the Council approve the revised agreement and authorizing resolution.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman elaborated on the circumstances necessitating the subject revised agreement and resolution. Discussion followed on recollections regarding the disposition of the proceeds from Airport Days, it being the general consensus of the Council that they understood that these proceeds would otherwise be used in the computation of the cost of the float.

It was added by Mayor Miller that the intent of the Council was that the purpose of Airport Days was to raise money for the Rose Parade, noting that this is the first time admission has been charged for Airport Days, for the very purpose of subsidizing the float. It was added by the Mayor that he feels somewhat let down regarding motives in this situation -- it would, in fact, be his

preference to have the \$10,500 put into parks and recreation, or a meaningful use, in lieu of national television for thirty seconds.

Discussion followed on the financial needs relative to the float which must now be met, etc., and the following action resulted, it being generally felt that the Council should show good faith, acknowledge the lesson learned, and chalk it off to experience:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-270

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY OF A FLOAT IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE ON JANUARY 1, 1971, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 70-206 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-270. 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.

It was indicated by Councilman Johnson that his "yes" vote was a reluctant one, and that that will be the last time.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

53. City Manager Ferraro, on behalf of his Staff and the department heads, extended Happy Holiday wishes to the Council. (the vote was 9-7).

54. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed his pleasure at a communication from Mrs. Ethel Kovach which stated, in part, "we disagreed in an agreeable fashion" and expressed appreciation of all the cooperation relative to "Project Quest".

55. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that a plaque resolution be prepared for Mrs. Hannah Saville who gave so many years of service to the Library Commission. It was confirmed that this is underway.

56. Councilman Sciarrotta then noted the increased costs for public transportation, hotel/motel rates, food, etc. over the last 2½ years as reflected in a study made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, and recommended that there be review of the money allowed for attendance at conventions, etc. in view of the fact that the Council is operating under the old budget, it would seem proper to have the \$1200 allowance increased to \$1500.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon MOVED that this matter be referred to the Council Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

57. Councilman Surber MOVED that a permaplaque resolution be prepared for Torrance Safety Council member, Eva Bisou. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous.

58. Councilman Surber noted Information Item J - a City of Burbank resolution urging the State Legislature to provide funds for State mandated programs - and requested that the City Attorney prepare a similar resolution for Torrance.

59. Councilman Uerkwitz inquired as to the status of the investigation relative to City Treasurer Rupert serving as Legislative Advocate. City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that this has been researched and that there is no objection from a legal standpoint. Councilman Uerkwitz then MOVED that Mr. Rupert be appointed Legislative Advocate for the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

It was also confirmed by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that there are no objections to such an arrangement.

60. Information Item L - City of Modesto resolution re: alleviation of litter and waste disposal created by the sale of beverages in disposable, nonreturnable containers - was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz who MOVED that a like resolution be prepared for this Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

61. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to a recent newspaper article wherein Finance Director Dundore commented on anticipated revenue losses. City Manager Ferraro explained the hurried circumstances of the press release, and advised that a detailed report will be furnished the Council.

62. Mayor Miller noted recent action by the Los Angeles City Council adopting an ordinance requiring all new developments to dedicate land for parks, or to pay an equivalent fee into a recreation and park development fund, which money would be used to acquire and develop parks and recreation sites. The Mayor then referred this to City Attorney Remelmeyer to come back with a report on this to see what the City of Torrance can do -- perhaps along the lines of redevelopment of older areas of the City, etc.

63. Noted by Councilman Wilson were the determinations to be made relative to factory built housing. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that this matter be referred to the Council Public Works Committee for recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

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64. A need for a meeting on the "O" zone was further noted by Councilman Wilson -- the date selected was December 29th at 3:30 P.M. with all interested parties to be notified.

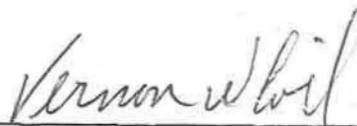
65. Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council (by a 7-0 vote), wished Staff and all present a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

66. Mr. Ollie Harrison, 5115 Scott Street, reported on unsafe dips in City streets, specifically at the intersection of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Boulevard, in need of immediate repair.

67. The practice of placing papers on front doors was also deplored by Mr. Harrison; he feels the existing ordinance which permits this should be repealed in that it indicates to all passing by that no one is at home. City Manager Ferraro will report back on this.

At 11:25 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 5, 1971, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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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City Council
December 22, 1970