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Adjourned at 11:55 P.M. to Tuesday, March 9, 1976,
at 7:00 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, February 24, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Charles Dishon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bruce Lundberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Surber moved that the minutes of February 3, 1976 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Armstrong moved that after the City 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 Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Selection Committee for Redevelopment Area:

There have been interviews with interested developers; report will be forthcoming to the Council.

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PRESENTATIONS:

- 8. OPERATING PROGRAM STATUS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES -
Water Department.

Water System Manager Borgwat offered the Water Department's Operating Program Status and Performance Measures presentation -- a presentation that was warmly commended by the Council.

- 9. RESOLUTION of commendation for Walter H. Ruhlow.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING WALTER H.
RUHLOW, TORRANCE LIONS CLUB'S CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-32. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

- 10. TILE PLAQUES TO RESIGNED COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Miller conveyed the appreciation of the Council for the dedicated service of recently resigned Commissioners, and presented tile plaques to those present on this occasion: Roy Hickcox, Civil Service Commission; John Mosley, Library Commission; Albert Dumont, Water Commission; and Bennett Smith, Torrance Disaster Council.

Noted was the further recognition, by tile plaque, for Martin Denn, Inter-City Transportation Committee, and a Certificate of Appreciation to David Rankin, Park and Recreation Commission.

- 11. QUARTERLY BEAUTIFICATION SCENE AWARDS - Winter, 1975.

Environmental Quality Commission Chairman, Mr. Gary Cramer, presented the Beautification Scene Award to Mr. George Anderson, 3675 West 168th Street (residential land use category). There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Anderson who credited Mrs. Anderson with this achievement.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 12. RESOLUTION honoring Mrs. Melvina Beckwith.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING MRS. MELVINA
BECKWITH ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND IN
RECOGNITION OF HER OVER 59 YEARS OF
RESIDENCY IN TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-31. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

13. APPOINTMENT TO WATER COMMISSION:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved a unanimous ballot for the appointment of Mr. Charles Brandt to the Water Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

PUBLIC WORKS:

14. RESOLUTION supporting the proposed Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CONCURRING IN THE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

15. RESOLUTION re: 190th Street grade separation.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING
TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTIONS OF 190TH
STREET AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, WITHIN
SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF
HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

16. INCLUSION OF U.S. STEEL PROPERTY DRAINAGE CHANNEL IN MASTER PLAN OF STORM DRAINS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the drainage facility shown on the sketch of record be placed on the City's Master Plan of Storm Drains.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

17. REQUEST OF CITY OF INGLEWOOD for support in opposing Pacific Telephone's proposed rate increases related to Centrex service and Information calls.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That no action be taken on the City of Inglewood request.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to receive and file. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Representing Pacific Telephone, Mr. Joe Culder provided detailed clarification regarding the proposed rate increases for directory assistance and the effect thereof on telephone customers.

Roll call vote on Councilman Surber's motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

18. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND 237TH STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

That the subject request be DENIED at this time.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

That the traffic signal be installed at Crenshaw Boulevard and 237th Street, the entire cost of said installation and required signal interconnect be borne by private enterprise, including the proponent and/or his assignees.

Staff presentation was made by Associate Traffic Engineer Glass which outlined the basis for their recommended denial -- they would have no objection to such signalization in the future when traffic warrants have been met. It was the recommendation of Mr. Glass that, in the event of Council approval, the signal should be paid for by private enterprise, and that design and construction be done by the Transportation Department.

The proponent, Mr. Don Wilson, was present to report that the Planning Commission had deleted the Staff recommendation that there be no traffic signal. Further noted by Mr. Wilson was the 1975 traffic flow report which reflects that some 41,000 cars per day will pass the subject project -- this represents more cars than go by on Hawthorne Boulevard at any place south of Torrance Boulevard. In view of the development proposed on this site, a traffic signal is a most imperative need, per Mr. Wilson.

Council discussion reflected their concerns regarding the heavy traffic on Crenshaw Boulevard, safety factors, the additional traffic which will be created by the subject development, financial considerations, etc.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission, with the added condition that the proponent deposit the funds with the City and that the design, engineering and construction be done in accordance with City standards. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

Sr. Associate Transportation Engineer Glass indicated that Staff would return to Council with an appropriate agreement between the City and Mr. Wilson.

City Manager Ferraro took this opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions of Mr. Don Wilson to the development of the City of Torrance.

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19. ANALYSIS OF THE "SUNSET COAST LINE" RAIL RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM PROPOSAL BY SUPERVISOR BAXTER WARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. That the City Council pass a resolution requesting the Southern California Rapid Transit District to place an issue on the June ballot regarding the proposed 281-mile rail transit project to be financed by a one-cent sales tax.
2. That the City Council take no position at this time on the actual project and reserve the right to endorse or oppose the project as additional data and information becomes available.

Staff presentation was made by Senior Associate Transportation Engineer Glass.

Councilman Brewster announced that he would abstain in this matter in that he will be participating in the RTD public hearing on same on February 28th.

Questioned by Councilwoman Geissert was the wisdom of placing this project on the June ballot rather than the November ballot in view of the need for extensive additional information. Discussion followed regarding the desire of Supervisor Ward to expedite this issue, the voluminous information that likely will be furnished, and the specific fact that no position is taken by the Torrance City Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT TO TAKE ACTIONS WHICH WILL PLACE THE QUESTION OF CONSTRUCTING A 281-MILE RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, FINANCED BY A ONE-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE, ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION IN JUNE, 1976

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-35. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Surber,
Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

Although he cast an affirmative vote, Councilman Surber indicated concurrence with Councilwoman Geissert's concerns regarding the need for more time and more information. Councilwoman Geissert recommended that the Board of Supervisors give consideration to an impartial analysis by a qualified individual or firm regarding

this matter. It was pointed out by Councilman Brewster that RTD has already engaged, at considerable cost, four independent firms to analyze various segments of the subject proposal.

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. REQUEST OF CELIA PONS that fees for Conditional Use Permits by the Downtown Torrance Ordinance be set aside.

Staff clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle.

Mrs. Celia Pons described the financial hardship represented by these fees, and urged that they be reduced to realistically meet the needs of this area.

It was the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council establish a fee of \$25.00 (rather than \$125) for Downtown Torrance, in view of the special problems there, for the present -- this fee reduction would only last until such time as the new ordinances are returned to the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney -- reduce Conditional Use Permit fees for Downtown Torrance to \$25.00 until such time as the ordinance is in effect. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Surber,
Wilson; Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

21. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-36

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 CONTRACT FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONTINENTAL IMPORT BODY SHOP AND STAN BURNS INSURANCE COMPANY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-36. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

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PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

22. REQUEST TO SEND PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RECREATION AND PARK CONFERENCE.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the request of the Park and Recreation Commission to send a representative to the 28th Annual California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference in Sacramento. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Councilwoman Geissert indicated her preference that the funds should come out of the Reserve for Contingencies rather than by reduction of recreation facilities tour, as recommended by the Director of Park and Recreation -- the tour is very important, in view of the new members on the Park and Recreation Commission, per Mrs. Geissert.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That the subject request be granted, and that the \$250 for this conference be allocated from the Reserve for Contingencies fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Wilson;
Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Surber.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that he failed to see the need to appropriate additional money out of the General Fund if the Park and Recreation Commission has adjusted its activities voluntarily so that there is not a need for more money.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the City Council authorize John Alter to appear and assist the Civil Service Commission as special counsel at disciplinary hearings, without pay, for a period of one year. At the end of the year (or sooner if appropriate) I will report to you on the success of this experiment.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Councilwoman Geissert indicated her reservations regarding such an arrangement -- this represents a new, untried concept, and urged that there be more input regarding this matter. The "experimental" aspect was pointed out by Mayor Miller, as was the fact that such services could be terminated at any time, if desired.

Councilman Surber's motion to concur with the City Attorney carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber,
Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (for above stated
reasons)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

The fact that the City Attorney could withdraw Mr. Alter at any time was reaffirmed by Mayor Miller.

24. SECOND FIRST READING ORDINANCE MODIFYING VACATION
LANGUAGE OF TFFA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

ORDINANCE NO. 2640

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.24.6
OF PART II OF THE CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING
VACATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION AND ADDING A NEW SECTION
17.24.6 OF PART II OF THE CHAPTER 7,
DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
CODE GOVERNING VACATION PROVISIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE
FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1138

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2640 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2634.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING EXCRETION IN
PUBLIC PLACES AND ADDING SECTION 45.4.7
TO ARTICLE 4 OF DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 5 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Wilson moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 2634 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2635.

ORDINANCE NO. 2635

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 38.3.3

OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING
CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ALARM SYSTEM
PERMIT FEE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2635 at its second and final reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2637.

ORDINANCE NO. 2637

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 95.3.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL FACILITIES IN THE M-1 AND M-L ZONES AND ADDING SECTION 95.3.33 TO SAID CODE TO PERMIT COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITIES BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2637 at its second and final reading; the motion was seconded by Councilman Surber. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2638.

ORDINANCE NO. 2638

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 WEST SIDE OF AMIE AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET NORTH OF 176TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 74-9 (Torrance Unified School District)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2638 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Geissert, Surber, and Wilson.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong; Mayor Miller.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

29. WITHDRAWN.

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The hour being 9:01 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent). A 10-minute recess followed at 9:03 P.M.

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MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

30. RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT to permit Officers Gross and Kehoe to attend California Highway Patrol Academy.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS DONALD GROSS AND WILLIAM KEHOE AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-37. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

31. REQUEST BY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION to review and recommend Non-Profit Service Units - Housing and Community Development Block Grant Funding.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING STAFF:

The Staff concurs with the recommendation of the Human Resources Commission that Council designate the Commission as the reviewing body to recommend to the Council those non-profit service units to be funded under the Housing and Community Development Act.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

32. CUP 74-64 CORDON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (Cosmodyne): Request for installation of a helistop in the industrial sector northeast of the Torrance Civic Center (2920 Columbia Street).

Staff findings, as outlined in February 24th communication, regarding Council concerns expressed at its February 3rd meeting, were noted and approved by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the findings of Staff and to ratify the Planning Commission action re: CUP 74-64. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

33. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES - Rescheduled 1976 Torrance Scout Bicentennial Parade.

Staff presentation was made by Assistant to the City Manager Meyer.

Representing the Boy Scout Parade Committee, Mr. Art Foster reviewed their understanding with Staff members regarding the second mini grandstand and the apparent misunderstanding

regarding fees associated therewith, noting as well the unfortunate circumstance of rain which prevented the scheduled February 7th parade.

Council discussion ensued -- the extenuating circumstances were acknowledged, as were the community benefits represented by the parade and the Boy Scouts of America.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to reaffirm Councilman Wilson's motion of December 16th in this matter -- further, that the City absorb the sum of \$450 for the stands that were not used due to cancellation of the parade, to be appropriated from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

34. RESOLUTION granting CUP 75-64, Antonios Doukas.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION AND
REMODELING OF AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT ON
PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF
WESTERN AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET
SOUTH OF CARSON STREET
(Cup 75-64, Antonios Doukas)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-38. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

35. HO 76-3, DOLORES COLLEEN KYLE. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of request for a Home Occupation Permit to allow the temporary use of a dwelling in the R-1 zone for a cosmetology business on property located at 19928 Bellemare Avenue.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

Mrs. Madeleine de la Court, 19922 Bellemare Avenue, reiterated her objections of record to the requested Home Occupation Permit, and stated that she does not want a business in an R-1 zone.

The applicant, Mrs. Dolores Kyle, reviewed the reasons cited in the submission of this appeal, and elaborated on the serious nature of her son's illness, hence the need for a limited cosmetology business, temporary in nature, from her home.

At questions posed by the Council, Mrs. Kyle advised that there was a financial need to so operate, complicated by the pathetic plight of her son; that this will serve as an interim solution, and will be terminated on his demise; etc.

Mrs. Billie Morgan, 20010 Bellemare Avenue, reported on her observance of the school bus pickup service for Mrs. Kyle's son on a daily routine basis. Mrs. Kyle returned to describe a typical week which involved absenteeism, medical appointments, etc.

The father of the boy, Mr. Steve Baverick (?), former husband of Mrs. Kyle, confirmed the physical condition of his son, the tremendous demands made on Mrs. Kyle and himself in proper care of the boy, and the financial need for the extra income which can only be earned in this manner.

Mr. Richard Hull, 20004 Bellemare Avenue, stated that he resides next door to Mrs. Kyle, and that she may avail herself of his driveway when necessary -- a driveway that will accommodate five cars.

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

It was the consensus of the Council, following discussion, that this request was a most unique one -- the tragedy of the situation, and the efforts of Mrs. Kyle to handle the matter as best she could were acknowledged.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to grant HO 76-3, subject to the following conditions: (1) That there be Planning Commission review every six months; (2) That parking for customers not exceed two at any one time, such parking to be in the driveway, off the street only; and (3) That there absolutely not be any advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

36. W 75-42, CHARLES AND GERALDINE CORMACK. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a Waiver of the front yard setback requirement to allow an architectural projection into the front yard on property in the R-1 zone located at 301 Via Mesa Grande.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation

by Planning Director Shartle, inquired if anyone wished to be heard in this matter.

Attorney Owen Petersen, 21115 Hawthorne Boulevard, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Cormack, described the difficulties surrounding the construction of this fence, including the apparent oversight of City "stop work" notices by the construction firm -- Mr. Cormack confirmed that he had been unaware that such notices were posted; neighbor concurrence was also noted.

Both Planning Director Shartle and Building and Safety Director McKinnon stated that the appearance of the wall as it now exists is aesthetically acceptable.

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

Following Council discussion, Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the subject appeal, and approve W 75-42, subject to Staff condition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

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37. APPEAL OF EA 75-2 - FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the finding of the Environmental Review Board that the subject Environmental Impact Report is an accurate and adequate statement of fact and in compliance with the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

38. FINAL HEARING ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR 1976-77 PROGRAM YEAR FUNDING.
RESOLUTION to approve application for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, at the Mayor's request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 76-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Comments were then invited by Mayor Miller.

Desired clarification regarding administrative planning costs, the "Dial-A-Ride" program, contingency funds, a Neighborhood Services Facility, non-profit service unit allocations, etc. was provided by Planning Associate Busse.

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

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that Staff prepare a detailed report regarding the status, makeup, and concept of a Neighborhood Services Facility -- such report to be returned in approximately three weeks.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Resolution No. 76-39. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:39. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

- A. RECOMMENDATION FOR PURCHASE:
1. \$1378.00 to Vermont Lumber for 200 each 12-ft. sign posts as requested by the Department of Transportation.
 2. \$1927.08 to Indicator Controls Corporation for 50 only neon-pedestrian signals, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
 3. \$363.53 to Addressograph-Multigraph Company for miscellaneous Addressograph printing press supplies as requested by Central Services Division.
 4. \$421.56 to Western Golf Sales for replacement golf strips and driving brush mats for SeaAire Golf Course as requested by the Recreation Department.
 5. \$556.50 to Marx Brothers Fire Extinguisher Company for replacement fire extinguishers for Police units as requested by the Police Department.
 6. \$311.56 to Dearth Machinery Company for miscellaneous Wayne Sweeper repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
 7. \$324.25 to Manufacturer's News, Inc. for one set of California Manufacturer's Director as requested by the City Librarian.
 8. \$477.00 to Alexander Manufacturing Company for replacement radio batteries, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
 9. \$349.70 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company to furnish miscellaneous tire recapping and repair services "as required" by the City Garage.
 10. \$1520.00 to Berg Crane Service to pull and relocate 31 each 50-ft. poles requested by the Park Services Division for use at Columbia Park.
 11. \$25,000.00 to Baker & Taylor Company for a contract to cover miscellaneous book purchases "as required" by the City Librarian.
 12. \$734.58 to International Business Machines Corp. for one only IBM typewriter requested by the Planning Department. The City will be reimbursed for this expenditure via funds from the Federal Housing Community Development Program.

B. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROPRIATION AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASE:

Council is requested to appropriate necessary funds from the General Fund Reserve to cover the following purchase as no funds for office equipment replacements were provided in the 1975-76 budget: This is an emergency replacement to provide tape recorders for Minute Secretaries to record activities of meetings. Existing equipment is worn out and beyond economical repair.

\$694.83 to Photo & Sound for three Wollensak tape recorders, as requested by the City Clerk's office as replacements.

40. CLAIM of Helen L. Voy for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on items #39 and #40, with specific approval of the requested appropriation for tape recorders on Item #39-B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

41. APPEAL OF FIREMAN BAYLESS.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that Fireman Bayless has appealed the Civil Service Commission finding that he be discharged -- it was recommended that the appeal be heard by the Council at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 23, 1976. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. Councilman Armstrong expressed appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the recent visit of the Kashiwa City delegation.

43. Councilman Armstrong pointed out the preliminary hearing on proposed amendments to the bikeway plan by Los Angeles County on March 17th; this should be monitored by Transportation Department Staff.

44. Councilwoman Geissert reported on the recognition of our Roxanne Arnold with a first place award from the California Newspaper Publishers Association in the human interest category for her eye witness account of an open heart operation.

Appropriate recognition for Roxanne and the Daily Breeze was requested by Councilwoman Geissert.

45. Councilwoman Geissert inquired as to the status of the Staff report regarding the Hillside Ordinance (definition of open space, etc), the pending opinion from the Attorney General, etc.

A lengthy discussion ensued -- it was the direction of the Council that Staff return with an analysis of the Hillside Ordinance and concerns related thereto in three weeks.

46. Councilman Surber noted the recent communication from Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe regarding Edison Company noise in North Torrance. Building and Safety Director McKinnon is following through in this matter, and a report will be made to the Council on March 23rd.

47. Councilman Wilson noted communication from CHAT requesting full backup material of City Council agendas, as well as that of the Planning, Airport, and Traffic Commissions. Dr. Wilson commended the efforts of this group and deemed this a reasonable request.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that this matter be referred to Staff in that an analysis in this regard is currently underway -- a recommendation will be returned to the Council in approximately thirty days. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

48. It was confirmed by City Attorney Remelmeyer, at Councilman Wilson's question, that the City would have representation at the HDR hearing on February 26th.

49. Staff investigation re: the "attractive nuisance" represented by the giraffe heads on oil pumps within the City was requested by Councilman Wilson.

50. Mayor Miller indicated that he would withdraw from the Downtown Torrance Ad Hoc Committee, and appointed Councilwoman Geissert to serve in his stead.

51. Two dedication ceremonies scheduled for February 25th were noted by Mayor Miller: (1) The new Torrance Bus Terminal at the Fashion Square Shopping Center, and (2) the new section of Prairie/Madrona Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and 190th Street.

52. Mr. Tom Nosek, representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, reaffirmed the earlier expressed interest in the Hillside Ordinance and the Attorney General's opinion, and noted increased building in the vicinity of Mesa Avenue.

Mr. Nosek also voiced the Association's concerns regarding the HDR development -- it was indicated that Deputy City Attorney Quale would contact him in this regard. Mr. Nosek also confirmed that there would be Riviera Homeowner Association representation at the forthcoming hearing.

53. Mr. Chris Johnson, 4703 Green Meadows, requested reconsideration for hiring as a Firefighter, and described the series of events, including an erroneous medical finding, that had prevented his appointment to the Fire Department.

Executive Officer Donovan noted the Civil Service Commission finding on February 23, 1976, that Mr. Johnson would continue to have eligibility, and would be considered for the next appointment.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson explained that proper procedures were followed, and that an appropriate appointment was made. Mr. Jackson stated that a Staff report would be prepared in this matter and returned to the Council. The unfortunate circumstances were generally acknowledged, and review re: possible remedial measures was directed by the Council.

54. Mayor Miller pointed out that this meeting represents the last meeting of the Council as it is now constituted -- hopefully, there will be the continued presence of Councilmen Armstrong and Wilson come March 2nd. The Mayor expressed his deep appreciation to this Council, and Staff members, for their outstanding support.

Incumbent Councilmen Armstrong and Wilson joined in this appreciation, and expressed the hope that they would be returning to the Council seat so valued by them.

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At 11:55 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 9, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

City Council
February 24, 1976