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Adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

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November 19, 1968

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, November 19, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present were City Manager Ferraro, Deputy Attorney Smith, City Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Attorney Remelmeyer.

The passing of retired City employee Hazle Bender, affectionately known as "Cooney", on November 15, 1968, was regretfully reported by Mayor Isen who requested that there be one minute of silence to his memory following the invocation.

Introduced by Mayor Isen at this time was a delegation of Girl Scouts and their leaders, representing Parkway and St. Lawrence Schools, (Troop #975):

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Girl Scout Leslie Potts led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Further announced by Mayor Isen was the impending departure of Reverend Clifford Tierney, South Bay Church of God, for Portland, Oregon after 18 years of service in North Torrance and active participation in community affairs, and the void in the City that will be represented by his absence. Reverend Tierney opened the meeting with the invocation, followed by one minute of silence for Hazle "Cooney" Bender.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 1968 be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

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6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
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, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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A brief but enlightening explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen, along with a welcome to those in attendance at this meeting.

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(Taken out of agenda order) PROCLAMATIONS:

25. Mr. Charles Cederloff, Glendale Federal Savings and Loan, was present on behalf of a Proclamation proclaiming the period of November 12 through December 31, 1968 as CHRISTMAS SEAL SEASON. Mayor Isen so proclaimed, and Mr. Cederloff expressed the appreciation of the Southern Area Christmas Seal Association.

26. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH - NOVEMBER 1968.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed. Mr. Gerald Tarlow was present, representing the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of this Proclamation.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:8. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:A. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:

1. \$435.54 to Johnson Stationers for thirty steel lockers and assembly hardware requested by the Fire Department for use by personnel at Station #5.

2. \$611.63 to Brooks Products for 100 single and 50 dual meter boxes requested by the Water Department for water service stock as needed.

3. \$370.78 to Freeway Truck Parts for a complete turbine assembly requested by the City Garage for a "downed" City Packer Unit #685.

4. \$1055.25 to Centerline Products Company for 400 gallons of white and yellow street marking paint requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for painting traffic lane lines as necessary
5. \$637.24 to David's Gloves for raingear for City departments required for the coming rainy season. This purchase includes the following gear: 58 jackets, 40 hats and 61 pants as requested by the Police, Park, Building Maintenance, Custodial, Engineering, Water, Street, and Sanitation Departments.
6. \$473.81 to M.L. Snyder for 69 pairs of rainboots as follows: 37 pairs Police-Dress Boots, 32 pairs of knee, hip and safety toe boots requested by the same departments in item #5 above. This represents the total raingear needs of all departments for this season.
7. \$300.00 to Chief Neon Signs, Inc. for repainting of Bus #328 which was the first bus selected to be painted to our new City design and this is the charge to paint two different color designs in order to evaluate the different designs in order to finalize the new bus color scheme. This company had already been awarded a contract (based on competitive bids) to paint all of the City's 31 passenger size buses and therefore was the logical source to do this prototype painting requirement.
8. \$1240.84 to Cameo for 145 City Street Name Signs requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department. These signs are specially prepared to Torrance's specification and are made of porcelain coating on aluminum.
9. \$597.30 to Shepard Machinery Company for repair parts needed to repair a Caterpillar Grader (Unit #976) out of service.
10. \$669.06 to Guardian Fence Company for the purchase of additional chain link fencing material required to complete the fencing of Pueblo Community Center area.
9. CLAIM of Sandra E. Marshall for bodily injury on August 13, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.
10. RELEASE OF CASH BOND - TRACT NO. 26504; SUBDIVIDER, RAY MOOREFIELD. Recommendation of Public Works Director that said bond be released.
11. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 29497; SUBDIVIDER: MARLI CORPORATION. Recommendation of Public Works Director that said bond be released.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with recommendations on Items 8, 9, 10, and 11. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

(Next considered, out of order, to accomodate interested parties in attendance:)

17. Petition from Residents in the Meadow Park - Southwood Riviera Area (4 Resolutions).

Commending the efforts of Staff and the homeowners' committee in working out the problems in this area, Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to concur in recommendations 1,2,3, and 4 of Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION amending Res. #63-35 establishing through streets by adding certain locations thereto. (Ocean Avenue at 234th Street; Ocean Avenue at 226th Street.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS, BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-263. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION amending Res. #61-157 establishing 35 MPH speed limit by adding certain locations thereto. (Lomita Blvd. between Hawthorne Blvd. and Anza Avenue.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-264. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION repealing certain section of Res. No. 61-157 establishing 30 MPH prima facie speed limit. (230th Street from Hawthorne Boulevard to Ladeene Avenue.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-265

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SEC. 6, ARTICLE II, OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 30 MPH PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-265. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION amending Res. #61-157 establishing 25 MPH prima facie speed limit by adding certain locations thereto. (230th Street between Hawthorne Boulevard and Kent Avenue.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 61-157, ARTICLE I, WHICH ESTABLISHES A 25 MPH PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT, BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-266; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE reclassifying that certain property described in ZC 68-15, Cal-Georgia Development.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1934

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND ERIEL AVENUE AND BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY AND 185TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-15. (CAL-GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT.)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1934 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ORDINANCE reclassifying that certain property described in ZC 68-23, Unimart, Inc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1935

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-23.

(UNIMART, INC.)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1935 at its first reading; his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 14A. RESOLUTION granting a Conditional Use Permit to Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Company (CUP 68-6) to allow the operation of a sand and gravel quarry on property located at the southeast corner of the City, southerly of Hillworth Street.

It was noted that the Resolution had been revised, with item 14A representing the appropriate one with conditions satisfactory to all interested parties.

Concern for the future at this site was expressed by Councilman Wilson and how the hole is to be used (a possible dump being his primary concern). Discussion followed, by way of clarification, on the matter of the long awaited park and its relationship to this action, the extensive efforts to satisfy both the residents of Lomita and Torrance, and the condition pertaining to "Class 3 material" (#16) which would preclude a dump site.

Mr. Bill Phillips, City Attorney of Lomita, was present to confirm the satisfactory negotiations in this matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-267

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE USE OF PROPERTY FOR THE OPERATION OF A BORROW PIT AND FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF AN EXISTING TRAILER PARK AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 68-6 - CHANDLER'S PALOS VERDES SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-267. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

Mayor Isen commented, in reference to Councilman Wilson's "no" vote, that it is his feeling that were Dr. Wilson informed of all the ramifications in this matter, he would feel differently. Councilman Wilson responded to explain his position; he does not feel that by expanding an existing hole to a larger area that the Council is really accomplishing what is supposed to be done; questioned as well were the controls afforded the City. Deputy Attorney Smith pointed out the CUP condition pertaining to Class 3 material which might possibly be changed by some future Council, further protection has been taken in that there is a deed restriction in the deed to Chandler's and a covenant running with the land which will prohibit them from putting any materials in other than Class 3.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

15. RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement between the County of Los Angeles for the modification of traffic signals at the intersection of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard and appropriation of \$2200 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-268

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR MODIFICATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-268. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION authorizing the City Traffic Engineer to prepare the necessary engineering documents for the establishment of Citywide Street Lighting District No. 15.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-269

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT

DIAGRAM, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE AND REPORT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 14, PART 1, (INCLUDING CHAPTER 8), STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919, AS AMENDED, FOR THE INSTALLATION, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN CITYWIDE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 15, IN SAID CITY, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1969, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1972.

Prior to action on the Resolution, a lengthy discussion followed of the proposed establishment of a Citywide Street Lighting District -- its effect on property taxes and the General Fund, and the overall benefit and equity to the community, as clarified by City Traffic Engineer Horkay and Public Works Director Nollac.

It was the opinion of Mayor Isen that such action represents a "flim flam" game in maintaining that the General Fund will be benefited by \$150,000, which may be diverted to other areas, but the taxpayer who contributes to the General Fund would be charged \$5.00 per year plus the lighting maintenance -- which, in truth, increases taxes indirectly.

Mr. Patrick Rossetti, Laurence J. Thompson, Inc., offered further clarification by stating that the general idea of incorporating the entire area into one Citywide District was mainly to equalize the assessment, establish a uniform rate for residential and commercial, with the contributions to be determined at a later date by the Council. The Resolution before the Council at this time is purely for the purpose of combining the districts, Mr. Rossetti concluded.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-269. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,
and Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz; Mayor Isen.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that he believes it will be of general benefit to the City. Mayor Isen reiterated his feeling that ultimately, without telling anybody, this will be a raise in taxes. Councilman Sciarrotta stated that he certainly would be opposed to any increase in taxes, but believes this would be within the control of the Council.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, the hour being 6:25 P.M., and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a general 10-minute recess at 6:26 P.M.

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18. Signalization of the intersection of Bluff Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer regarding the signalization of Bluff Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, and that the necessary money be provided. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. ORDINANCE creating a Recreation Activities Fund.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1936

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 19 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A RECREATION ACTIVITIES FUND, FOR PAYMENTS THERETO AND DISBURSEMENTS THEREFROM FOR PURPOSES OF RECREATION PROGRAMMING.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1936; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

(Taken out of agenda order:)

30. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE:

His request for one week's continuance was noted by Mayor Isen, along with a procedural misunderstanding which had not returned this matter automatically to this agenda. The merit of the procedure which places the responsibility with the various departments for the agenda items was questioned by Mayor Isen, but following discussion of the present system, which has been very effective, it was the consensus that no revision of that procedure be made.

Mr. Larry Bowman was present on the subject request, stating that the letter is self-explanatory, adding that the Charter Review Committee was somewhat appalled by the \$3000 fee quoted for the legal consultant.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested that the Committee might better be served by a consultant on charters, rather than an attorney. Councilman Miller agreed that Mr. Sciarrotta's suggestion had merit, the attorney fee appearing high to him as well. Mr. Bowman stated that their only desire is review by a qualified person who need not necessarily be an attorney.

Councilman Beasley referred to the start of this matter -- when Mr. Bowman, representing a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, recommended review of the Charter to see if revisions would be in order -- which met with Mr. Beasley's approval at that time, but he did not recall any reference to rewriting of the Charter. Mr. Bowman had recollection of this, and added that subsequent to this, and quite apart from the Chamber recommendation, the City Council established a committee, of which he became one member. Councilman Miller recalled that the Council had recommended review of the entire Charter, and Mr. Bowman was in agreement, the Committee never having indicated other than that a full review was planned, and at this point the review has been made and has indicated tentative recommendations.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that he is not quite sure as to what Mr. Bowman meant in his statement that he is "appalled at the \$3000." Councilman Wilson is appalled at such a small amount in view of what has gone into this study over the last 18 months or so, with the Chairman of the Charter Review Committee a lawyer himself who has probably spent hundreds of hours, as well as the other Committee members participating; they have done what the Council asked them to do; this is certainly no time to panic and feel that something is going to disastrously affect the City by a real careful look at how the City is operating and what the Charter really says. Councilman Wilson is certainly in support of Mr. Bowman's request and recommendation, the request being a small one in terms of what this Committee has done so far.

Per his request at the November 12th meeting, Mayor Isen made the following statement: Review of the Council action regarding the formation of the Charter Review Committee (noting that three members of the present Council were not here at that time) and excerpts from the minutes of January 24, 1967 and January 31, 1967 were quoted by him. Mayor Isen then stated that he must share the responsibility for not realizing that there should be a truly representative Committee from all sections of the City, including people in all walks of life and professions, which would give a consensus of the feeling on all of these particular problems in connection with a charter review. Then on May 16, 1967 the Council Committee on this matter recommended that a general review of the City Charter by a "blue ribbon" committee representative of the community be formed, with the method of appointment outlined, with a final report from such a committee no later than November 1, 1967. The minutes of May 16, 1967 reflect that a personnel session for selection of Charter Review Committee members was scheduled for June 6th -- at this meeting Councilman Beasley voiced his objections to the screening of committee members by the Council. Mayor Isen acknowledged that he should have thought further into this matter, rather than just taking the committee recommendation, and recognized that a committee of 10 would not be representative of the community in a study of this nature -- noting as well that as hard working as the Charter Review Committee has been the average attendance has not exceeded 8 or 9 people and cannot in any way be construed as a consensus of community thinking. To Mayor Isen's recollection, the Charter Review Committee was to give a review, section by section with recommendations for possible changes -- never in the greatest stretch of imagination did he think that in setting up a committee of this sort for a review that they

would attempt to rewrite the Charter and do violence to a Charter which has proved itself over a number of years. Mayor Isen then noted the communications received from Mr. Richard Childs, National Municipal League, and the City Managers Association lauding the Torrance Charter. Continuing, Mayor Isen stated that he had thought there would be review and discussion, with alternative recommendations, because the community was interested in possible ward systems, possible strong Mayor form of government, or the present City Manager type -- instead a draft has been presented, embodying the thinking of the Committee, nor do the minutes reflect any individual thinking so that it would appear unanimous; the draft was issued and circulated and it has caused consternation and distress. Mayor Isen then read aloud the editorial in the Press-Herald reiterating the objections of Torrance residents and the unacceptability of the document.

In conclusion, Mayor Isen stated that, in studying this matter over in an attempt to determine what should be done, the paying of any monies in behalf of this would be an absolute waste, regardless of the amount -- if there is value in the draft for the Council to consider the value is present in the rough draft without putting it into "technical form".

Three motions were made by Mayor Isen:

(1) Mayor Isen MOVED that the request of the Charter Review Committee for \$3,000, or any other sum, be DENIED.

(2) Mayor Isen MOVED that the request of the Committee to defer its final recommendation to March 1, 1969 be DENIED.

(3) Mayor Isen MOVED that the Charter Review Committee wind up its affairs, submit its current draft with modifications, if any, to the Council on or before December 31, 1968, and that as of December 31, 1968, the Charter Review Committee be, and the same is hereby dissolved and terminated without further action or motion from the Council.

Commenting on the above motions, Mayor Isen stated that they are completely in the public interest and would relieve the anxiety in the community -- he is unable to comprehend how this document even slightly modified could be offered, these being his most sincere feelings after a great deal of study. A strong Mayor-form of government is of no interest to him, Mayor Isen continued, and as far as power is concerned it is known by knowledgeable people, as far as the charter goes, that the middle chair is the weakest; it is a weak Mayor-Council-City Manager form of government which has proven itself since 1946 to be good -- with several minor changes by way of section by section review Torrance could have as fine a document as any city under a City Manager form of government. The draft of the Charter Review Committee is fraught with danger, and the peril to this City cannot be put into words -- an outstanding example being to make an Appeals Board on zoning, with people who do not represent the people, not elected, their decisions final.

The background of the formation of the Charter Review Committee was recited by Councilman Sciarrotta - the "all or nothing at all" approach being his recollection of what was expected of the Committee. Councilman

Sciarrotta did not feel that the work should be thrown out, and stated that he would like to see the revisions that would result after consultation with an expert on charter matters.

In order to keep his position consistent, Councilman Beasley expressed agreement with the motions presented by Mayor Isen, and he reviewed as well the history of this undertaking, in which there was a general consensus of opinion that there were certain sections of the Charter which were dead because of conflict with State law -- a fact which was pointed out by the League of Women Voters -- along with a few other sections that should perhaps be changed in order to strengthen the Charter. Further pointed out by Mr. Beasley was the fact that a USC charter expert was of the opinion that Torrance had a good Charter with certain minor revisions and that to open the Charter up for general revision would be like opening a barrel of snakes. The next event, Mr. Bowman's appearance at Council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, with Mr. Bowman stating that the Chamber felt that there should be a "blue ribbon" committee to review the Charter to see if it needed to be revised. Councilman Beasley does not know from where the idea of going to such extreme lengths came, and the cost represented thereby in Staff, etc; Councilman Beasley did not appoint a member to the Charter Review Committee, making himself very clear and very plain at that time as to the reason why. He did not then feel this was the way it should be done, and, for once, finds himself in thorough agreement with the Mayor. In conclusion, Councilman Beasley stated that he still feels there are a few conflicts in the Charter that should be taken out by vote of the people, but the version presented by the Charter Review Committee would find little support among large groups of people, with or without the assistance of a charter expert.

Councilman Wilson stated that the passage of the motions offered by Mayor Isen would make a sham and mockery of citizen participation in City government; this would be a gross wastefulness of human resources. The study has been made to this point and can be improved upon as necessary - had there been concern the Council should have stepped in, rather than waiting two years just to throw the whole thing out, which is what will happen with approval of the motions. It is the feeling of Councilman Wilson that the Council should take the work of the Committee to this point, with the Council making a study in terms of what the present Charter states as compared with the revised Charter, trying to capitalize on the thinking of the Committee, a Committee which has taken the job seriously, donating many hours for the sake of the City. To act in the manner proposed would be a great injustice not only to the Committee but to the City itself in terms of improving upon a document that may be good now but certainly could be improved upon.

Assuming full responsibility for his part in the formation of the Charter Review Committee and the study of the whole Charter, Councilman Miller first commented on the outstanding membership composition of the Committee, with some 135 hours of meeting time to their credit, and voiced his objection to joining the panic atmosphere which has loomed up. Mr. Miller admitted that he was not in agreement with many, many things contained in the first draft submitted by the Committee; however, he recognized that it was simply a first draft, with future drafts to follow, and that the Council has control of all recommendations in the final analysis.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he has no fault with the Charter Review Committee, nor is there any intention here to criticize the Committee as a Committee; however, he has disagreements with the draft and finds it difficult to take in a lump sum. Further, in Councilman Uerkwitz' opinion, it needs to terminate in view of the time consumed to date, and that it is perfectly reasonable to request a period of time for such termination. Nor could Councilman Uerkwitz agree with Dr. Wilson that this is a sham of citizen participation -- there is no rule in existence which states that the Council is going to agree 100% with every recommendation made by every committee, and no such record has ever been established by any committee or commission. Because the Council does not agree does not represent belittling or lack of proper attention to citizens' committees; the efforts of the Charter Review Committee are appreciated, the results are obvious, and the study needs to terminate, it being time to wind up affairs, with the December 31st date being a most reasonable one for such termination.

Councilman Johnson expressed his deep concern about the draft itself, with all due respect to the Committee, since the present Charter is a workable Charter, and it is ^{his} feeling that the people would be diametrically opposed to the proposed Charter embodied in the draft vs. the Charter presently in force since it removes to a great extent the responsiveness to the people by reducing the Council's responsibility, and delegating most of such responsibility to paid Staff. Mr. Johnson then outlined his specific objections to the draft -- the matter of appeals, the abundance of detail, the current trend toward a strong-Mayor type government not evident in the draft, the dependence on the "model city charter" throughout the draft. etc. Councilman Johnson feels that the citizens of Torrance have indicated their desire to have a voice in local government, and to strip them of that opportunity by taking away the powers and duties of their elected representatives and putting it in the hands of paid professionals, will present complications and will fail to do what the people really want their Council to do. Councilman Johnson would concur with Mayor Isen's motions.

Adding to his earlier remarks, Councilman Beasley noted that he had failed to state that he feels this was an outstanding, hard working Committee; he added that he had met a similar fate in the drafting of a Civil Service Ordinance over a 5-year period, only to have it wind up in the wastebasket.

A further comment was made by Councilman Sciarrotta regarding the criticism that has been made of a document not yet in its final form; it is his feeling that with the hearings yet to be held and the advice of an expert on charters may materially change the present draft, and the original assignment should be permitted to run its course. Councilman Wilson concurred in these sentiments.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That Staff investigate and report back on the possibility of referring the request of the Charter Review Committee for assistance to a university for the services of a charter review expert. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Bowman stated that when the Charter Review Committee started this undertaking it made no secret of the fact that it did not intend to do less than a thorough job -- it was then discovered, to their dismay, that it was a long job. Further, now in view of the question as to the representative nature of the Committee, Mr. Bowman stated that they have never purported to be "representative" any more than a Council of seven people could be representative, and that the apparent difficulties at this time are the many interpretations of the draft, in particular, the one made by the newspaper. To Mr. Bowman's mind,

the purpose of a Charter Review Committee is not to please a lot of people but, rather, to do its work thoroughly and properly regardless of the amount of time it takes, and then to make recommendations which are the result of all that work.

Mrs. Donna Turner, 4125 West 179th Street, reported on her early recommendation that a review of the charter would be a useful process for the City, and her concurrence with Mr. Bowman's remarks above, as well as her distress at the turn of events at this meeting. Mrs. Turner added that the fact that a newspaper editorial has precipitated such rapid and vociferous reaction from the Council seems to her that somebody is protesting too much. Mrs. Turner then suggested that it is improper to cut off the function of a committee before it has completed its function, and urged that the hearings be held and that the true feelings of the people be determined; the proper function of elected officials is to lead in a more positive manner and not to circumvent the possible will of the people by making assumptions that may be invalid.

Speaking next, Mrs. Donald F. Mead, 139 Paseo de Gracia, representative for the League of Women Voters, stated that only one public hearing on this matter has been held, it having been the request of the League that the Committee establish a climate for full discussion of the Charter draft so there could be creative debate, with a very, very small reaction from the community at this point. It would be the request of the League, Mrs. Mead continued, that the Council give the Charter Review Committee the requested time extension to March 1, 1969 which will give them time to obtain a more informed reaction and perhaps even rewrite some of the draft; earnest consideration should be given the request for an expert as well.

Mr. Bowman returned to state that he could not guarantee March 1, 1969, as the completion date; he would not want to mislead the Council on this point. The job would be done when it is done.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, and Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen then restated his original MOTIONS:

(1) That the request of the Charter Review Committee for \$3,000, or any other sum, be DENIED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, and Wilson.

(2) That the request of the Committee to defer its final recommendation to March 1, 1969 be DENIED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, and Wilson.

(3) That the Charter Review Committee wind up its affairs, submit its current draft with modifications, if any, to the Council on or before December 31, 1968, and that as of December 31, 1968 the Charter Review Committee be and the same is, hereby dissolved and terminated without further action or motion from the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, and Wilson.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. Airport Commission and Airport Manager submitting their recommendations re: Application of Fred Dougherty, et al, for a Go-Kart Concession, Sales and Service lease.

With the comment that this type of request has been reviewed and denied by the Council in the past, Councilman Beasley MOVED to deny the subject request. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Prior to a vote on the motion, the proponents were invited to speak. Messrs. Fred Dougherty, Wayne Sellison, and Donald Wassey were present, with Mr. Dougherty serving as spokesman. He stated that this is his first request to this Council, regardless of previous action taken; further, endorsements by youth organizations of "Go-Kart" operations were recited, as well as their success in other areas.

Discussion followed on airport leases in general, their terms and the short term lease program of the Airport Manager, with Mr. Egan explaining the merits of the subject request. Councilman Miller described his enjoyable experiences with "go-karts", as well as the hope of generating income for the airport for its good, and the value of such a short term lease. Reviewed as well was interest evidenced by automobile dealers.

Mayor Isen was in complete disagreement with the premise of the short term lease -- a better policy, in his opinion, would be to wait a little while for the right type of enterprise to come along and build the airport properly. Further, he does not feel that a "Go-Kart" concession should be on City property, the responsibility increased in that the Council must look to the future and to jeopardize one automobile agency with shortsightedness would be tragic.

Mr. "Stub" Wilson, owner of Oriental Gardens, advised the Council of the substantial investment represented by his golf course, and he feels a "Go-Kart" concession would be unfair, cut-throat competition.

Voicing his opposition to the request, Mr. Jack Rogers, Jump'nJack Restaurant, stated that he feels there will be a policing problem also.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion to deny the request was as follows: ("yes" being for denial)

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Uerkwitz, and Wilson.

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The hour being 8:30 P.M., Mayor Isen ordered a 5-minute recess.

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BUS SYSTEM:

- 21. City Manager submitting Progress Report #5, Torrance Transit System.

The report was noted. Further, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the City Manager's recommendation: that the Council approve extension of the Shopper's Express Line and that the City Manager be authorized to request the Lomita City Council to approve that portion of the route which lies within their City. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

The balance of Progress Report #5 was ordered filed, and there were no objections.

Further noted by Mayor Isen was Assistant City Manager Scharfman's letter to Mr. David Hayward in reference to the competition of RTD, and the lack of foresight this represents; it is his recommendation that City Manager Ferraro, Deputy Attorney Smith, and Acting Bus Superintendent Muecke make a concerted effort to instill a spirit of cooperation in RTD.

The status of an eligible list for Bus Superintendent was next discussed, it being learned from Personnel Director Donovan that the Civil Service Commission had not acted on the request for such an examination, deeming it premature. MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the Civil Service Commission be instructed to provide an eligible list for Bus Superintendent. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

Mr. Marvin Anderson, Union steward for the bus drivers, requested that an examination for Bus Superintendent be on a promotional basis. He was advised that the type of examination will be recommended by the Civil Service Commission.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 22. RESOLUTION congratulating the Pacific Telephone Company on its successful staging of the Community Jamboree.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-262

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY ON ITS SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF THE COMMUNITY JAMBOREE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REQUESTING THE COMPANY TO MAKE THE JAMBOREE AN ANNUAL EVENT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-262. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Appropriate permaplaque to be prepared.)

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

- 23. RESOLUTION authorizing the destruction of certain City records, pursuant to the Government Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-270

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-270. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 24. RESOLUTION approving and agreeing to certain changes in the Agreement establishing the Southern California Association of Governments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-271

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AGREEING TO CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-271, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Prior to roll call vote on the above motion, Councilman Uerkwitz questioned the wording in the Resolution ".....The Association shall have the power, in its own name, to make and enter into contracts, to employ agents and employees, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, real and personal, to sue and be sued in its own name, and to incur debts, liabilities or obligations necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of this agreement." This seemed a long way from a routine financial transaction to Councilman Uerkwitz, and he made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the City of Torrance withdraw from the Southern California Association of Governments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Wilson.

Councilman Wilson's motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-271 carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Wilson.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.

25. Proclamation - Christmas Seal Season.
26. Proclamation - Community Development Month.
(Proclaimed earlier in the meeting).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

27. ORDINANCE 1930.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1930

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 31 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING MOVE-UP ASSIGNMENT AND MOVE-UP PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; AND REPEALING RULE XXIII OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1930 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. ORDINANCE 1931. At Mayor Isen's request, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1931

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 38 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1931 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. ORDINANCE 1933.

At Mayor Isen's request, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1933

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE OIL CODE (CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE) RELATING TO CHAIN LINK FENCE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR OIL WELL SITES AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1932 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1933 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

30. Charter Review Committee.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Ferraro advised the Council of the need to meet with representatives from the State Retirement System in reference to problems encountered in implementation of the 50/20 Plan for safety employees. The date agreed upon was Tuesday, November 26, 1968, at 7:00 P.M. - to be an informal, pre-Council meeting.

32. Director of Public Works Nollac respectfully requested that the City Council adjourn at this time to a personnel session to permit him to talk to the Council. As presiding officer, Mayor Isen responded stating that Mr. Nollac had earlier requested such a session but he would not make a decision without talking to the City Attorney regarding such a request -- this would be quite a problem, particularly not knowing what is involved although Mr. Nollac had indicated that he wished such a session without the City Manager in attendance, and with the Council a quasi-judicial board on the matter it would result in all seven Councilmen being disqualified, an unfortunate situation for all concerned. Should the requested personnel session involve another matter, such as charges against the City Manager, then the Council would be in violation of the Charter wherein this would be deemed an administrative matter and differences of opinion regarding a department and Mr. Ferraro's supervision with the Council not permitted to interfere in administrative matters. Based on these reasons, Mayor Isen would have to vote against such a personnel session.

Deputy Attorney Smith confirmed Mayor Isen's analysis of the situation -- adding that if the issues to be discussed relate to the current investigation and the possibility of charges being filed, with the Council subsequently called on to act as an appellate body to have discussed the issues prematurely would prejudice the case.

Discussion followed, with the concern of the Council for the legal propriety of such a session expressed. Mayor Isen MOVED that if the subject matter of Mr. Nollac's request for a personnel session is the current investigation, that it be DENIED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Prior to a vote on the motion, Councilman Miller inquired of Mr. Nollac if this is the subject matter -- Mr. Nollac responded, stating that what he has to say he would prefer to say to the Council in closed session; it does, in a sense, pertain to the matter of the investigation. If the personnel session is not permitted, Mr. Nollac stated that he then has a further oral communication. Mayor Isen then referred to his motion above for denial of the request, based on the advice of the Deputy Attorney and on the statement of Mr. Nollac that it does pertain somewhat to the matter at issue. There were no objections, and the motion carried.

33. As an oral communication, Director of Public Works Nollac stated that approximately 3½ months ago the City Manager preferred charges against him, which charges were dismissed by the Civil Service

Commission. Interrupting at this point, Mayor Isen stated, for the record, that this report by Mr. Nollac is completely voluntary on his part, there being no way in the world this Council can refuse him the right to speak to the Council in a public meeting - this being entirely on his own volition, the Council, in fact, having denied him a personnel session, and knowing all this, in addition to the comments of the City Attorney, Mr. Nollac wants to make a statement. Mr. Nollac confirmed his understanding of these facts. Continuing, Mr. Nollac stated that since that time both he and the entire Engineering Department have been investigated by the District Attorney's office -- the District Attorney's office has failed to come up with anything whereby charges may be placed. Since that time the City Manager has alluded to the fact that further investigations are being conducted, Mr. Nollac stated -- it has been 3½ months since this all started; at the November 8th Council meeting, the Council said "let's get this thing wrapped up" and still another 2½ to 3 weeks has passed. Mr. Nollac then referred to the pall cast over this whole business -- the morale of the Engineering Department and other affected departments in the City, his personal life, his family -- everything in limbo simply because the City Manager is taking his own sweet time to come up with some sort of case. It was the request of Mr. Nollac that the City Council direct City Manager Ferraro to bring in something within one week or forget it.

At Councilman Sciarrotta's question directed to the Deputy Attorney as to the authority of the Council to direct the City Manager to present something in one week, Deputy Attorney Smith advised that the Charter provides that the Council does not have the authority to direct the City Manager to hire or fire or to bring charges against any employee.

Mr. Nollac then stated that this matter has gone beyond the point of time required for this matter -- it is Mr. Nollac's feeling, at this point, that the whole purpose is not for the betterment of the City, but, rather, simply to "fire Nollac".

City Manager Ferraro stated that he cannot respond -- until he is able to make a definite charge, he is precluded from any statement. Deputy Attorney Smith, at Councilman Miller's question as to whether or not it would be proper to inquire of Mr. Ferraro as to whether or not he intends to make those charges, advised that such a question would be out of order.

34. Councilman Beasley reported on a recent Intercities Highway meeting wherein it was learned that the revamping of the San Diego Freeway on and off ramps at Artesia will begin very shortly; further, they are awaiting the engineering information on Madrona Avenue. In reference to Madrona, Director of Public Works Nollac advised that this matter had been taken care of, and a report will shortly be forthcoming to Council. Mr. Beasley further advised, in reference to the Torrance Freeway, that it was learned that it will probably be next summer or fall before the Commission would make any decision on the adoption of a route, and it appeared that the Torrance Freeway would not get on the budget list before 1980 or thereafter.

35. Councilman Johnson reminded the Council that Thursday, November 21, 1968, is the meeting of the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County at Brookside Country Club, Pasadena, at 7:30 P.M., at which time he will present the oil well paying-quantities resolution. Further, Councilman Johnson advised that the League staff has recommended that Torrance invite the legislators representing this area to discuss the resolution and ask them to co-sponsor or co-author such legislation; Council's permission for such a meeting was requested by Mr. Johnson, followed by dinner with the group.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Councilman Johnson's request for a meeting, between the dates of December 17th and December 27th, if it can be so arranged. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

36. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem, at Councilman Miller's request, reported that the County, in reference to the Columbia Park project, wants to add all of the frontage on 190th Street, and a meeting will soon be scheduled with City officials, which will review the likelihood of County financing for a regional park. Deputy Attorney Smith, at Mayor Isen's question as to the status of the determination as to whether or not the Edison Company year-to-year lease would be recognized by the State as part of a regional park, advised that the lease that has been prepared will meet with the requirements of the State, although the lease has not yet been returned by the Edison Company.

37. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed his pleasure at the commercial landscaping sweepstakes award afforded the Del Amo Financial Center by the California Landscaping Contractors Association. Councilman Sciarrotta then MOVED that an appropriate permaplaque be presented the Del Amo Financial Center for this achievement. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. Council permission to attend a seminar on the "Role of the United States in the United Nations" in New York City was requested by Councilman Sciarrotta, following the convention in New Orleans in December. Councilman Johnson moved to concur with Mr. Sciarrotta's request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

39. Councilman Wilson reported on the results of the Council Goals Committee meetings of October 29th and November 8th, and the action taken at those meetings:

1. The recommended composition of the Executive Study Group was approved (name changed to "Executive Research Group").
2. It was recommended and approved that the Citizens' Advisory Committee serve as the goals forming agency. Also the recommended composition of the Citizens' Goals Committee was approved. This latter group will act in an advisory capacity to the Citizens' Advisory Committee.
3. It was recommended and approved that a steering committee for the Goals Program be established. This steering committee would consist of three representatives from each of the following agencies:

City Council (Mayor Isen and Councilmen Wilson and Beasley), Planning Commission (Commissioners Uyeda, Shelbourn, and Brewster), Citizens' Advisory Committee (Bill Roberts, Austin Woodward, and Al Florez) and City Staff.

Councilman Wilson then alluded to a newspaper article concerning a different program proposed by Mayor Isen, and his concern that the Mayor's program might sidetrack this endeavor and dampen citizen enthusiasm in a time when there is a desire for a greater voice in government by citizens, and could jeopardize what is termed democratic action. Councilman Wilson then MOVED that the action of the Council Goals Committee be accepted by the City Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Isen clarified that, first, his experience in citizen participation in city government dates back many years, and, secondly, what he has in mind pertaining to goals is not in competition with the above proposal, but, rather, invites independent constructive ideas and citizen involvement along the lines of relief now rather than future goals, and is free of conflict. A further report, in view of the late hour of this meeting, will be given by Mayor Isen at the November 26th meeting.

Councilman Uerkwitz confirmed that the Citizens' Advisory Committee will be given the prime responsibility of reporting to the Council, with the 100 citizens assisting the Citizens' Advisory Committee, with the coordinating of meetings to be done by the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Pointed out by Councilman Wilson was the steering committee as well, who will serve in this undertaking. It was agreed that there was a need for further definition of duties, noting that the motion pertains primarily to policy.

There were no objections, and the motion carried.

City Manager Ferraro advised that a resolution will be prepared which will delineate in writing the procedure to be used.

Councilman Wilson then requested that there be another meeting of the Steering Committee early in December, the date yet to be determined.

40. Announced by Mayor Isen was the recent high honor afforded J. Walker Owens in his election as President of the California Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, with installation in January, 1969. Mayor Isen then MOVED that a Resolution of Congratulations to Mr. Owens be prepared. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

41. A further oral by Councilman Wilson was to advise the Council that his wife, Mrs. Alva Wilson, resigned from the Torrance Safety Council on November 18th in order to avoid any reflection on either of them in terms of City business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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November 19, 1968

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coif

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