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Adjourned at 8:10 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, January 21, 1969, 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: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Mike Nunnally, a fourth grade student at St. James School, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd Newlin, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

In view of the large number of people in attendance at a Council meeting for the first time, a detailed explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen.

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At Mayor Isen's request, City Manager Ferraro provided a lengthy report of the status of the current rainstorm damage in the City of Torrance, the precautionary measures taken, and the outstanding efforts of City crews, with considerable improvement from the standpoint of damage and hazard over previous years noted. It was the comment of Mayor Isen, for the Council, that the whole City owes the crews a tremendous vote of thanks, in view of the endless hours they have put in; this devoted type of duty is sincerely appreciated. Outlined as well by Mayor Isen were the enormous strides made in the prevention of flooding, and his conviction that in the next few years all the presently affected areas will be alleviated.

Councilman Uerkwitz referred to 190th and Hawthorne area, and the overwhelming problems caused by the storm, and recommended that a study be made to determine if assistance could be obtained from the State or other sources in cutting 190th Street through, which would be of value in storms such as this as well as generally alleviating traffic. City Manager Ferraro will make an analysis and report back.

At Councilman Johnson's question, City Manager Ferraro also reported on the progress of the County Flood Control District, as did Acting City Engineer Weaver.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

8. CLAIM of Thomas Richard Stombs, a minor, and Richard T. Stombs, for personal injuries on October 2, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
9. CLAIM of James R. Smith, a minor, and Phyllis Patterson, for personal injuries and property damage on October 2, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
10. CLAIM of James F. Meechan for reimbursement of monies paid by him for accident on December 27, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk that claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney on Items 8, 9, and 10. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:A. BUDGETED:

1. \$446.98 to Industrial Electric for 36 1000-Watt flood lamps requested by Traffic & Lighting for stock "as needed".
2. \$1224.56 to J. Jones Company for 25 1-1/2" water valves and 300 3/4" water angle valves requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
3. \$522.11 to Park-Son, Inc. for one only Mueller pipe tapping machine plus assorted cutting taps and dies requested by the Water Department for use in tapping water lines.
4. \$468.20 to SCM Walton Printing Corporation for 35,000 City of Torrance payroll checks requested by the Finance Department.
5. \$2200.00 to Shu-Mak-Up, Inc. to recolor bus seats for eleven City buses to the new color scheme.
6. \$ 6898.50 to Standard Carriage Works, Inc. to paint eleven City Busses to the new color scheme - inside and out.
7. \$1170.75 to Western Water Works for 100 water pipe service tee's (3/4") complete with valves as requested by the Water Department for use "as needed".
8. \$403.20 to M. Johnson Supply Company for 12 each 12-inch service saddles requested by the Water Department.
9. \$419.90 to R.R. Bowker Company for a series of miscellaneous periodic subscriptions.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director for approval of Item #11, items 1 through 9. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

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

12. RESOLUTION fixing the time of meetings of the City Council.

Revision of the meeting hour from 8:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the second and fourth regular Council meetings met with the approval of all. Mayor Isen requested that City Clerk Coil so arrange the agenda that Planning and public hearing matters start around 8:00 P.M.

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

3. Council Minutes  
January 21, 1969

RESOLUTION 69-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE FIXING THE TIME OF MEETINGS OF SAID  
CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-12. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

(In view of the many people present on this matter, item #23 was taken out of order:)

PARK AND RECREATION:

23. RESOLUTION re: SUNNYGLEN PARK SITE - LITTLE LEAGUE LEASE:  
Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission that a standard Little League lease be drawn up for the Sunnyglen Park site, with beginning date of lease to be such time that the various City departments determine the developer has fulfilled all conditions and the City can accept the site.

City Manager Ferraro clarified the conditions yet to be met by the developer, and assured the Council that there will be no undue delay, and that the lease has been designed to allow the Little League to move in just as rapidly as possible.

Representing the Southwood Little League, Mr. Harvey Horwich, 5537 Michelle Drive, stated that the purpose of requesting approval of the lease at this time is for the reason that their season will start at the end of April, and it appears that it will be the first of April before the above referred to conditions will be completed, and they are afraid if they then ask for permission too much time will elapse and they will not be able to start their season.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question as to whether or not the people in the area will be able to use this park, when not in use as a ball diamond, Mr. Horwich responded in the affirmative, adding that the arrangement will be the same as in the past. Mr. Horwich added, for the information of Councilman Sciarrotta, that 400 youngsters will be served by this Little League program.

Discussion followed, and it was agreed that informal cooperation, with the evident desire on the part of all concerned to cooperate to the utmost, would result in a satisfactory conclusion.

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

RESOLUTION 69-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AND SOUTHWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR USE AS A  
BALL PARK.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-13. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Commenting on the difficulties surrounding the development of this tract, Mayor Isen stated that in addition to the donation of the five acres by the developer, Mr. Ray Watt, <sup>also</sup> gave \$20,000-plus on the bedroom park tax, along with cleaning out a most difficult area. The conclusion appears to be a most happy one, Mayor Isen continued, and it is hoped that Little League will be able to enjoy the area for quite some time to come.

It was suggested by Councilman Uerkwitz that all the people involved in Little League activities (and an apparently large number present at this meeting) contact Mr. Richard DeArmitt regarding a most outstanding and workable plan he has evolved around the use of schools.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. ORDINANCE amending the City Code to reduce the required off-street parking spaces for convalescent hospitals.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1944

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.2.28 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "SANITARIUMS AND HOMES" TO DECREASE THE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1944 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

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

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Del Amo Boulevard to Sierra Street (B68-62) Job #66093

Recommendations of Acting City Engineer as follows:

1. That contract be awarded to Sully-Miller Contracting Company on the basis of the primary proposal, and that all other bids be rejected; and
2. That \$25,000 be appropriated from Section 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover costs of extending the project.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendations of the Acting City Engineer, as outlined. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. TRACT NO. 23539 - REQUEST OF RUSH SURVEYING COMPANY for a one-year extension in which to record tract. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that requested extension be granted.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

16. TRACT NO. 26425 - REQUEST OF DEL AMO PROPERTIES COMPANY for an extension of time in which to complete subdivision improvements in tract and to reduce the Subdivision Bond to \$2300. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that request be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

17. SIGN ORDINANCE - amending the provisions of Division 8, Chapter 8 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

Withdrawn, at the request of Planning Director Shartle.

Mayor Isen requested that before this item is again placed on the agenda that the corrected ordinance be mailed to the Councilmen, permit a week's study, and then placed on the agenda; a public hearing will have to be set again as well.

Councilman Uerkwitz confirmed that interested parties who have requested copies have received same.

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At 6:13 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Council recess at this time, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and approval was unanimous. A 15-minute general recess followed at 6:15 P.M.

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REAL PROPERTY:

18. ANZA AVENUE - Acquisition - Memo re: reconsideration with attachments (Exhibits A through K) submitted by City Attorney.

Representing J.F. & B. Development Company, Mr. Alvin Howard, 3345 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, referred to the summary presented by City Attorney Remelmeyer and the facts reflected therein as to the attempts to open Anza Avenue, and outlined the extensive negotiations to date in connection with the proposed development by his clients. In reference to a prior agreement to donate \$15,000 for the construction of Anza Avenue, Mr. Howard stated that he had no knowledge of such agreement until December 18th, and that in checking with his clients had learned that they were not aware that the offer had been accepted since escrow had never been opened.

Mr. James Bower was present, and at Councilman Miller's question as to whether or not he was aware of the Council action of February 27, 1968, he advised that neither he nor his partners were aware of this action, and their reason for believing that the offer made by Mr. Howard on December 17th was the third and final offer.

Discussion followed on the chain of circumstances to date; the Staff oversight relative to the escrow and absence of information in files, etc. It was the comment of Mr. Howard, following such review, that had the proponents known about this matter, the offer would have been the same, and he feels the Council action would have been precisely the same; the deal is a good deal for the City as well as for the proponents. Reservations as to this were expressed by Councilmen Miller and Uerkwitz.

A possible solution was offered by Mayor Isen who first commented on the integrity of the builders and the quality developments they represent, and the fact that Anza must go through, along with the complete commitment of the proponents at this point in time - such solution being by way of "declaratory relief". There is an honest dispute in this case which can be settled very quickly in the courts as a friendly action involving the \$15,000, Mayor Isen further stated. Concurrence was expressed by Mr. Howard, who added that they have complete confidence in the court and there would be a fair result; Mr. Howard, furthermore, would be hopeful that perhaps before that court is required to make a decision, some other solution could be made.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved, with reference to the Anza Avenue opening, and the subject of discussion (Item #18) this date, that an escrow be opened between the parties involved, that the escrow provide for a purchase price of \$2.00 per square foot (per Council minutes of December 17, 1968); that the escrow indicate that the sum of \$15,000 towards that purchase price is disputed and claimed by the City to be a credit against the \$2.00 per square foot; that the escrow proceed to completion with the deed being changed and all monies being paid out of said escrow as fast as it can close, except the sum of \$15,000 which shall be retained by the escrow holder until such time as a court of competent jurisdiction, and any appeals thereto, has determined the right of which party to the funds which are withheld. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Considered at this time, out of order:)

28. ORDINANCE re: Operating Motor Vehicles on Vacant Property, submitted by City Attorney. Provides that a misdemeanor is committed if operation of motor vehicles on vacant property disturbs peace.

Mr. Kenneth Hudson, 19421 Beckworth, requested a two-week postponement so that interested parties may be notified.

Councilman Miller MOVED that Item #28 be continued to the Council meeting of February 11, 1969, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

19. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement for an exchange of land between Grant & Popovich and the City to provide some right-of-way for future 223rd Street (map attached). Memo re: future 223rd Street submitted by City Attorney.

At Mayor Isen's question, City Manager Ferraro advised that "CONCUR" should appear above his signature on the cover letter, rather than "Noted".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-14

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 AN EXCHANGE OF LAND BETWEEN GRANT & POPOVICH AND THE CITY TO PROVIDE SOME RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR FUTURE 223RD STREET.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-14. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL:

20. RESOLUTION RE: REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - Assistant Garage Foreman to Assistant Equipment Foreman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 68-136 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 68-146 TO DELETE THE CLASS OF ASSISTANT GARAGE FOREMAN AND ADD THE CLASS OF ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT FOREMAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-15; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. City Manager's recommendation relative to the 50/20 and Highway Patrol Retirement Plans for Safety Members.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman elaborated on and clarified the contents of the City Manager's report of January 16th which was now before the Council.

Financing was specifically discussed. Councilman Johnson recalled at the last budget sessions it was agreed that there be a major retirement plan for the safety employees, with the CHP Plan now appearing more desirable than the 50/20; Councilman Johnson stated that the safety employees certainly ought to have a very good retirement plan, and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the Council accept the City Manager's recommendations #1, 2, and 3, and deferring recommendation 4 (a) and (b) relative to financing to budget time, without calling for a general tax increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Mayor Isen, prefaced with his remarks that at the time of the original presentation of this matter, it was his suggestion that it be looked at realistically -- it being possible to vote for things in principle, subject to trying to find the money. The two alternatives presented, either of which will cost a great deal of money, and, once adopted, will remain, and serve as an inducement to attract the highest types of men to these services - but it will be necessary to either put on a 6¢ overall real property tax increase or, as an alternative, a suggested utility users' tax. It is Mayor Isen's feeling, with the many things coming along, that it will be necessary to come to the utility users' tax in the next budget in order to balance it, and to provide residents with all the needed services; an increase in police personnel, salary increases for employees, etc.; government costs money just as does private enterprise, and it must come from somewhere. Mayor Isen added that he does not know, at this time, how much a utility users' tax will raise, but if a tax increase is necessary, this would certainly be more equitable and appears to have been painlessly accomplished in Los Angeles. Certainly this Council is on record as having approved a liberal pension system, acting in good faith in unanimously approving the 50/20 Plan, which, incidentally, subjected the Council to some criticism, Mayor Isen further stated, in offering the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

That on February 4, 1969, a 5:30 P.M. meeting, that this matter again be placed on the agenda in reference to a public hearing thereon to hear from the interested public as to this particular problem. After that hearing is closed, then reconsider Item #21 on this agenda. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Discussion followed. Councilman Miller expressed agreement with the substitute motion for the reason that there is a need for guidance

as to how this is to be accomplished, and there is a need for a better overall concept as to direction.

Councilman Johnson pointed out that his motion had excluded the matter of financing, which seems to be the primary consideration of the substitute motion. Mayor Isen stated this his overall concern is that the public be informed as to what is proposed, and he would welcome the comments of interested citizens.

Mr. Richard DeArmitt spoke at this time stating that either of the plans will not change the problem with the tax dollar; and described the concessions offered by the safety employees. Reiterated by both Mayor Isen and Councilman Miller was their stand at the budget sessions that there be no increase in taxes.

Further discussion followed, with Assistant City Manager Scharfman pointing out that the Council has already committed the City to the 50/20 Plan, and it will be necessary for the City Manager to make a recommendation at budget time as to the finances for the 1969-70 budget; it now being the position of the City Manager that a plan slightly better than the 50/20 Plan is now recommended or otherwise to keep with the Council's original authorization.

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

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, relative to his "no" vote, that he is never opposed to public hearings, but he does not feel that it is needed in this case.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, Assistant City Manager Scharfman reviewed the matter of contributions, as outlined in the January 16th report.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion (approving the Highway Patrol Plan) accepting City Manager recommendations #1,2, and 3 and deferring 4 (a)(b) until budget time was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was the comment of Councilman Miller that he has no objection to referring the financing to budget time, but the problem still has to be answered; since a hearing was not approved, he will vote yes on Councilman Johnson's motion.

#### AIRPORT:

22. RESOLUTION submitted by Airport Manager authorizing assignment of lease of BRITAIN INDUSTRIES, INC. to NARCO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation for approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THOSE CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BRITAIN INDUSTRIES, INC. TO NARCO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-16. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,  
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (briefly out of the room).

23. SUNNYGLEN PARK SITE - Heard earlier in the meeting.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

24. ORDINANCE amending the provisions of Article 8, Chapter 13, Division 1 of the Torrance City Code governing the Youth Welfare Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1945

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 13, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1945 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,  
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (briefly out of the room).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. RESOLUTION submitted by City Attorney and Planning Director granting Conditional Use Permit 68-41, NEWTON PACIFIC, to allow the reopening of a cocktail lounge on C-2 zoned property located at 3144 Pacific Coast Highway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE REOPENING OF A COCKTAIL LOUNGE ON C-2 ZONED PROPERTY AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 68-41 - NEWTON-PACIFIC (R.J. LINNELL).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-17. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,  
and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (briefly out of the room).

26. Memo from City Attorney re: retaining Walter N. Anderson as Special Counsel.

With the comment that there appears little choice, Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to concur with the request of the City Attorney to retain Mr. Walter Anderson as special counsel for the City Manager for the duration of the Nollac hearing at the established rate of pay. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Finance Director Dundore advised that there is not enough money left in the City Attorney's budget to handle this open end type of arrangement.

Discussion then followed on the "open end" aspect of this request, with Councilman Miller expressing his objections and suggesting that a specific amount be established, with periodic reports on the expenditure thereof.

Councilman Uerkwitz then agreed to amend his motion to include the amount of \$5,000; Councilman Johnson reaffirmed his second. Roll call vote was undertaken, with Councilman Beasley voting "no", Councilman Johnson "yes", and interrupted at the point of Councilman Miller's vote, who voiced his feelings as to the cost to date of this matter and why the need for such a large amount, \$5000 representing the same as "open end" to him, voting "no" on the motion.

Discussion followed, in the midst of the roll call vote, as to appropriate action.

Councilman Uerkwitz withdrew his motion, as did Councilman Johnson his second, and the votes to this point were withdrawn as well.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney, that \$3000 be appropriated for Mr. Anderson's services, with reports to be made every two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RESOLUTION requesting Post Office Department to serve all residents of Torrance by Torrance Mailing Address.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT TO USE A TORRANCE MAILING ADDRESS FOR ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND INDUSTRIES IN TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-18. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

In order to implement this project, Mayor Isen suggested that there be a steering committee of approximately 21 people living in the affected areas, and that the Councilmen each submit three or four names; the areas to be covered - Riviera, El Nido, Gardena, and Lomita. At Assistant City Manager Scharfman's question regarding the previous delegation of this assignment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee, Mayor Isen stated that they could work on this project also, and the efforts can be combined.

28. Ordinance re: Operating Motor Vehicles - heard earlier in the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Manager Ferraro called the attention of the Council to Information Item "A" - Implementation of Code Requirement to Record Conditions on Use of Land - the Staff report on how this is to be accomplished is presented therein.

30. Clarification on the scheduling of the 1968-69 Capital Improvement Program was requested by City Manager Ferraro, in view of the new 7:00 P.M. meeting time for the Council on January 28th. Mayor Isen stated that it be a regular agenda item.

31. City Clerk Coil expressed the appreciation of many people, especially Staff, for the revised, earlier meeting time.

32. Councilman Beasley referred to what appears an interminable period of time in providing the promised park for the Victoria Knolls area. Assistant City Manager Scharfman explained the processes at work in this project, hence the time involved.

33. Mayor Isen reported his understanding of two additional available acres (State owned) in the 180th Street and Regina area, which was before the Council on January 14th and approved as a "vest pocket" park. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem will investigate and report back.

34. Councilman Johnson reminded the Council of the Independent Cities meeting on January 22nd at Latitude 20.

35. Information Item B - Opinion re: Possession of Firearms by Minors - was noted by Councilman Miller. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that the State law preempts any local laws and renders them ineffective. Mr. Remelmeyer added that Sr. Deputy City Attorney McNary is preparing a list of preempted laws which will be before the Council for appropriate action.

36. Councilman Sciarrotta reported on his observance of the lack of use of a temporary sidewalk installed along Crenshaw Boulevard; he feels that the schools and parents should insist that the youngsters use these walks.

37. Councilman Uerkwitz advised that on February 19th South High School is having a pageant honoring veterans from their school, and, in view of the outstanding civic efforts of the high school students, some type of recommendation was recommended by Mr. Uerkwitz. Also reported by Mayor Isen was pending recognition for Martha Raye for her contribution in providing entertainment for servicemen by this Council with arrangements being made by the P-T-A. It was Mayor Isen's suggestion that the P-T-A representatives contact the City Attorney on these two matters as to the form such recognition should take.

38. A personnel session to fill Commission vacancies was urged by Councilman Uerkwitz. It was agreed that such a session be held in approximately three weeks.

39. Councilman Wilson recommended that Commissioners with outstanding attendance records, with an expression of appreciation for their services, should be contained in a letter to them.

Acknowledgment of this, by way of these minutes, was reflected in a MOTION made by Mayor Isen: That the City Council certainly does recognize, applaud and commend the Commissions and Commissioners for their devoted and dedicated service, and, for the most part, their fine attendance records, and their cooperation and interest in the City's betterment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

40. Mayor Isen referred to the matter of Sidewalk Maintenance reviewed at the January 14th Pre-Council meeting, and the problems faced by the damaged sidewalks in existence affecting some 2,811 homeowners. The facts and suggestions offered at this Pre-Council meeting were reviewed by Mayor Isen, who recognized the many problems as well as the lack of enthusiasm that would be displayed by homeowners when requested to bear this cost.

Recalling earlier discussions on combining the City into one Lighting Assessment District and resultant advantage to the General Fund, Mayor Isen would favor such a District -- lighting being necessary and of benefit to all -- which, in turn, would permit the City to undertake the repair of the damaged sidewalks forthwith.

Mayor Isen further stated that he cannot take an action that will burden the property owners, and the above action seems to him to be a fair and proper manner to meet the problem.

Mayor Isen requested that no action be taken at this time pertaining to the above remarks, and that an analysis of this proposal be furnished by the City Manager.

Mr. Harrison Scott, 908 Patronella, reported on his experience with a tree uprooting his sidewalk, the prompt action taken by the City to remedy same less than a year ago; the same sidewalk is again upheaved by the same tree.

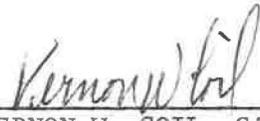
41. Richard DeArmitt, 5102 Pacific Coast Highway, representing the Torrance Firefighters, commented on the importance of uniform mailing to the Police and Fire Departments and offered the services of the off-duty Firefighters in obtaining signatures for such petitions. Representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, Lieutenant Oates likewise volunteered the services of the policemen in this endeavor; a further offer to take the Resolution of Intent relative to the retirement plan to Sacramento on January 23rd was made by Lieutenant Oates.

It was the suggestion of Mayor Isen that former Postmaster Clara Connors head the Uniform Mailing Committee, and there were no objections.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:10 P.M

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 VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk  
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APPROVED:

  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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