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Adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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February 4, 1969

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 4, 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, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Sr. Administrative Assistant Leroy Jackson led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Minister for the Month of February, Reverend Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and 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, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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A brief explanation of Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

8. CLAIM of Walter Hale for property damages on January 13, 1969 at 237th Street and Arlington Avenue, Torrance, California. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
9. CLAIM of James T. Morgan for alleged personal injuries in Torrance, California on November 13, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
10. CLAIM of Sandra Curtis, a minor, by Virgil and Margaret Curtis, guardians, for alleged personal injuries to Sandra, on November 21, 1968, at El Nido Park, Torrance, California. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved, on items #8,9, and 10, to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk that said claims be denied and referred to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT - Recommendation of Acting Bus Superintendent to extend agreement with Transit Ads Incorporated for five-year period.

Noted was the recommendation of the City Manager that the following wording be added to Paragraph 10 of the agreement: "...and the Company shall obtain a policy of Advertiser's Liability Insurance on which the City shall be named as additional assured and a copy thereof shall be filed with the City Clerk."

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting Bus Superintendent, including the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. RESOLUTION of intention to amend Retirement Plan for Safety Employees. Recommended for approval by Finance Director.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING AN INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-24. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13. AIRPORT LIABILITY INSURANCE AND HANGARKEEPER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE. (Present Policy expires March 1, 1969). Recommendation of City Clerk that quote of Eagle Star Insurance Company, Ltd. in the amount of \$5,475. for 3-year period be accepted.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. BUDGETED, REIMBURSABLE, AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300. Submitted for Council approval by Purchasing Division.

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$301.88 to Calavar Corporation for one only swivel ball replacement needed for downed "Vac-All" unit (vacuum unit for storm drains) requested by the City Garage.
2. \$388.32 to Sears for one only electric range with two full bake ovens requested by the Recreation Department for use at the Senior Citizens' Bartlett Center.
3. \$1080.45 to Zumar Industry for 78 traffic and flood control warning signs requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for emergency control directing and controlling traffic.
4. \$1747.20 to the Santa Fe Bag Company for an emergency purchase of 10,000 sand bags requested by the Street Department on an emergency basis for flood control.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS.

5. \$432.60 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 6-inch Hersey-Sparling water flow detector to the Los Angeles City design as requested by the Water Department. Payment from A.D. Gianni has already been received for this service.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS - Requested by the City Librarian.

6. \$308.40 to E. Letz Company for 133 assorted books.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director in approval of items 1 through 6, expenditures in excess of \$300. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. Ordinance re: ZC 68-29, Mervin Boll and Marguerite Melville.

Withdrawn, at the request of the Planning Director. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the request; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

16. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change Case 68-27, R.A. Watt Company, Inc. The addition of Parcel 1 and the elimination of Parcel 2 to the "O" combining districts as designated on the Combining Oil District Map of the City of Torrance, pursuant to Ordinance No. 1665 adopted and passed the 22nd day of March, 1966.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1947

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 IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CITY AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-27 (R.A. Watt Company, Inc.).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1947 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change Case 68-20, Don Wilson (Woodlake Apartments). Change of Zone from C-2 and A-1 to R-3 and C-2 on property located on the south side of 190th Street between Entradero Avenue and the westerly City boundary.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1948

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 SOUTH SIDE OF 190TH STREET BETWEEN ENTRADERO AVENUE AND THE WESTERLY CITY LIMITS, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-20. (Don Wilson - Woodlake Apartments).

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1948 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. TRACT #26076 - Request of West America Construction Corp. for one-year extension to complete Public Works Improvements. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that request be granted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer that the request be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

19. COMPLETION OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR ADDITION TO FIRE STATION #1. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the final plans and specifications for the construction of the addition to Fire Station #1 be approved as submitted, and payment be made under the terms of the agreement to the architect based upon a construction cost estimate of \$32,875.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director that the final plans and specifications for the subject addition be approved, and that payment be made under the terms of the agreement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. Request by Mr. Bill Nelson for proration of Business License Fee. Recommended for approval by Director of Finance.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director for proration of the subject business license fee, such license fee to be based on two months' operation and reduced to \$1.50 per space for a total of \$39. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. Letter from City Manager, with supporting material, re: reviewing and updating of Torrance Civic Center Master Plan.

Mayor Isen referred to the City Manager's communication on this matter, specifically page 2, recommendation #1, and MOVED that the recommendation be amended and the following added: "...the retention conditioned on the County sharing equally in the cost thereof." The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager, as amended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

22. AIRPORT SEWER SYSTEM. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE IV.

It is the recommendation of the Airport Manager that:

1. The Airport Manager be authorized and directed to proceed with the design and construction of Phase IV, Airport Sewer System, and \$15,000 be appropriated from Airport retained earnings therefor.
2. The Engineering Department be authorized and directed to advertise for bid at such time as plans and specifications are complete and available.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

23. JOHN B. HOWENSTINE'S REQUEST FOR CITY'S CONSENT FOR DEMOLITION OF CLANCY'S AND APPROVAL OF PLOT PLAN FOR NEW BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation for approval.

The somewhat unique history, and unfulfilled visions of a plush restaurant, which ended up as Clancy's, was related by Mayor Isen. Councilman Miller added that this experience has served as a classic example in airport matters, and the need for wisdom and caution, through the years.

City Manager Ferraro requested that there be an additional requirement: "That a pull-box which can tie into future underground utilities systems be installed to the satisfaction of the Building Superintendent." (Condition #4).

Mr. John Howenstine was present to describe the proposed Herky's Restaurant -- the main menu item being a roast beef sandwich, and the facilities will be a sit-down restaurant, consisting of some 2100 square feet. Other Herky's are located in Rolling Hills Estates, Los Angeles, and Orange. Plans, approved by the Airport Commission, were also presented by Mr. Howenstine; Airport Manager Egan confirmed that the plot plan and the schematics of the building are very representative of the photographs which were before the Council as well.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager, concurred in by the Airport Commission and ANTS, subject to conditions 1,2, and 3, and adding condition #4 as stated above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. PALOS VERDES AVIATION COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STOCK TRANSFER, METHOD OF RESOLVING DEBTS, AND EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION DEADLINES. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation for approval.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendations of the Airport Manager, items 1 through 4. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

25. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY - February 25, 1969.
25A. NATIONAL BEAUTY SALON WEEK - Week of February 9, 1969.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

26. ORDINANCE 1946.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1946

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.6.7 ENTITLED "CONFORMANCE TO LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS" OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO SAID REQUIREMENTS WHEN A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXPANSION IS REQUIRED BY LAW, CONSTRUCTION OF, OR ADDITIONS TO BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES THAT DO NOT EXCEED A TOTAL VALUE OF \$1000, OR ADDITIONS THAT ARE MINOR IN COMPARISON WITH THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1946 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RESOLUTION requesting that County Assessor reassess properties damaged by recent storms.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY ASSESSOR REASSESS PROPERTIES DAMAGED BY RECENT STORMS, AND THAT THE LEGISLATURE ENACT ENABLING STATUTES THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-25. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

28. RESOLUTION requesting financial assistance, Disaster Relief Funds under Federal Public Law 875.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND DESIGNATING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AS THE OFFICIAL CITY REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS UNDER FEDERAL PUBLIC LAW 875.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-26. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. Traffic Engineering Associate Glass announced that the intersection of 182nd Street and Crenshaw will be closed Sunday, February 9th, in connection with the construction project.

30. In reference to Information Item A, 180th Street and Regina property, Councilman Johnson requested a report from the City Manager as to the feasibility of taking over the escrow of the Southwest Retarded Children property, including the small house at this site, for consideration in connection with the proposed park.

31. Councilman Miller inquired as to the status of the proposed 232nd Street right-of-way acquisition district, and the anticipated procedural ordinance. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that a complete report, along with the ordinance, will be before the Council on February 11th.

32. Of concern to Hollywood Riviera residents, Councilman Sciarrotta reported, is the intersection of Paseo de Gracia and Via Buena Ventura where two accidents have occurred recently, and their feeling that stop signs should be installed at that location. Councilman Sciarrotta requested that this be investigated.

33. Councilman Sciarrotta recommended that a pre-Council personnel session regarding the establishment of Council Committees be set. It was unanimously agreed to meet on this matter at 6:30 P.M. on February 25th.

34. Councilman Uerkwitz announced that the Council Charter Review Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 11th, at 6:30 P.M. in open meeting in the Council Chambers.

35. A report on the Crime Laboratory situation was furnished by Councilman Uerkwitz -- the outstanding cooperation of the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Department, and all concerned has been very rewarding, and it would seem that there will be forward strides in the field of narcotic enforcement.

36. A special benefit performance by the Chapel Theatre, for Pam Fischer, will be held on Thursday, February 6th, according to Councilman Uerkwitz, who invited all who can do so to participate in this very worthy cause.

37. Further announced by Councilman Uerkwitz was a meeting for the purpose of discussing the regional laboratory aspects by the South Bay Councilmen's Association on February 20th.

38. Concern for cultural accomplishments in the community was expressed by Councilman Wilson. Past efforts in this field were recalled by Mayor Isen, as well as some accomplishments in evidence in Torrance. It was recalled by City Manager Ferraro that such a report had been prepared at one time by Director of Recreation Van Bellehem, and this will be brought back to the Council.

39. In reference to the Crime Lab, Mayor Isen commented that the feeling expressed in the Resolution that the service should be an expanded service on a regional basis out of the Sheriff's office should be maintained by this Council -- other cities wishing to join in support of this concept would be welcome, but Mayor Isen personally would not be interested in setting up a competing government-endowed crime lab for South Bay cities.

Councilman Beasley added that the critical concern is the extent to which the Crime Lab's budget is increased in the coming fiscal year.

Mayor Isen added that if there are indeed Federal funds available for this purpose, let the County apply for them inasmuch as this truly is properly regional i.e. County-wide.

40. With much pride and pleasure, Mayor Isen announced that General Omar N. Bradley will serve as Grand Marshall on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17, 1969 -- such an honor on the tenth anniversary of this event was eloquently acknowledged by Mayor Isen.

41. City Manager Ferraro commented on the outstanding contribution of a Chief Petty Officer during the time of the storm, which indirectly came about because of his appreciation of Torrance's Armed Forces Day recognition of servicemen. Mayor Isen felt this most commendable, as were all the efforts during this emergency, and requested that letters of thanks go forward to these people.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

