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Adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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May 27, 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, May 27, 1969, at 7:04 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 Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Spencer Brown, a Senior at North Torrance High School, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Concluding his services as Minister for the Month of June, The Reverend Father J.A. O'Gorman, St. James Catholic Church, gave the invocation. The gratitude of the Council for Father O'Gorman's contribution to the Council meetings was expressed by Mayor Isen.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, 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 Johnson, 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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ELLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NIGHT

Introduced by Mayor Isen was Mr. Wayne Bluemel, president of the Ellinwood Homeowners' Association, this being the traditional fourth Tuesday dedicated to a homeowner group in an effort to establish effective communication between the Council and interested citizens.

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Council procedure was outlined by Mayor Isen to the capacity audience, many present at a Council meeting for the first time.

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Introduction of the distinguished guests of Water System Manager Borgwat was requested by Mayor Isen. Mr. Borgwat complied, with considerable pleasure, his guests being: Deputy Managing Director Knoppert and Chief Engineer Hofker, Rotterdam Municipal Water Works, Rotterdam, Holland.

(To facilitate the heavy agenda, the following items were taken out of regular order;)

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

39. RESOLUTION recognizing Frances Young for her contributions as Founder and President of South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, RECOGNIZING FRANCES YOUNG FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOUTH BAY AS FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN FOUNDATION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-116, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

37. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Stanley I. Dunn for faithful and diligent service as a member of the Youth Welfare Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO STANLEY I. DUNN FOR HIS FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-117. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Torrance Irish Club for St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION  
AND THANKS TO THE TORRANCE IRISH CLUB  
FOR SPONSORING THE SUCCESSFUL ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY PARADE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-118. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

40. RESOLUTION in memory of J. Hugh Sherfey.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE IN MEMORY OF J. HUGH  
SHERFEY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-119. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

41. RESOLUTION commending Victor S. Davenport for 17 years of faithful and diligent service as District Manager of the Southern District of the American Red Cross.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING VICTOR S.  
DAVENPORT FOR 17 YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND  
DILIGENT SERVICE AS DISTRICT MANAGER OF  
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF THE AMERICAN  
NATIONAL RED CROSS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-120; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

42. RESOLUTION of the City Council in memory of Guatemala Foreign Minister Emilio Arenales Catalan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN MEMORY OF GUATEMALA FOREIGN MINISTER EMILIO ARENALES CATALAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-121. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

8. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$2487.45 to American Aerial Survey Company for one aerial photograph and enlargements of the entire City of Torrance; and two aerial photograph enlargements of Del Amo Center. This is a request of the Engineering Department.
2. \$1327.41 to Pacific States Company for 36 water pipe spools, as requested by the Water Department for stock as needed.
3. \$1395.26 to Fred E. Klingler for the City's annual supply of Engineering reproduction paper of assorted types and sizes for the Engineering Department.
4. \$469.51 to Zumar Industries for 33 public library direction signs for City libraries, as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
5. \$751.28 to Graftek Corporation for one only printing "plate maker", requested by the Central Services Division to make printing plates for offset printing work.
6. \$1333.50 to Seward Company, Inc. for one only 20" full power paper cutter requested by Central Services Division to cut paper stock "as requested".
7. \$600.00 to Gar Wood Truck and Equipment Company for one only rubbish truck body sweep panel.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

8. \$432.60 from Hersey-Sparling Company to supply a 6-inch water flow check detector. Payment for this service has already been received from Brody Investment Company.

9. \$987.61 to Martin Hannum, Inc. for 145 ounces of sterling silver; 25 ounces of 14K yellow gold, and 16 ounces of jeweler's bronze, requested by Recreation Department for Jewelry Craft class. Money has already been collected from the class for this material.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS - Library Books:

10. \$340.20 to The Kirkus Service, Inc. for one years subscription to their service.
11. \$2239.60 to Campbell and Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 348 adult fiction and non-fiction books.
12. \$966.34 to Western Library Service for 235 juvenile books.
9. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Custodial Services of satellite City buildings - Reference Bid #B69-22.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the Council accept the bid of Allstate Building Maintenance Company and approve of an award for an annual contract to them for necessary custodial services in the amount of \$484.37 per week (\$25,187.24 per year).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of agenda items #8 and #9, as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

HEARINGS:

10. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - 1969  
Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 69-101.  
RESOLUTION ordering abatement of nuisances on or in front of properties described in Resolution No. 101.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. He inquired if there were any exceptions, and there was no response.

An Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing was presented by City Clerk Coil. Councilman Beasley moved that these affidavits be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections, roll call vote being unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard regarding this matter; there was no reply. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-122.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 69-101.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69- 2. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved roll call vote.

10A. FINDINGS RE: WALTER M. NOLLAC:

It was the statement of Mayor Isen that the Council has read the transcript, the exhibits, listened to the arguments of both Mr. Anderson and Mr. Young, in the Walter M. Nollac matter; further, the Council has spent several hours privately studying the matter, and has reached the conclusion:

That the findings and the judgment of the Civil Service Commission should be sustained and affirmed.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil polled the Council, a "yes" vote being to sustain the findings and judgment of the Civil Service Commission:

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

33. Recommendation on Hickory Park Tennis Courts from Recreation, Culture and Parks Committee.

The findings of the Committee were reviewed by Mayor Isen.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations of the Council Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to speak on this matter.

Mrs. Elslee Pardaffy, 2376 West 235th Street, stated that she is the chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Southeast Torrance Homeowners' Association, and reported on her understanding relative to the acquiring and financing of parks in the City, particularly as to the shortage of funds. Her organization has voted to oppose the diversion of any funds to pay for the relocation of the tennis court at Hickory Park on the basis that

the additional money needed to relocate these tennis courts could be used to develop other park property. Mayor Isen clarified that there will not be any additional cost with the Committee recommended procedure.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

11. ZC 67-2, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION - CONTINUED HEARING:  
Request for a change of zone from M-1 to R-1, R-2, RR-3, R-4, R-P, C-R, C-1, C-2 and/or C-3 on property located on the east side of Yukon Avenue between 182nd Street and the San Diego Freeway. The Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of a change of zone from M-1 to C-R with the zoning to become C-3 upon approval of a precise plan of development. This case was continued from the City Council meeting of May 28, 1968.

Mayor Isen announced that this is a public hearing on ZC 67-2, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Gerald Morris, 3601 West 182nd Street, stated that he represents a group of parents who call themselves POINT ("Parents Organized for the Improvement of North Torrance"), their primary concern being the children of North Torrance. Mr. Morris expressed their hope that the Council will make a decision at this meeting, and reiterated their desire for R-1 zoning.

Representing the Edison Company, Mr. John Salvinger, District Superintendent, advised that they have no immediate development plans, and are, in fact, negotiating with Dr. Herman Ohme, North High School, to use this property as a school parking facility.

Discussion followed on the effect of denial in this case, it being noted that the M-1 zone would then prevail -- the suggested advertised zones were reviewed, as well as the merits of zoning to accommodate the above referred to parking lot.

Mr. Max Kelly, 18407 Haas Avenue, questioned the authority of Dr. Ohme to negotiate in the matter of a parking lot for North High School, deeming this a determination for the administrative staff. This was considered irrelevant by the Council; the chain of command is recognized. Mr. Kelly added that he would favor a parking lot at this location, and that it is sorely needed.

Planning Director Shartle pointed out the restrictive aspects of the parking zone (P-1); it was also noted that this would necessitate return to the Planning Commission inasmuch as the P-1 zone was not advertised.

Mr. Morris returned to comment that his group has always been opposed to any type of business that could be a problem to the high school -- adding that they did at one time feel that a professional

development, such as a medical center, would be acceptable.

The R-P zone was discussed. Councilman Miller felt it represented something of a compromise and something acceptable to both Edison and the homeowners; further, it doesn't completely devaluate the property and allows development, other than parking, on the property, without being an obnoxious nuisance to the school. The Council expressed agreement with R-P zoning, noting that it might still be possible to obtain a temporary license for parking; Mr. Morris concurred in this thinking. Planning Director Shartle specifically pointed out that the R-P zone also allows apartments; Mr. Morris confirmed his understanding of this and likewise his approval.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that ZC 67-2 be zoned R-P. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At Mayor Isen's question regarding temporary use of the subject property as a parking lot, City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that he be permitted to check this out inasmuch as the ordinance would prevent any use inconsistent with the zone, regardless of whether or not it is temporary. Mr. Remelmeyer added that the Variance procedure might prove acceptable.

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The hour being 7:56 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, <sup>and</sup> reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections. A 10-minute general recess followed at 7:58 P.M.

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12. REVISION IN MASTER PLAN FOR THE VICTOR PRECINCT.

Consideration of a proposed revision to change the use from industrial to residential use on property located on the north side of Emerald Street, approximately 305 feet west of Earl Street. Recommended for DENIAL.

Considered at this time as well, because of their relationship:

13. ZC 69-10, GEORGE AND MARY BORKOVICH.

Change of zone from M-1 to R-3 on property located on the north side of Emerald Street, approximately 305 feet west of Earl Street.

Affidavits of Publication on Items #12 and #13 were presented by City Clerk Coil.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Items #12 and #13.

Responding, Mr. John Foley, 236 Vista del Parque, stated that he is present as a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Borkovich. Mr. Foley advised that they have owned the subject property since the end of World War I, and outlined the evolvement of the area through the years, which area is presently pictured as residential by the Planning Staff and appears to be likely in future development, and which is reflected in the tax bills. The effect of the proposed freeway routes on the City of Torrance, the "running scared" atmosphere, was also deplored by Mr. Foley, and he urged that the Borkovichs not be isolated, and at the mercy of a decision by the State of California some eight or nine years away.

Councilman Beasley stated that Mr. Foley is, in effect, asking that the freeway be pushed 300 ft. to the east, adding that the State has laws regulating these matters which protect people in cases of hardship -- it is his understanding that selection of the route will take place in the not too distant future, which would prevent building after that time in the event this route is adopted.

It was Councilman Wilson's comment that this request attacks the existing Master Plan, as well as compounding the problems of the City in regard to transportation -- there is a freeway route, and for good reason, what with the area so congested, etc. -- it seems to him that it is imperative that the Master Plan be maintained as is until these decisions are made.

Councilman Miller recalled the previous action in this area, action which he did not favor, but which has become a fact of life. Mr. Miller added that there is a strong likelihood that a freeway will go here, as indicated, and it will have a tremendous effect on the development; but, until this is known, it is necessary to look at the overall project.

The important need for awaiting the freeway decision was voiced by Councilman Uerkwitz; it would not be intelligent to put a barrier in the way of what appears to be a likely route for the freeway.

Councilman Sciarrotta concurred that it would only compound the problem to make a decision that would affect the freeway route; further, if this route is not selected by the State, then it is the feeling of Mr. Sciarrotta that the entire area should be Master Planned.

It was the feeling of Mayor Isen that it is hardly "running scared" when there is a colored line indicating that a freeway is directly in the route of the subject property -- it would be extremely unwise to put any stumbling block in the way until that issue is decided. What else could any Council with integrity do was Mayor Isen's question?

Next to speak was Mr. Guy Cobb, 1949 West 231st Street, who stated that he has done the design work on the subject property; he referred to the apparent lack of success for M-1 zoning in this area.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing on Items #12 and #13 be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Department and Planning Commission: Item #12, That there be NO CHANGE in the Master Plan for the Victor Precinct at this time; Item #13, ZC 69-10 be DENIED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. ZC 69-12, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Change of zone from R-3 and M-2 to P-U and M-L on property located between Carson Street and Washington Street, southwest of Plaza Del Amo Boulevard.

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

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter; there was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation that ZC 69-12 be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

31. UTILITY USERS' TAX  
 ORDINANCE "A" (All utilities)  
 ORDINANCE "B" (Water excluded)  
 ORDINANCE "C" (Exempting average residential use  
 of water)

To start the discussion, it was the comment of Mayor Isen that he still feels that water should be left out -- the objection that was taken that you do not tax the gas and electricity that goes into the production of products involving a conversion of materials was well taken; in the same way if milk is taxed, then butter made of the milk, and the butter is taxed.

As Chairman of the Council Committee on this matter, Councilman Sciarrotta reviewed the findings of the Committee - specifically that the exemption amendment will be considered after the Council budget workshop sessions. Mr. Sciarrotta added that he is sympathetic toward eliminating the payment of utilities which go into the making of products.

At the request of Councilman Sciarrotta, Deputy Attorney Allen described the legal technicalities presented in drafting an ordinance that will keep exemptions to a minimum, as well as the administrative problems presented. A tax reduction from 5% to 4% as a possible solution was discussed.

Mr. Clinton Cooke, representing the Chamber of Commerce, commented that a reduction from 5% to 4% does not get at the problem as represented by heavy industrial users who have uses that his competitor does not, and almost represents a tax on raw materials which will vary widely from one manufacturer to another. Mr. Cooke feels that ways can be found to solve these mechanical problems, particularly in view of the fact that such exemptions are in use elsewhere in the country. At Councilman Sciarrotta's question as to the acceptability of the Council Committee recommendations at this time, Mr. Cooke was in accord. Mr. Sciarrotta added that he is confident that a solution can be found; it is ever his intent to welcome industry into Torrance and not drive them out of town.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council concur with the recommendations of the Council Finance Committee re: Utility Users' Tax. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, but no formal action was taken.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance A (which includes water). No second at this time.

Discussion followed on the taxing of water, the revenue represented, and the three versions of the proposed ordinance.

Mr. A.R. Florez, 23103 Cerise Avenue, presented statistics regarding water consumption at variance with those compiled by the Finance Department. Mayor Isen requested that this information be furnished the Finance Department for whatever correction might be necessary.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Miller: That water be excluded from the utility tax. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Johnson stated that excluding water will drop the total revenue some \$450,000, and it is likely that that extra money will be needed if a solution is found for the Chamber's recommendation re: exemptions. Mayor Isen pointed out the fact that such considerations are resolved during budget sessions.

Councilman Wilson commented that there is a concept of equality involved here -- if other utilities are to be taxed, then it is only fair that water be included.

Councilman Miller's motion to exclude water failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Discussion was then directed to a 4% tax vs. a 5% tax, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved, in connection with Emergency Ordinance "A" (which includes all utilities), that the percentage of the tax be reduced from 5% to 4%. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

This was reviewed prior to a vote, along with the overall budget prospects. Councilman Sciarrotta referred to his earlier motion that the Committee Report be approved, with the provision requested by Councilman Johnson that the problems be resolved one way or another in one month; this will eliminate all the conjecture in evidence at this point.

Mayor Isen's motion, reducing the tax from 5% to 4%, failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for approval of ORD.A (with a 5% tax), it being understood that it will be possible to return with a program in 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Jim Conn, Pacific Telephone Company, questioned the effective date of the subject ordinance. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the effective date is July 1, 1969.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Relative to his "no" vote, Mayor Isen stated that he so voted because he feels it should be a 4% tax with water excluded -- he added that he feels it necessary to get into a real austerity program. Councilman Miller commented that he too favored the excluding of water, but he is at a loss to know how otherwise to vote without destroying the sorely needed revenue. Mayor Isen reiterated that his "no" vote is for the two reasons stated above, and that alone is the basis of his vote; he recognizes the need for a utility tax, and repeated that the time has come for austerity.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1983

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 25 TO  
DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO A UTILITY USERS' TAX AND  
DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 1983 at its only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Uerkwitz, and Wilson.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen (for reasons previously  
stated.)

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The hour being 9:25 P.M. a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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On resumption of the meeting, Mayor Isen expressed the appreciation of the Council for the interest evidenced by the Manufacturer's Council of the Chamber of Commerce, and suggested to Mr. Cooke that several members of the Manufacturer's Council, with their valuable knowledge, plan to attend the Budget Sessions, starting next week. Mr. Cooke indicated that they would do this, with pleasure.

A like invitation was extended to the general public by Mayor Isen.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. FIRE HYDRANT REQUIREMENT for Tentative Tract 29086.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of Fire Chief Lucas that the requirement of an additional fire hydrant be a condition of approval of Tract 29086. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30620 - SUBDIVIDER: DON WILSON BUILDERS. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer and Planning Director that subject final tract map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. APPEAL OF CUP 69-10 - PROPOSED SANITARIUM ON EMERALD STREET - RICHARD S. SHEPARD AND ROGER DENNIS. Letter from City Attorney with regard to ownership of property.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the recommended policy outlined in the subject letter be adopted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

18. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change case 69-2, Henry Mahler.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1984

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 2121 WEST CARSON STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN  
ZONE CHANGE 69-2.  
(Henry Mahler)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1984 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change case 69-9, Tormed (John Sainsevain).

Removed from the agenda, at the request of City Manager Ferraro.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:20. PROPOSED VACATION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD SERVICE ROAD  
BETWEEN 182ND STREET AND THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY RAMP.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Council approve and adopt the subject resolution declaring its intention to vacate with conditions a portion of the Crenshaw Boulevard Service Road between 185th Street and the San Diego Ramp.
2. That the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare a License Agreement to allow Cal Georgia Development to use the easterly thirteen (13) feet of the subject service road.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN 185TH STREET AND THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY RAMP IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-123. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

21. IMPROVEMENT OF ANZA AVENUE FROM NEWTON STREET TO 238TH STREET.RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That Council adopt the subject resolution requesting an appropriation of \$90,000 from County Aid-to-Cities funds for the subject improvement; and
2. That \$123,000 in 2106 Gas Tax funds be appropriated for the referenced project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT - BY GRADING AND INSTALLING CURBS, GUTTERS, PAVING AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES - OF ANZA AVENUE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-124. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

(Considered out of order at this time, being a companion item to item #21:)

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

27. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of City-State participation agreement for the construction of traffic signals, safety lighting, and roadwork at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Anza Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA DATED MAY 20, 1969, FOR WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AT ANZA AVENUE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-125. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT BETWEEN PROSPECT AND HENRIETTA AVENUES. (TWO RESOLUTIONS)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That 2106 Gas Tax funds in the amount of \$30,000 be appropriated for the referenced improvement;
2. That the subject resolution requesting "Aid-to-Cities" funds in the amount of \$75,000 for the subject project be adopted; and
3. That the subject resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with the City of Redondo Beach for construction of the improvement be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT - BY GRADING AND INSTALLING CURBS, GUTTERS, PAVING, DRAINAGE FACILITIES AND RETAINING WALLS - OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-126: His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF REDONDO BEACH AND TORRANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD BETWEEN PROSPECT AVENUE AND HENRIETTA AVENUE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-127. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM 190TH STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD - AWARD OF CONTRACT (B69-21) Job #67058.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to SULLY MILLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY on the basis of the primary proposal and all other bids be rejected; and
2. That an additional \$80,000 be appropriated from Section 2106 Gas Tax funds to cover costs.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. REQUEST OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY ALONG PORTIONS OF CARSON STREET AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That permission be granted subject to conditions outlined in memo of May 21, 1969.

Questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz were possible traffic problems that might result. Mr. Bowman, Standard Oil Company, was present and advised that the traffic situation would be reviewed and resolved with the Traffic Engineer before starting the survey.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

25. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN CIVIC CENTER. (B69-8 JOB #69016).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That Council accept the work;
2. That final payment be made to the contractor;

3. That an additional \$1,300 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund to cover construction costs; and
4. That informal bidding be authorized to raise one manhole to grade.

Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. CATCH BASIN AND CONNECTOR PIPE IN 234TH STREET, WEST OF CABRILLO AVENUE - AWARD OF CONTRACT (INFORMAL BID) JOB #69023.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Herb Smeltzer Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected. (This project is financed by \$1500.00 appropriated April 8, 1969 from the Drainage Improvement Fund.)

Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

28. Administrative Reorganization #8.

Majority of Council Committee recommends that one Senior Administrative Assistant be authorized in lieu of the Administrative Assistant in the City Manager's office.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Council Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Johnson, as a member of the Council Committee, reviewed his minority report -- he is not in agreement, feeling that the City Manager's office can operate very efficiently by hiring an Administrative Assistant and without the increased cost of hiring a Sr. Administrative Assistant; he does not see any justification. He reviewed the financial statistics as well.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz that he feels there is considerable merit to the minority report; if the work can be done at a lower classification, it should be done.

Mayor Isen recalled the original organization in the City Manager's office -- it seems to him now that between the three top ranking administrators the additional administrative work incurred by the passage of Senate Bill 1228, with the intent for the fourth man, as before, can do the leg work, research, assisting the other three men, etc. Mayor Isen can see no reason for a second Senior Administrative Assistant.

A look at what has happened in terms of negotiations and the time represented, in the opinion of Councilman Wilson, is deserving of a person capable to do this work, with the proper salary. The

Torrance Unified School District, Councilman Wilson added, has hired a full time employee, at an Assistant Superintendent level, to do just this work. This likewise should be done by the City, if the job is to be done right -- which in the long run will actually save the City money.

Councilman Miller commented on the growth of Torrance, and the people and the problems keep coming -- no one can be expected to hold the line because of an austerity kick and ignore the problems.

Further recalled by Mayor Isen was the corrected census count a few years ago, which reduced the 139,000 count to 134,000 -- yet for a number of years there were substantial additions to the budget based on the 139,000 population. As to the argument of growth, there should be no necessity to do more than was done previously when it was believed there were 139,000 residents in Torrance.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the proposed reorganization, resulting in:

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the Council concur with the Minority Report re: Administrative Reorganization #8. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's original motion to concur with the recommendation of the Council Committee carried as follows:

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

29. Executive and Exempt Salary Study Procedures.

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

30. Personnel Testing Contract for Fiscal Year 1969-70.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Personnel Director and the Civil Service Commission: that the contract be awarded to Los Angeles County on Option 1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

WATER OPERATIONS:

32. AGREEMENT - Sale of Moneta Water Company lines outside City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO CERTAIN CITY OWNED WATER FACILITIES.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-128. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUS SYSTEM:

34. Bus Rental Contract from the City of Santa Monica, California.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER AGREEMENT, DATED MAY 12, 1969, FOR THE MONTH TO MONTH RENTAL OF BUSES FROM THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES.

(CITY OF SANTA MONICA)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-129. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

35. FIRE STATION NO. 1 - Second Floor Addition, 1701 Crenshaw Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING & SAFETY DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF:  
That the low bidder, KRW Construction Company, be awarded the contract for the second floor addition to Fire Station No. 1, 1701 Crenshaw Boulevard, deleting separate bid items 2,3,4,6, and 7, for a construction cost of \$33,451; and that \$5,000 be appropriated to cover cost over budget, plus contingencies.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

If approved, the appropriation of \$5,000 should be from General Fund Unappropriated Surplus. Funds are available.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations re: Second Floor Addition, Fire Station No. 1. 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.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

36. BIDS - CENTRAL LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That the Council accept the bid of Pinner Construction Company for the amount of \$1,500,000, and reject all other bids.

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

43. Letter to Mayor and Council regarding Condemnation - South Bay Oil Development Company well.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the Council appropriate \$2,850.00 from the General Fund and authorize the City Attorney to pay said money directly to South Bay Oil Development Company, Inc. as payment for its interest in said property.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Attorney. 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.

44. RESOLUTION opposing Assembly Bill 1745, which places limitations on Charter-Party Service by Public Transit Systems, Districts and Authorities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 1745 WHICH PLACES LIMITATIONS ON CHARTER-PARTY SERVICE BY PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS, DISTRICTS AND AUTHORITIES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-130. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

45. ORDINANCE amending Section 13.10.2 of the Code, providing for the appointment and term of members of the Civil Service Commission, submitted by City Attorney

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1985

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.10.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1985 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

46. ORDINANCE NO. 1980.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO THE MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, A NEW YORK CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1980 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

47. ORDINANCE NO. 1981.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1981

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.1.17 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "SUSPENSION, DEMOTION OR REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES GENERALLY" AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 14.1.17

WITH THE SAME TITLE IN ORDER TO HAVE ALL EMPLOYEES TREATED EQUALLY REGARDING SUSPENSION, HEARING, AND DISCHARGE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1981 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

48. ORDINANCE NO. 1982.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1982

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION AND DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1982 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

49. RESOLUTION congratulating MAYOR ALBERT ISEN on completion of 14 years of dedicated public service.

For obvious reasons, Mayor Isen turned the chairmanship of the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem Wilson.

At the request of Mayor Pro-Tem Wilson, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 69-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING MAYOR ALBERT ISEN ON COMPLETION OF 14 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-115. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

50. The proposed 1969-70 Budget was distributed to the Council by City Manager Ferraro. Meeting dates were discussed, it being agreed that the meetings will start on Wednesday, June 4th, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

51. Councilman Beasley referred to his request regarding the past Council approval of sending a Police Officer to school at a cost of \$1281, and a copy of the minutes reflecting such action. City Manager Ferraro advised that the report is forthcoming; it has been necessary to research the records.

52. The value of the recent Civil Defense activity was questioned by Councilman Beasley; he felt it represented a tremendous outlay of City money without return to the City, and further felt that there are sufficient informed personnel within the City to properly act in case of disaster. He urged that there be consideration of his remarks.

53. Adding to Councilman Beasley's above comments, Councilman Wilson suggested that some evaluation be made by the people involved. City Manager Ferraro advised that a report is being prepared.

54. Councilman Johnson advised that the Torrance Irish Club has been billed by the City in the amount of \$150.00 for setting up and tearing down the stands on the day of the Irish Parade. Recognizing their limited funds, Councilman Johnson MOVED that this \$150.00 charge be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

55. The status of Columbia Park was requested by Councilman Sciarrotta -- Director of Recreation Van Bellehem advised that the recommendation from the San Francisco office will shortly go to Washington, and then it is a matter of waiting for word.

56. Mayor Isen advised that the Torrance Area Youth Band, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Music Commission, will participate in the 14th Annual Youth Band Festival on May 31st at the Shrine Auditorium.

57. A further request that the Council send an appropriate letter and/or resolution that the Torrance Area Youth Band be permitted to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade was noted by Mayor Isen. Mayor Isen thereupon MOVED that such a resolution be prepared, along with a letter on behalf of the Council, in line with the subject request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

24. Council Minutes  
May 27, 1969'

*Vernon W. Coil*

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

*Albert J. ...*

Mayor of the City Of Torrance