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June 10, 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, June 10, 1969, at 7:00 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, Mrs. Eva Bisou, Chairman of the Torrance Safety Council, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

In the absence of Reverend Kornegay, City Clerk Coil gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of May 27th and June 3rd 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, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried as follows:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of

any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Noted.

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A detailed explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen. It was determined by the Mayor that the large number of City employees in attendance was because of the Executive Session scheduled at this meeting regarding Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits. In view of the late hour of the receipt of the material on this matter, and the complicated contents, Mayor Isen advised that a decision would be impossible. Those employees present were assured that the results of the Executive Session would be announced either at the Council meeting of June 17th or June 24th, around the hour of 7:00 P.M. on either date, in order not to unnecessarily detain those employees present at this meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. Presentation by Mrs. Eva Bisou of a Special California Legislative Resolution commending the Torrance Safety Council.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Isen graciously accepted the permaplaque resolution from Mrs. Bisou, requesting that it be given a place of honor in the Trophy Room.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Stationery Supplies (Ref. Bid 69-16).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the Council approve awarding of the subject contracts.

11. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Demolition and Site Clearance (Bid Schedule 69-3).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING & SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work as complete and satisfactory to the City of Torrance, and approve and authorize final payment to be made to Horgan Company in the amount of \$2,035.

12. RELEASE OF OIL WELL BOND #203293.

RECOMMENDATION OF LICENSE SUPERVISOR:

That Oil Well Bond #203293 of Franklin C. Kelly and Guy A. Kelly be terminated and released.

13. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$548.10 to Link Group, c/o General Precision Systems, Inc., for 4 traffic signal loop detectors as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Dept. for use at required street intersections.

2. \$493.50 to Kierkruff Electronics, Inc. for 5,000 ft. of copper cable as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for traffic signal work to be used "as needed".
3. \$561.75 to Brooks Products, Inc. for 4 meter boxes and 12 extension pipes as requested by the Water Department for stock.
4. \$811.72 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for various Hersey-Sparling water meter replacement parts as requested by the Water Department.
5. \$420.00 to Chief Neon Sign Company for partial painting (front, back and side stripes) of 4 leased buses from Santa Monica, requested by the Bus Department.
6. \$1239.93 to Bob Gamble Photo Supply for semi-annual requirement of miscellaneous photographic supplies requested by the Police Department on an "as requested" basis.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

7. \$528.98 to Smart and Final for 8 cases of coffee, 16 cases each of Coffeemate, 16 cartons of Kool-Aid, and 16 cases of Sno-Cone Syrup, as requested by the Recreation Department for use at Recreation events. The City is reimbursed for this cost by the participants of these events.
8. \$2466.45 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 8" x 4" water meter with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines. Payment has already been received from Wallich's Music Company for this service.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - LIBRARY BOOKS:

9. \$7616.14 to Intermountain Book Company for 3,055 assorted adult and juvenile books.
10. \$2688.00 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 431 adult books.
11. \$522.22 to G.P. Putnam's Sons for 81 adult books.
12. \$351.92 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Joe Grecik, for 4 juvenile and 58 adult books.

SPECIAL ITEM - UNBUDGETED:

13. \$392.70 to Sears, Roebuck and Company for one window-mounted 32,000 BTU air conditioner, requested by the Airport Department. This unit is necessary to reduce the working temperatures in the Airport Control Tower Cab to reasonable limits during the summer season.

The Airport Department is working in conjunction with the FAA to determine how the existing air conditioning system may be modified or improved to meet acceptable temperatures. In the meantime, this portable unit is requested from Airport funds to meet the present conditions. Most of the cost of this unit will be amortized under the terms of the control tower lease with the FAA. Although this is not a budgeted item, funds are available in the Airport Fund Retained Earnings.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #10,11,12, and 13. 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.

HEARINGS:

14. VACATION OF JEFFERSON STREET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.  
HEARING on Resolution of Intention No. 69-114.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That following the public hearing scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on June 10, 1969, the City Council approve the vacation;
2. That the subject resolution ordering same vacation be approved and adopted; and
3. That a parcel map combining the two parcels and vacated Jefferson Street into one parcel be recorded concurrently with the resolution ordering the vacation.

Affidavits of Publication and Posting were presented by City Clerk Coil, and were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the subject matter, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

(Considered at this same time was Item #31, because of its relationship to the above:)

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT for the installation of traffic signals, street lighting, traffic signs, pavement markings, and Opticom System at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard at Toledo Street and Jefferson Street to low bidder - Smith Electric Supply. (Job No. 68021).

The financing of the subject project was reviewed -- Mayor Isen suggested that a voluntary contribution to the park fund would be an especially appropriate action on the part of the beneficiary in this case.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF JEFFERSON STREET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-131. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen reiterated his feeling that there should be a contribution to the park fund; Councilman Beasley concurred.

Councilman Uerkwitz, as Chairman of the Council Committee on this matter, expressed his appreciation to the U.S. Navy and Santa Fe for their assistance in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Matt Franich, President, California Industrial Construction and Engineering Corporation, expressed his sincere appreciation to the Council and Staff who worked so hard on this complicated transaction, feeling that it had been handled very expeditiously. Mr. Franich then stated that he will make a reasonable contribution to the park fund. "Thank you" was expressed by the Council.

As to Item #31:

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSOCIATE TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

That the subject contract be awarded to the low bidder - Smith Electric Supply - and that all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Associate Traffic Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. 232ND STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1.  
HEARING on Resolution of Intention No. 69-104.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M., having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by Resolution of Intention, Resolution No. 69-104, when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, or to the extent of said assessment district, may appear before the City Council of said City of Torrance and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said Resolution.

City Clerk Coil then presented the following affidavits to the Council: (a) Affidavit of publication of resolution of intention; (b) Affidavit of mailing notice of hearing; and (c) Affidavit of posting of "Notice of Improvement". Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that these Affidavits be received and filed.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Clerk Coil advised the Council of the written protests filed with the Clerk - labelled 15A and 15B. The protests were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen inquired of the Assessment Engineer, Mr. Thompson if he has examined the protests, and, if so, what is his analysis of them? Mr. Thompson informed the Council that he has examined the protests -- however, the protests on the petition are against the scope of the work, not against the doing of the work of improvement or the formation of the district. The affected property owners want a revision of the district to put proposed 232nd Street all the way through from Arlington to Pennsylvania.

Proper procedure in this matter was asked of the City Attorney by Mayor Isen. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that he would recommend that this Honorable Body (a) continue the hearing for two weeks, (b) refer the matter to the City Manager and the City Attorney to determine how best to carry out the desires of the people, and (c) to report back to the Council thereon at the continued hearing.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and to continue the hearing to June 24, 1969 at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

16. PROPOSED REVISION IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD. Consideration of proposed realignment of 231st Street, west of Walnut. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendations for approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (for reasons previously  
mentioned).

17. PROPOSED REVISION IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD. Consideration of proposed realignment of 235th Place and Haas Avenue, east of Arlington Avenue. PLANNING COMMISSION recommends approval of a 75-foot cul-de-sac.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response.

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

City Manager Ferraro pointed out certain revisions proposed. Mayor Isen recommended that a new map be prepared, and that the hearing be continued for two weeks.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the subject hearing be continued to June 24, 1969, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Sciarrotta,  
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (owns property in the  
subject area).

18. ZC 69-13, HAWTHORNE-CARSON COMPANY AND CARSON-MADRONA COMPANY.  
Request for a change of zone from M-1 and P-1 to C-3 on property located on the north side of Carson Street, west of Madrona Avenue. RECOMMENDED FOR REZONING TO C-3 PRECISE PLAN.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response. Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there was no objection.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for rezoning to C-3 Precise Plan. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Harry Gorman, Del Amo Properties, was present, and, at Mayor Isen's request, described the elegant facilities to be located at this site and the value represented thereby to the City of Torrance.

Also discussed with Mr. Gorman was the sorely needed beautification of the White Front parking lot and the disappointment in White Front's lack of cooperation in this regard.

Mayor Isen was of the opinion that a meeting should be arranged with the Navy officials, Santa Fe, and any other interested parties involved in the pending development in this general area, and the Council Public Works Committee, along with the City Attorney. The Council was in general agreement that such sessions should be given consideration.

19. ZC 69-14, EVERETT POWELL. Request for a change of zone from C-3 to R-3 on property located on the east side of Yukon Avenue approximately 160 feet north of Artesia Boulevard. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on ZC 69-14. There was no response. Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarritta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. V 69-1, JOSEPH F. CORDA. Petition for a variance to the provisions of the R-3 zone to allow the operation of a real estate and insurance office on property located at 18721 Crenshaw Boulevard. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

The proponent, Mr. Joseph Corda, responded, described his intent to improve the property, noting that it has been used as a beauty shop and that the proposed real estate office use would be a superior one. At Mayor Isen's question, Mr. Corda confirmed that, in the event of denial, the beauty shop use would be resumed.

A study of the area, as recommended by Planning Commissioner Brewster, was discussed, it being noted that the present beauty shop variance has a 7-year time period remaining.

The Planning Department conditions for the subject request were then reviewed -- Mr. Corda referred to condition #2 requiring a 6-foot high decorative masonry wall, and advised the Council that arrangements have been made with the adjacent owners to install a grape-stake fence that would be compatible with their fencing. No objections were voiced to this, so long as it met with the approval of the Building and Safety Director.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out the stringent requirements to justify the granting of variances, and recommended that a time limit be placed on the subject variance, in the event of approval.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that V 69-1 be granted, with a time limit of seven years (the remaining time of the beauty shop variance), subject to Planning Department conditions, amending condition #2: "That a grape-stake or redwood fence, at the option of the petitioner, may be constructed on the rear property line and the side property line from the front and side setback lines to the northwest corner of the lot, subject to the approval of the Building and Safety Director". The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further action was taken in a motion offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the Council concurs with recommendation of Planning Commissioner Brewster for a study of the subject area, and that the Planning Commission be instructed to undertake such a study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

21. APPEAL OF S 69-8, UNITED SIGN SERVICE. Request for an over-size sign for Mark C. Bloome Company on property located on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard and Spencer Street. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for denial. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Isen stated that he was shocked at what has been placed on the front of the building and the appearance leaves much to be desired -- in his opinion, no signing at all should be permitted until the existing clutter is cleaned up. Councilman Beasley was in agreement, adding that it certainly is not in keeping with the neighborhood.

The sign ordinance versions, new vs. the old, were discussed -- it being noted that the proponent in this case had tried to incorporate both versions in his signing program

Mr. Chuck Gemmell, United Sign Company, was present to reiterate their need for a pole sign.

Next to speak was Mr. Jerry Fields, Mark C. Bloome Company, who took exception to the above comments -- he does not feel their signing is hideous, but, rather, they are large, clean, and attractive. Mr. Fields also pointed out the visibility problems, with the building being set back approximately 75 feet. Mr. Fields urged that the Council review again their signing needs.

Discussion followed on holding this matter for one week in order to view the site and a further report from Staff, particularly in reference to the alleged 30% on the front of the building. Noted as well was the fact that an animated sign is proposed.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Johnson: That the subject case be held for one week, with a Staff report to come back to Council pertaining to the amount of signing now on the building and the effect of 1½ to 1, if passed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

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At 8:10 P.M. Councilman Beasley moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections. A 10-minute general recess followed at 8:12 P.M.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

22. APPEAL OF DANALOU, INC. (RALPH GARLAND) CONCERNING UNDERGROUND ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTS IN TRACT NO. 21205.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the appeal be denied.

Acting City Engineer Weaver advised that the proponent, Mr. Garland, had requested that this matter be held for one week.

The circumstances of this matter were discussed, and the series of events leading to the present request. It was also noted that Mr. Garland had failed to attend two Planning Commission meetings where this was on the agenda.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that marbelite standards with overhead wiring be required. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

23. IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO WESTERN AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That Council adopt the subject resolution requesting \$280,000 in County Highway-Through-Cities Funds in support of the referenced project; and
2. That Council appropriate \$2,000 from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM "HIGHWAY-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO WESTERN AVENUE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-132. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that \$2,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the project; his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

24. APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR STREET MAINTENANCE. RESOLUTION requesting an allocation of County Aid-to-Cities funds for the maintenance of Select System streets, submitted by Acting City Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID TO CITIES FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM STREETS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-133. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

25. APPEAL OF GALL-A-RETO DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

(Considered later in the meeting, following Executive Session.)

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

26. REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM COMPLIANCE WITH EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1937. Frank Sciarrotta, Richard Clark, and Emerald Investment Company.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the time extension be granted only until July 1, 1969, in accordance with policy established by the City Council in similar cases.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Uerkwitz,  
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta (no interest whatsoever,  
but brother is a proponent).

Mr. Bob Jackson, Coldwell, Banker & Company, representing the principals in this case, stated that a longer time might be needed, and explained that a public limited partnership is being formed to build and own the subject apartment building, it being necessary to sell shares therein being approved by the State Commissioner of Corporations -- the processing thereof proving very slow and time-consuming.

It was the consensus of the Council that should the obstacles appear insurmountable Mr. Jackson could return on July 1st, after first consulting with Mr. McKinnon, and so advise the Council under Oral Communications.

27. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE

Withdrawn from agenda.

28. SIGN ORDINANCE.

Representing the Planning Commission, Mr. George Brewster reported on the Commission's action wherein it was requested that the Council permit a Commission study session on June 25th to review this version of the ordinance. There were no objections to Commissioner Brewster's request.

It was the request of Mayor Isen that the City Attorney prepare an Emergency Ordinance limiting the signs that may go on the face of buildings to 30%.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Council consideration of the Sign Ordinance be delayed to July 8, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

Mr. William Burchfield, Chairman, Torrance Beautiful Commission, concurred in the above action permitting further study of the proposed Sign Ordinance -- he also requested that the November, 1967 version be given reconsideration.

REAL PROPERTY:

29. Chris Sorensen Realty communication re: possible purchase of Litrov property by the City for continuation of 223rd Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to the City Manager so that he may prepare a proper report for the City Council together with further recommendations.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

30. TWO RESOLUTIONS authorizing the installation of TWO HOUR PARKING restrictions 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Sundays excepted, and authorizing the installation of NO PARKING 2:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. restrictions on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard from Monterey Street to Jefferson Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-116, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-134. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-146, ARTICLE I, WHICH ESTABLISHES PROHIBITION OF PARKING FROM 2:00 A.M. TO 5:00 A.M. BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-135. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. Heard earlier in the meeting.
32. Request of W.E. Detwiler to repair electroliers damaged at Los Arboles Park.

Mr. Bill Detwiler, Jr., 5530 Via del Valle, was present to request that he and his father be permitted to do the necessary repair work to the two electroliers at Los Arboles Park destroyed by him.

Discussion followed on the circumstances of the damage, as well as Mr. Detwiler's forthright presentation --City Manager Ferraro noted that it might be possible to hire the father as a contractor and have him waive charges.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that this matter be referred back to the City Manager to work out a contract so restitution may be made, with Mr. Detwiler's father doing the work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

33. Request for Waiver of Fees.  
Mr. Peter L. Lacombe, representing Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company; Standard Oil Company of California; Getty Oil Company; and Petroleum Lakes Glazer.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the requested fee waiver of inspection fees be referred to the office of the City Manager and Director of Building and Safety for administrative processing.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

34. 1968-69 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - FIRE DEPARTMENT.  
Request allocation of \$11,000.00 for architectural work for Fire Station #3, to be relocated on site at 182nd near Yukon.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the request of Fire Chief Lucas that funds in the amount of \$11,000 be appropriated from the current Capital Improvement Budget for the subject project. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. Payment for Court Reporting and Transcripts - Nollac Hearing.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that an appropriation be made from the General Fund, Unappropriated Surplus, in the amount of \$5,662.99 for payment of court reporting and transcripts for the Nollac hearings. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

36. SENATE BILL NO. 941 WHICH ENLARGES FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT STUDIES INTO NOISE EMISSION CONTROL PROBLEMS.

Airport Manager and Planning Director submitting recommendation for approval of RESOLUTION endorsing SB 941.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING SENATE BILL NO. 941 ENLARGING FUNCTION OF THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STUDY COUNCIL TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON NOISE CONTROL FROM ALL SOURCES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-136. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

37. MR. H.R. HALVERSON'S APPEAL RE: CANCELLATION OF TRANSIENT PARKING CHARGES.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Isen that this matter, as with any other claim, be referred to the City Attorney for recommendation as to whether payment should be made or denied. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PARK AND RECREATION:

38. RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the renewal of license between the City and Southern California Edison Company for use of SCE right-of-way for a concession stand for Little League.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE RENEWAL OF LICENSE BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR USE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A CONCESSION STAND FOR LITTLE LEAGUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-137. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

BUS SYSTEM:

39. PETITION requesting "no change" in Victoria Knolls bus service.

Mr. Charles A. Clary, 26001 Calmhill Drive, was present on this matter, on behalf of his father who had obtained the signatures on the subject petition -- he outlined the need for bus service to this area, and requested that there be one or two runs per day instead of completely discontinuing the line.

Discussion followed on the problems and high cost of servicing the Victoria Knolls area -- it was Mayor Isen's suggestion that the merchants in the shopping center (all signers of the petition) should be contacted with some thought of subsidizing bus transportation to this area.

A MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That two round trips per day be provided -- one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to a time schedule that would be generally appropriate. There was no second to the motion.

Councilman Miller then MOVED that there be one round trip per day for a period of 90 days, until such time as there can be a report from the City Manager's office as to cost, etc. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

There was further discussion on the bus lines, the operating costs, and the service afforded.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The hour being 9:15 P.M. the Council went into Executive Session with the City Attorney, relative to agenda item #25. The meeting resumed at 9:30 P.M.

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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

25. APPEAL OF GALL-A-RETO DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
(JOHN GALLARETO) FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF TRACTS NOS. 23517 AND 30602.

Mayor Isen announced that following the conference with the City Attorney it has been learned that the subject tract maps have never been before the Planning Commission, hence the Council is without jurisdiction.

Mr. Clark Leonard was present, representing the proponent, and stated that he feels they are getting the "run around" -- it was recommended that he confer with the City Attorney, the Planning Director, and the Acting City Engineer in an effort to expedite this matter.

40. COMMUNICATION FROM TORRANCE FIRE FIGHERS RE: "ELECTION DAY"

Mayor Isen recommended that this letter be referred to the City Manager for study; there were no objections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. Mr. Sam Hunegs, Local #1117, reported on the action of the Civil Service Commission at its June 9th meeting wherein there was approval of an Open Examination for Meter Reader and Repairman -- it is Mr. Huneg's request that this be a Promotional Examination inasmuch as it does amount to a promotion for a considerable number of employees, and that no action be taken until a poll can be taken to ascertain how many employees would apply for such an examination were it a Promotional Examination.

Personnel Director Donovan pointed out that Meter Reader and Repairman is an entering level class -- that there is no class from which this would be promotional -- with the examinations always on an Open basis and never before challenged.

There was discussion by the Council as to how to proceed -- recognizing their lack of jurisdiction in the matter of ordering examinations -- City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that the Council could freeze the position until such time as there had been reconsideration by the Civil Service Commission. Mayor Isen so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections. Mayor Isen clarified that the intent of his motion is that there be no examination until this matter is aired out; it being his request that the Civil Service Commission reconsider this matter. Mayor Isen then so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen then requested that the Minute Secretary furnish a verbatim transcript of this portion of the meeting to the Civil Service Commission, with a copy to Water System Manager Borgwat.

43. Councilman Johnson, on behalf of the Prairie Avenue Four-Square Church (it being necessary for the minister to leave the meeting), advised that in seeking their building permit this date learned that their variance had expired. Councilman Johnson then MOVED re: the subject variance for the Four-Square Church at 18098 Prairie Avenue, that the building time be extended for six months. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

44. In reference to Information Item G, the complaint of Mr. Howard C. Frace, City Manager Ferraro advised that Mr. Frace has been hospitalized; Mayor Isen requested that he be advised by letter of the necessity of filing a formal claim.

42. RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 69-16,  
(ALBERT D. GIANNI).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL  
USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISE SALE  
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONNECTION WITH  
A BONA FIDE RESTAURANT AS APPLIED FOR IN  
PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 69-16  
(ALBERT D. GIANNI)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-138. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried as follows:

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

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At 10:05 P.M. Mayor Isen announced that the Executive Session regarding Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits would convene at this time, with the Council returning to merely adjourn the meeting on its completion, and no further business to be considered. Councilman Beasley so moved; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil  
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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

