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Ava Cripe
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Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 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 Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Frank Tyrrell, at the request of Mayor Isen, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Robert Dehn, Chaplain of Golden Hours Home, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of regular meeting of June 10th not yet received.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Noted.

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Mayor Isen welcomed the large audience, with many City employees in attendance, and explained the manner in which the Council meetings are conducted.

Successful litigation upholding the ordinance which permits a maximum of 4 pigeons was reported by Mayor Isen -- a resident housing some 20 pigeons will be notified by Deputy Attorney Allen that other arrangements will be necessary for all but 4 of the pigeons by June 20th.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. AWARD OF PERMAPLAQUE RESOLUTION No. 69-117 expressing appreciation to STANLEY L. DUNN for his faithful and diligent service to the City of Torrance as a member of the Youth Welfare Commission.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Isen extended their warm congratulations to Mr. Stanley Dunn for his untiring efforts as a member and Chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission. Mr. Dunn likewise expressed his appreciation for his rewarding association with the City.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Liquid Chlorine, Pitt Chlor and Muriatic Acid - (Reference Bid B69-27)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council award the contract to the low responsible bidder - Jones Chemicals, Inc. of Torrance - in the amount of \$2599.80, including tax.

11. CLAIM of Richard G. Smith for vehicle damages sustained on May 17, 1969 at Elm and Torrance Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK.

That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

12. CLAIM of Kenneth J. Will for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a false arrest and imprisonment on March 31, 1969, at the Torrance Police Department.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK.

That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

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

1. \$1053.36 to Consolidated Electric for 55 cases of flashlight batteries, Size "D", as requested by the Fire, Police and Garage Departments.
2. \$1806.53 to Constructors Supply for 62 gross of 20-minute traffic flares as requested by the Police and Fire Departments for use in emergencies.
3. \$376.95 to Electric Supply Distributor for 5,000 feet of copper wire as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use as underground wiring for street lighting.
4. \$372.75 to Brooks Products, Inc. for 100 meter boxes requested by the Water Department for use when needed.
5. \$669.90 to W.B. Equipment Company for 500 plastic water hydrant caps as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
6. \$556.50 to Caligraphics Printing and Publishing Company for 40,000 copies of new assorted bus line schedules as requested by the Bus Department for distribution.

B. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - LIBRARY BOOKS:

7. \$381.15 to Silver Burdett Company for 55 adult books.
8. \$650.00 to G.P. Putnam's Sons, Coward-McCann, Inc., for copies of the "Greenaway Plan" publications.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - UNBUDGETED ITEMS:

9. \$630.00 to Eugene Dietzgen Company, c/o John Beyers, for two only microfilm readers to be used in the library system.
10. \$1522.50 to Eastman Kodak, c/o Leonhard McGinn, for two Recordak Microfilmers to be used in the library system as requested by the City Librarian.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #10,11,12, and 13. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS:14. FIRST FORMAL BUDGET HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 1969-70.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the first public hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 1969-70 fiscal year.

Added by Mayor Isen was the comment that a number of people were auditors and participants during the workshop sessions, and that the Council was very gratified by the interest displayed.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that it be received and filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen then inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. He announced that the second public hearing would be held on June 24, 1969.

Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED that the hearing be continued to June 24, 1969, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The new owner of the Jumpin' Jack Restaurant, Mr. Gerry DelConte arrived at the meeting at this point. He was greeted by Mayor Isen, introduced to the audience, and wished great success, on behalf of the Council, in his restaurant business. Mr. DelConte responded, expressing his optimism in this community and his interest in civic activities, along with an invitation to the Council to participate in their "Old Timers Day" on June 18th.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

15. CONTINUED HEARING (From meeting of June 10, 1969).
APPEAL OF S 69-8, UNITED SIGN SERVICE (Mark C. Bloome Co.)
 Request for an oversize sign for Mark C. Bloome Company on property located on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard and Spencer Street. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL.

(Because of its relationship to the above, Item #21 was considered at the same time:)

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

21. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE providing that wall signs may not cover in excess of 30% of the wall in which they are placed, submitted by City Attorney.

Planning Director Shartle displayed photographs of the Mark C. Bloome signing on Rosecrans Boulevard, which is what would result on Hawthorne Boulevard if the requested additions are approved.

Wall signs were then discussed. Mayor Isen commented on his understanding that wall signs would be like a brick wall and would be limited to one third of the area -- but there are hybrid situations where there are doors that are never closed during the operation of business, for instance -- and recommended that there

be a formula wherein open space would never be considered as part of a wall, particularly when that open space is an area which is wide open during business hours. It was further suggested by Mayor Isen that the square footage of the wall area be determined, then subtract the square footage of that area which is meant to remain open during business hours, and take one third of the remainder. It would seem to Mayor Isen that this would eliminate an abuse that was overlooked in everyone's thinking.

Then described by Planning Director Shartle was what he thought was a roof sign at the subject business is in reality, under the law, a wall sign -- the wall having been extended upward so that it may be called a wall sign legally.

Councilman Johnson commented that the proponent appears to have taken advantage of the loophole in the law in the use of the face of the building -- adding that if it is the intent of this proponent to go by the old ordinance, then they should stay in tune with that ordinance; however, if $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 for the new sign is desired, then the signing on the face of the building must be reduced to conform with what is proposed in the new ordinance. A further comment by Councilman Johnson was to the effect that a wall sign be defined as 30% of the wall, exclusive of any openings, including windows and doors; secondly, that there be no "roof" signs showing to the same face, i.e. the use of a parapet which serves as one huge sign covering -- hence, Item #21, the Emergency Ordinance, should incorporate these suggestions.

Pointed out by Councilman Sciarrotta was the building next to the Bank of America at Hawthorne and Sepulveda with a sign that covers half of the wall, recognizing that this is not presently covered by ordinance, and there is a need for control.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon recommended the passage of the Emergency Ordinance, as presented, with further study relative to Councilman Johnson's recommendations -- Mr. McKinnon can foresee possible complications, as well as the need for possible adjustments.

As to Item #15, Mayor Isen ordered that this matter be filed.

As to Item #21:

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

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1987

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 AND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 8, DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WALL SIGNS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 1987 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta requested that the earlier mentioned signing at Hawthorne and Sepulveda be checked out by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that the Planning Commission, in reviewing the Sign Ordinance, might direct their attention to window signs since there seems to be a tendency to clutter them with many signs.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION revising Master Plan Study No. 1, Streets and Highway Victor Precinct, by the elimination of a proposed alley located westerly of Anza Avenue and southerly of Emerald Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING MASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 1, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, VICTOR PRECINCT, BY THE ELIMINATION OF A PROPOSED ALLEY LOCATED WESTERLY OF ANZA AVENUE AND SOUTHERLY OF EMERALD STREET.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-139. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change 68-17, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1988

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 REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD BETWEEN THORNBURGH AVENUE AND AINSWORTH AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-17.

(Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1988 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. IMPROVEMENT OF LOMITA BOULEVARD FROM ANZA AVENUE TO OCEAN AVE.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the Council authorize proceeding to construction on the referenced project. (Job #66077).

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

19. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 28987.
 SUBDIVIDER: Peninsula Enterprises
 Bonding Company: United Pacific Insurance Company
 Bond No. B-559997 Amount: \$35,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:
 That subject bond be released.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

20. AWARD OF CONTRACT - SANITARY SEWERS IN TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT - Phase IV (B69-26) Job No. 69017.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to CHET KOHLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY; and
2. That \$1,000.00 be appropriated from the Airport Retained Earnings Fund to cover costs.

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.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

21. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RE: Wall Signs.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

22. REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM COMPLIANCE WITH EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1937 - KENNETH E. PETERS.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

23. RESOLUTION authorizing the installation of a THROUGH STREET on 187th Place at Ermanita Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION 63-35, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-140; his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that Engineering furnish him a report regarding the widening of Ermanita Street.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. Administrative Reorganization No. 9.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

1. That the class of Public Works Director be abolished.
2. A new class of City Engineer be established.
3. One position be allocated to the class of City Engineer in lieu of the one existing position of Public Works Director to be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendations, 1, 2, and 3, of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick spoke at this time regarding the Move-Up Pay Ordinance and the fact that an Assistant Department Head cannot receive a Department Head's pay, pointing out that the Assistant City Engineer has been Acting City Engineer for seven months. Mayor Isen requested that there be a report from Administration in two weeks on this matter, and there were no objections.

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The hour being 6:04 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections. A 15-minute recess followed at 6:06 P.M., at which time the Council went into Executive Session with the City Attorney on a matter of legal advice.

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AIRPORT MATTERS:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Easement Deed to Southern California Gas Company.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER:

That the City Council approve and grant the subject easement and adopt the confirming Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-141. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. ORDINANCE RE: TIPPLER'S TAX.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1989

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 27 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION TAX AND ESTABLISHING RULES FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1989 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

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

Noted by Mayor Isen was the fact that in the Council Budget Workshop sessions it was agreed that this money be collected and held pending litigation now on an upper court level as to legality, that none of that money be spent until such time as legality is established -- further, that the money be earmarked specifically for capital improvements, preferably for park land, adding that it could be invested by City Treasurer Rupert the same as any other City funds. Councilman Johnson so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

City Manager Ferraro took this opportunity to report on City Treasurer Rupert's successful investment ventures and the benefit represented thereby to the City of Torrance.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. Report to Council re: 1969-70 Salary, Wage and Fringe Benefits.

Mayor Isen invited those who wished to be heard on this matter to come forward.

First to respond was Mr. Sam Hunegs, Local 1117, who stated that here is the "moment of truth" and complimented the Council on its action in the preparation made long before January 1969 when S.B. 1228 went into effect by permitting negotiations to go on. Mr. Hunegs then outlined the consideration given by Local 1117 to such matters as the cost of living increase, health insurance increases, and the actions of private industry. The end result was quite pleasant, Mr. Hunegs concluded, in that amicable agreements were achieved insofar as the non-uniformed classified employees were concerned -- the Council has provided the vehicle and insured that there will not in the foreseeable future ever be any labor unrest.

Mr. Jack Egan, representing the Torrance Management Employees Organization, stated that they are requesting reconsideration of the salary adjustments for those positions represented by his organization. Mr. Egan asked that Council take into account the fact that the bench mark survey, originally used as a concept for salary adjustments, that out of that came the adjustments for the balance of the employees of the City; however, the positions represented by the Torrance Management group were left out. Mr. Egan further stated that it is believed that the bench mark survey was an excellent start for fairness and equity and is something that should be extended to the Management group as well as the other groups. It was suggested that Council look on this as an opportunity to bring this particular group back into the mainstream of the employee relationship and to put the matter back in the hands of its agent, the City Manager, for reconsideration.

Representing 139 members of the Torrance Fire Fighters, Mr. Richard DeArmitt thanked management and the Council on the consideration of their wage request; both sides worked very hard to arrive at a package, noting that they had relinquished 4 months of a pay raise to get a start on their goal of a 56-hour work week.

Mr. Phillip Joseph, representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, pointed out that his group had not yet signed the Memoranda of Understanding, and advised that they have, this date, given the negotiating team a letter for reconsideration of the salary adjustments at this time. Mayor Isen inquired as to the proper procedure, it being determined that an impasse had been reached, and it was agreed that Mr. Joseph should present his case on the points of difference, following which the Council would go into Executive Session.

TPCA's requests (per their letter of June 16, 1969), Mr. Joseph advised consist of: 5½% increase; like vacation benefits; \$2.50 per month for each officer for clothing allowance; 5% adjustment for Captains; repayment of 2 days lost in 1966 and 1967; reinstatement of the position of Assistant Police Chief;

reclassification of personnel for Senior Officer (a Civil Service Commission matter). The 45-minute daily overtime has been withdrawn, by decision of their Board.

Mr. Joseph then advised that Management has requested that they give up the 5½% for six months for the vacation other groups have attained -- he stated that this will be of no cost to the City and will only mean a heavier workload on the employees who are working.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick, representing the Engineers, stated that the matter of the C.E. Assistant should not be entered as a dispute, and they do not wish to disagree before the Council on that particular item; as to the effective date of July 1st for the wage increase, this was the date incorporated in the original Memorandum of Understanding and signed by all the participants, in the interest of clarification.

Officer Joseph returned to point out that TPOA has requested that the fringe benefits become effective on July 1, 1970, with the exception of the 5½% increase which would be July 27, 1969. Mr. Joseph then requested that, if necessary, and in line with the new Employer-Employee Relations Ordinance, they would like to go to Fact-Finding and Mediation. Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson clarified the procedure in this regard under S.B. 1228.

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At 6:55 P.M. the Council recessed for the above referred to Executive Session. Deliberations resumed at 7:20 P.M.

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Before returning to Item #25, the Council considered:

ADDENDUM:

28. Communication from Chairman Bisou, Torrance Safety Council, requesting reconsideration of elimination of Minute Secretary.

Mayor Isen requested that the communication be filed, and there were no objections.

25. At the request of Mayor Isen, Assistant City Manager Scharfman reported that the Council reviewed the letter from the Torrance Police Officers Association, it having been pointed out to the Council that some of TPOA's requests have been modified since the first session of meetings and conferences. The cash cost to the City, Mr. Scharfman continued, has decreased and some of the requests are costing the City in time, not in dollars. Therefore, after the review, the City Council feels that it can agree with the TPOA on requests #1 through #6, as follows:

1. A 5½% increase across the board effective July 27, 1969;
2. \$2.50 monthly increase in the clothing maintenance allowance effective January 1, 1970;
3. Acceptance of the vacation plan agreed on with the miscellaneous employees, effective January 1, 1970;

4. Adjustment of 5% in the pay in the class of Police Captain, effective July 27, 1969 (which is the only adjustment in the Police Department);
5. Repayment of two days off lost in 1966 and 1967, to be repaid one day in 1970 and one day in 1971;
6. To begin paying step increases on the anniversary date of those increases instead of on the first day of the month following the anniversary date.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the Council approve the above items #1 through #6 of the Torrance Police Officers Association memorandum dated June 16, 1969. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta,

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Officer Joseph came forward to first thank the Council for the above action, and to point out that ^{on} Item 7, a and b of that June 16th communication they do not intend to give up the right to negotiate on these items. Mayor Isen commented that no one gives up any rights, that is understood.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable on Councilman Johnson's motion.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the question on Item #7 re: the Assistant Chief of Police be referred to management for study and recommendation to the Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen noted that the matter of Assistant Chief of Police involving the establishment of a position is not a negotiable item, and has nothing to do with "meet and confer".

Assistant City Manager Scharfman continued, advising that the request of the Torrance Management Employees Association was also reviewed -- it was pointed out to the City Council that two Assistant Department Head positions would be receiving the same salary as one or more of the employees they supervise; it was also pointed out that a bench-mark survey had been made and had been utilized. Mr. Scharfman advised that the Council had changed its position only in one respect - agreeing that the two Assistant Department Head positions would be paid a 5% differential between themselves and those employees below them whose salaries had become equal. Other than that, the Council did not change its position.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above report re: Torrance Management Employees Association request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Attention of the Council was now directed to the ordinances to be referred back to the Civil Service Commission,

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the following proposed ordinances be referred back to the Civil Service Commission for study and recommendation: B and B-1 (Emergency and Regular Ordinances)

relative to Vacation Provisions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1990

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 1910 AND ORDINANCE 1926 RELATING TO SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1990 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1991

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE 6, OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, GOVERNING THE DIVISION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THREE BODIES OR PLATOONS; AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 6, ARTICLE 6, OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1991 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, 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. 69-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND AMENDING SALARIES OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-142. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further action was taken in a MOTION offered by Councilman Johnson: That the Council concurs with MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Hunegs inquired as to the effective date of the health insurance and vacation packages -- noting that problems will be presented unless effective on July 1st. Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson advised that it would be necessary to call a Special Meeting of the Civil Service Commission in order to meet this date. Mayor Isen directed that Personnel Director Donovan call such a meeting for this purpose.

Appreciation was then expressed by Mr. Hunegs, on behalf of the employees, who assured the Council that the employees would demonstrate this appreciation by continuing their high standards of performance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Manager Ferraro announced the arrival of a son to Traffic Engineer and Mrs. Art Horkay. Congratulations were voiced by all present.
30. A meeting of the Council Finance Committee regarding the selection of an independent auditor was requested by City Manager Ferraro.
31. Praise was forthcoming from Mayor Isen relative to City Clerk Coil's artistic and informative last page of the agenda, a new innovation and a welcome one -- and to the humble Minute Secretary for her recordation of this elegant Council's activities.
32. Councilman Beasley also referred to the above still humble Minute Secretary, and the fact that it appears an adjustment in the basic pay appears in order. Mr. Beasley asked that this be referred to Management for a recommendation; there were no objections.
33. Councilman Johnson commended the Recreation Department and Staff for the preparation of the Cultural Activities Inventory; he felt it would be of great value, deeming it a good and professional study.
34. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Planning Director Shartle investigate the zoning in the vicinity of 190th and Hawthorne, and submit some kind of plan that would encompass the new intersection. Mayor Isen referred specifically to the former "Tom Cat" operation in this area, and the license agreement in existence relative to that business, requesting that City Attorney Remelmeyer check this license as to whether it is revocable or not.
35. Council concurrence on two plaques which would serve to acknowledge contributions to the Civic Center Fountain Fund was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz, who displayed the proposed plaques. Discussion followed on the appropriateness of such action, the funding therefor, and the status of the contributions received to date. It was agreed that a report be furnished by Councilman Uerkwitz on the project; no formal action was taken relative to the plaques. Mr. George Webel, 18402 Regina Avenue, came forward to advise that he would be willing to participate in the fountain fund-raising in any manner deemed helpful by Councilman Uerkwitz.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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APPROVED :

Albert Jones
Mayor of the City of Torrance

