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Adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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June 24, 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 24, 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:

Following introduction of the Ralph Grippo family, Mayor Isen asked that Miss Jeannette Grippo, aged 10, lead in the flag salute.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Wally Kornegay, First Church of the Nazarene, gave invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of June 10, 1969 and June 17, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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:

The meeting of the Council Finance Committee at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, June 25th was noted.

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As in the custom on the fourth Tuesday of the month, it was Homeowners Night for the Marble Estates Homeowners Association -- their president, Mr. Bob Flora, expressed their appreciation for the Council's invitation, outlined their prospective programs, and extended an invitation to the Council to attend their Family Picnic which will be held on Labor Day at 2 P.M. at Hickory Park.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Service, Inspection and Preventative Maintenance of Air Conditioning Units in City Buildings (Reference Bid #B69-24).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the bid submitted by Nichols Refrigeration, Inc. of Torrance in the amount of \$3,202.00 for annual preventative maintenance and approximately \$4,500.00 additionally for required parts and labor for "repair as downed units" charges for the year.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Annual Sports Equipment Requirement. (Reference Bid #B69-29).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council award the contract to the low responsible bidder - Torrance Sport Shop - in the amount of \$13,652.66 including tax.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Shell Oil Company re: L.A. County "Cooperative Purchasing" Program, Fiscal Year 1969-70.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve of the joining with the County of Los Angeles in a mutual gasoline contract with the Shell Oil Company for fiscal year 1969-70. The anticipated total expenditure is expected to be about \$80,000 annually for regular and premium gasoline.

12. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT:

REQUEST OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the conducting of a Public Auction on July 12, 1969 at 11:00 A.M. for the purpose of disposing

of surplus vehicles and equipment as certified by the Equipment Superintendent.

13. Annual Gasoline and Oil Contract for Police Vehicles.

Withdrawn from the agenda, at the request of the City Manager.

14. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$393.75 to Centerline Products Company for 100 gallons of pre-mix white paint with glass beads as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use in painting street lines.
 2. \$329.70 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 4" water flow check detector designed per Los Angeles City design.
 3. \$344.52 to Grand-Prix Coach Craft for parts and labor in repairing City Vehicle #836 (Dodge Pickup) as requested by the City Garage.
 4. \$609.00 to Dorn Ernst W. Company, Inc. for one only Arts & Crafts machine which makes screens used for printing as requested by the Recreation Department for use in various Recreation programs.
 5. \$310.17 to Pacific States C.I. for ten pipe sleeves and other miscellaneous parts as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
- B. SPECIAL ITEM - LIBRARY:
6. \$750.00 to Capitol Record Company for assorted phonograph records as selected.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on Items 9,10,11,12, and 14. 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.

(Taken out of order:)

38. INSPECTION TRIP CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT SYSTEM AND OROVILLE DAM. JULY 11,12, and 13, 1969.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. Authorization of an appropriation from the Water Fund of \$50.00 to cover the flat fee required of the Mayor, each Councilman, and each Water Commissioner, if participating in the inspection trip;

2. To extend the authorization under 1. above to include the City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Manager, and Water System Manager, if participating;
3. To allow invitation, at the City Manager's discretion, of a maximum of three substitutes from the Administrative Staff for those of the eighteen officials included under 1. and 2. above who will not participate.

Mr. Ben Haggott, Torrance Director with the Metropolitan Water District, was introduced at this time; he expressed the hope that all would plan to take this Inspection Trip.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Water System Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS:

15. SECOND BUDGET HEARING - 1969-1970 FISCAL YEAR.
RESOLUTION ADOPTING 1969-1970 BUDGET.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the second hearing on the City Manager's proposed budget for the 1969-70 fiscal year, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Harry Plotkin, 22315 Avis Court, president of the Torrance Swim Team Association, requested that the Council reconsider the cuts made in the swim program at the pool. Mr. Plotkin then described the Invitational Meets which are held at the pool, involving 250+ participants from various cities and which have been very successful.

It was determined that the item referred to by Mr. Plotkin represents \$5,685, and discussion followed on the overall budget considerations, the cuts that were necessary, and the merits of the swim program per se.

Representing neighbors in the vicinity of 178th through 182nd Street, Mr. Jim Bouska, 2418 West 179th Street, discussed the matter of the Utility Tax; it being recommended that the citizens be permitted to vote on this issue. It is Mr. Bouska's opinion that industry concerns itself not only with taxes applicable to them but those that apply to their employees; as a result there is a move today out of Los Angeles County into Orange County, and there will be more unless this type of thing is stopped. Mr. Bouska urged that the Council reconsider the Utility Tax, and put the vote to the people. Discussion followed on taxation in general, with Mayor Isen clarifying the difficult decisions faced by this Council in the evolvement of the 1969-70 budget.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for reconsideration of Page 197 of the budget re: the swim team operation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

It was noted by both Councilman Miller and Mayor Isen that their "yes" votes are for the purpose of debate only.

Director of Recreation Van Bellehem commented on the program -- noting that it costs approximately \$165.00 per week just to keep the pool open in terms of gas to heat the water and the chemicals that are used, plus a cost of \$6.00 per hour, with the total cost depending on the amount of volunteer help that would be available. The total swim program, from Memorial Day to September 15th, was also described by Mr. Van Bellehem, which program serves approximately 3000 youth and adults, noting that this has not been eliminated from the budget.

Although the hearing had been closed, Mrs. Eugene Laxton, 4809 Paseo de las Tortugas, was permitted to speak -- Mrs. Laxton urged that the recreation program be maintained inasmuch as it results in reduced vandalism and juvenile delinquency.

Discussion returned to the budget cuts and the regrettable fact that many desirable items were necessarily curtailed. Councilman Uerkwitz inquired into avenues of compromise that might be accomplished, as did Councilman Johnson relative to possible financial assistance from the participating groups. Mr. Johnson suggested that another look should be given when detailed information is available, and that the budget be adopted as it is, assigning this matter a high priority, with the hope that the program can be kept going.

Councilman Johnson thereupon MOVED that the Council proceed to the resolution in regard to agenda item #15. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Wilson: That the Council reinstate in the 1969-70 budget the amount of \$5,685 in connection with the off-season swim classes and swim team. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Relative to their "no" votes, were the following comments. Councilman Miller referred to the Budget Workshop Sessions wherein the City Manager was directed to cut back and the audience represented people opposed to the utility tax; now the audience has changed, and it appears that the Council is now saying to Staff that they no longer

believe in those recommended cut-backs, which have now been made in Staff's best professional judgment. Mr. Miller cannot, therefore, favor revising this decision, admittedly with regret, but feeling that he would be saying something that he did not say a few days ago, and the serious need to reduce taxes, as has been voiced at this meeting.

In agreement with Councilman Miller was Councilman Sciarrotta who added that he will not close his eyes to this situation, and in the event more money is available, he will favor reconsideration.

Mayor Isen described his "no" as a reluctant one.

Councilman Uerkwitz recalled that he had offered the motion to keep the subject project in the budget in the workshop sessions, and it was only removed when the budget was returned for additional cuts. Mr. Uerkwitz feels this an essential program for the City; that it handles many people at a very low cost, and that it should remain in the budget.

Clarification of his vote was made by Councilman Johnson in that he believes this project should be watched, and should there be any possibility of returning it, this should be done; he is not opposed to the program but feels it should remain as is until more is known about the direction of the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 1969-70.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-143. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The 1969-70 budget for the Police Department was reviewed by Mayor Isen, with the further comment that it might be well to look to the Federal government in police areas, there being no argument as to this as a source of funds to help out the local taxpayer, as well as no interference or control in this regard -- this endeavor is titled "Safe Streets Act" and provides funds to improve local law enforcement, and Mayor Isen requested that Staff investigate this matter. City Manager Ferraro confirmed that applications will be made under this Act, and that a report will be furnished the Council.

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The hour being 7:55 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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Considered at this time, out of order:

REAL PROPERTY:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City and J.F. & B. Development Company for the purchase of property to complete the extension of Anza Avenue, between 238th Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUISITION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND J.F. & B. DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY TO COMPLETE THE EXTENSION OF ANZA AVENUE BETWEEN 238TH STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-144. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS:

16. 232ND STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:
(Continued from June 10th meeting).
HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 69-104.

Having just received the lengthy material on this matter, and noting the request for a Special Meeting of the Council by the property owners, and noting the further fact that the majority protest is still outstanding, the manner of procedure was considered by the Council.

Mr. Hugh Ashley, 2320 - 231st Street, requested that the Council meet on Saturday morning, June 28th, for consideration of this matter, which is a more convenient hour for the employed people of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Betty C. Ponsford, 2306 West 231st Street, presented a petition indicating that they wish to withdraw their protests, and approve the alignment described in the May 13th Resolution No. 69-104, requesting that it be opened up to the Killingsworth property only. The subject petition was filed with City Clerk Coil, with verification by Mr. Thompson to follow.

Next to speak was Mrs. Martha Valdez, owner of property at 23124 Pennsylvania, who advised that she resides in San Francisco and is greatly inconvenienced by the many meetings, adding that she does not wish to sell out.

It was agreed to meet at 6:00 P.M. on July 8th regarding this matter, and Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the subject hearing be continued to July 8, 1969, at 6 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Wilson: That the Council meeting of July 8, 1969 start at 6:00 P.M., rather than the usual hour of 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (starting at 6 P.M. makes for
an awfully long Council meeting).

Mayor Isen requested that City Manager Ferraro so advise the Council if, in working on this matter, he feels it should be referred to the Council Public Works Committee.

17. VACATION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN 185TH STREET AND THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY RAMP (BENEFICIARY: CAL-GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT).
HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 69-123.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That after the public hearing the City Council approve the vacation and direct that a Resolution ordering the vacation be placed on a Council agenda when the following conditions have been met:

1. A precise plan is approved for Lots 1 through 10 of Tract No. 17560.
2. The houses on Lots 1 through 5 of said tract have been removed.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and was ordered filed, there being no objection:

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

Councilman Miller moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that the vote of the Council in this case would be to approve in principle only and direct that a Resolution be prepared.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Acting City Engineer and direct that a Resolution be prepared. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz requested that a pending report on Crenshaw Boulevard in the section where the trees will be left in the middle of the street, be furnished the Council as soon as possible. Acting City Engineer Weaver advised that the report has been drafted and will be immediately forthcoming.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

18. PROPOSED REVISION IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD. (Continued from June 10th meeting). Consideration of a 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 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 Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission recommendation, revising the alignment to be the recommended pattern "D", with a 75 foot cul-de-sac instead of 100 feet, and direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary resolution therefor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, 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).

19. ZC 69-15, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Initiation of a change of zone from any and all existing zones to P-U zone for properties in the City of Torrance with title vested in the Torrance Unified School District.

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

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 Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone any and all existing zones for properties in the City of Torrance with title vested in the Torrance Unified School District to P-U zone. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. Communication from the Planning Director re: request from Dan E. Butcher requesting City Council consideration to remove Ladeene Street between Maricopa and Emerald Streets from the Victor Precinct Master Plan.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject request be referred to the Planning Commission and direct that a public hearing be held. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections, with Mayor Isen abstaining because of a professional hiring.

21. Communication from the Planning Director re: Final Tract Maps 23517 and 30602.

Attorney Don Hitchcock, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, was present on this matter. City Attorney Remelmeyer, at Mayor Isen's request, advised that it is his opinion that the City would be liable for the flooding of the lower properties in the subject drainage area, and the construction by houses by Mr. Gallareto will increase the flood hazard. Mr. Hitchcock restated the circumstances of this matter, as detailed in the Planning Commission minutes of June 18, 1969.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the Legal Department has a signed consent from the bonding company and Mr. Cake to pump the sump; from a practical standpoint the digging cannot commence until the sump is pumped, with the City or its nominee having the right to pump the sump.

Mr. Hitchcock then outlined the untenable position of his client, Mr. John Gallareto, it being his feeling that he had consummated all of his obligations as to the conditions on the tract -- the escrow, therefore, being closed, with the various payments requested by the City being paid and the utmost cooperation displayed; further, the sum of approximately \$560,000 has been paid Mr. Cake, on which interest is now running \$130.00 per day. Complete compliance has been demonstrated, Mr. Hitchcock continued, and they are entitled, within ten days, for approval of the tract map; now conditions are being read into this matter at this late hour.

At Councilman Beasley's direct question as to whether Mr. Gallareto has met the conditions of the water drainage on the subject two tracts, Acting City Engineer Weaver stated that, in order to comply, he has to be concerned about the liability of the City, and he needs the City Attorney to advise him what is to happen with the Flood Hazard Report that indicates there must be available, appearing in the Real Estate Commissioner's Report, such information for the people to read and sign. City Attorney Remelmeyer added that it is his opinion that there is a very high probability of liability for the flooding of houses already built to the east of the sump -- the Acting City Engineer has qualified his approval by stating that he considers it satisfactory only if there is no increased liability on the part of the City; as City Attorney, Mr. Remelmeyer would find such liability.

It was then the comment of the City Attorney that should the Council elect to approve the tract maps, and feel the above irrelevant, then it is his recommendation that a moratorium be placed on the construction of all buildings and structures in the entire drainage area until such time as that sump is built.

Councilman Beasley stated that he does not feel this Council morally or legally justified in using the subject tracts to fight Charlie Cake and his noncompletion of the sump.

With the above advice of the City Attorney and the Acting City Engineer, Mayor Isen stated that no one could vote for the final tract map -- should a court rule that the conditions had been met and that approval of the map was in order, then this Council having to think of the welfare of the entire area would put a moratorium on the area -- a

"fighting windmills" situation for Mr. Hitchcock. Mayor Isen then alluded to the City Attorney's earlier information that a consent agreement to pump the sump had been obtained, and he recommended that everyone get together on this matter, that there be a showing of good faith, and that it be cleaned up in an attempt to eliminate the many problems. There was further review of possible methods of accomplishment, it being suggested by Mayor Isen that this matter be continued, provided Mr. Hitchcock will so stipulate, to permit the resolving of these considerations.

Mr. Hitchcock requested a recess at this time - 9:10 P.M. - Mayor Isen obliged, and ordered a 10-minute recess.

On resumption of the meeting, Mr. Hitchcock expressed agreement with a two week continuance of this matter. Mayor Isen then recommended that this be reviewed by the Council Public Works Committee, with a report to be furnished the full Council prior to the July 8th Council meeting, this matter, by stipulation, being continued to July 8th. Further, the concerned parties are to get in touch with Councilman Uerkwitz, Chairman of the Public Works Committee -- it was agreed that a meeting of the committee be held on Monday, July 7th.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

41. ORDINANCE NO. 1989.

Mayor Isen invited those present on Ordinance No. 1989 to come forward.

The first presentation was made by Mr. Sam Filippone, owner of Filippone's Restaurant, who displayed artistic, forceful anti-tippler's tax placards for the benefit of the audience and the Council. Mr. Filippone stated that such a tax is now at the level of the Supreme Court of the State of California -- it is requested that the Council await that decision before taking action on Ordinance No. 1989.

Mr. William Schultz, attorney, 1926 South Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, representing Torrance restaurant, cocktail, and tavern owners presented a petition bearing 55 signatures opposing the proposed tax. It was requested that Council delay for further study and consideration the adoption of Ordinance No. 1989 inasmuch as there is now an appeal pending, the highly questionable constitutionality involved in the Los Angeles tippler's tax, and that a committee be appointed to study this matter. Mr. Schultz then reviewed the history surrounding alcoholic beverages in the State of California -- also outlined by Mr. Schultz were the complications that would be presented by refunds, if this should be necessary, along with the problems of competition, etc. faced by people in this business. Councilman Beasley moved that the date of August 1, 1969 of Ordinance 1989 (Section 2, Page 5) be changed to October 1, 1969. His motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Schultz concluded, urging the earnest consideration of the Council to this most serious matter.

Next to speak was Mr. Bob Barron, 2320 Torrance Boulevard, who stated that the time is fast approaching when they are pricing themselves out of business -- customers will turn to the package store.

Mr. Jerome Babisch, 20930 Hawthorne, stated that the proposed tippler's tax, in imitating the City of Los Angeles, will seriously affect business; further, it is a discriminatory tax against one business, and that all so-called "luxury" type businesses should likewise be taxed.

Mr. Robert Gaines, 1625 Cabrillo, labelled the tippler's tax discriminatory, and asked support of the Council in protecting their interests as members of the community.

The collection of the tax, in the opinion of Mr. Emil Hurst, 1508 Cabrillo, before it is known whether or not it is legal, is unwise.

Councilman Beasley MOVED that consideration of Ordinance No. 1989 be postponed for 60 days. The motion died for lack of a second.

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 adoption of Ordinance No. 1989 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, as follows:

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

In reference to his "no" vote, Councilman Wilson commented that he so voted because of reservations as to its legality, the complications that would be presented by refunding; of further concern to Dr. Wilson is the fact that taxes are constantly being added, this being just another tax, and, again, as he stated with reference to the utility tax, the money can come without giving the exemptions that have been somewhat promised.

Mayor Isen stated that he had voted "yes" because there would be no other way to get open space park land.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the money from this tax will be for a very delinquent capital improvement program with primary emphasis on the purchase of park lands, which he deems most worthwhile and desperately needed.

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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

22. RESOLUTION regarding Acceptance of Future Street (Lomita Boulevard).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That subject Resolution be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES A PORTION OF TRACT NO. 19108 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTION "LOMITA BOULEVARD".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-145. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. RESOLUTIONS regarding Lomita Boulevard Right-of-Way Acquisition (Corner returns at Anza and Ladeene Avenues).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the Council approve and adopt the subject Resolutions;
2. That the City Manager and City Attorney be authorized to execute necessary documents to acquire the subject easements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND RUSSELL R. RANKIN AND PATRICIA A. RANKIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 3 (C) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOMITA BOULEVARD FROM LADEENE AVENUE TO ANZA AVENUE.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-146. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved to concur with Recommendation #2 of the Acting City Engineer, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BEN GENE COOPER AND IRIS S. COOPER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 2 (B) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOMITA BOULEVARD FROM LADEENE AVENUE TO ANZA AVENUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-147. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, 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. 69-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND T.J. CARPENTER AND LOUELLA CARPENTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 1 (A) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOMITA BOULEVARD FROM LADEENE AVENUE TO ANZA AVENUE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-148. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

28. Executive Session re: Discussions with TMEO.

In view of the late hour, it was agreed that the subject Executive Session should be scheduled for Tuesday, July 1st, at 5:00 P.M.

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At 10:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and to reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

The Council returned to its agenda at 10:01 P.M.

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24. RESOLUTION regarding improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Pacific Coast Highway to 235th Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$250,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax funds for the referenced project.

- 2. That the subject resolution requesting \$220,000 in County Highway-Through-Cities funds in support of the referenced project be adopted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above Items #1 and #2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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. 69-149

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 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO 235TH STREET.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-149. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 25. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS FOR DESIGN OF STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$10,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax funds for the improvement of Carson Street from Torrance High School to Western Avenue.
2. That \$5,000 be appropriated from 2107 Gas Tax funds for the improvement of 182nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Doty Avenue.

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

- 26. Heard earlier in the meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 27. ORDINANCE relating to Increased Vacation Benefits.

Inasmuch as there had not been time to review this material, it was agreed that this item be held for one week, to the meeting of July 1, 1969.

- 28. Heard earlier in the meeting.

- 29. Letter from Torrance Fire Fighters, Local 1138, requesting time be granted to their representatives for the purpose of attending a seminar.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the requested time off; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. Revised Class Specification - Services Officer.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the revised class specification for Services Officer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

FISCAL MATTERS:31. WALTER M. NOLLAC HEARINGS.

Request for final payment and appropriation for services of Attorney Walter N. Anderson.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the City Council approve the final payment of \$3508.75 to Attorney Walter N. Anderson for his services in regard to the Nollac hearings and appropriate this amount from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus. Funds are available.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

32. RESOLUTION providing for the issuance of a negotiable note for the Vegas Lease (United California Bank).

City Treasurer Rupert advised that on the note form (page 3) the last sentence should be revised to read, "as of the date of delivery" (instead of "the 1st day of July, 1970"); further, those portions of the resolution and note where the interest was left blank, the figure 5.25% should be inserted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF (A) NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$64,000.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-150. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. Renewal of Bus Comprehensive, Fire and Theft Insurance expiring July 1, 1969.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

We feel this is a good average bid because of the seven added buses and the increase in risks; therefore would recommend that

the quotation of Farmers Insurance for our Bus Comprehensive, Fire & Theft Insurance be accepted at an annual premium of \$2,765.70 based on a one year policy term, subject to review.

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

34. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Legal Advertising, Fiscal Year 1969-70.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That Council accept the bid submitted by the Daily Breeze and approve awarding a contract for the next fiscal year.

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

35. Recommendation of Finance Director, with concurrence of City Manager, for appropriation from the General Fund for three 1968-69 Capital Improvement Projects.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the total amount of \$77,680 be appropriated from General Fund Unappropriated Surplus for Capital Projects - ID No. Cl, R30, and MS 24 as described in communication of June 19, 1969.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. HICKORY PARK ACQUISITION.

RESOLUTION providing for the issuance of a negotiable note for Hickory Park (United California Bank).

City Treasurer Rupert advised that 5.25% interest should be indicated in the blank spaces on the Resolution.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY TREASURER:

1. Authorize the payment of \$29,680.00 from the General Fund to provide principal and interest payment.
2. Pass the subject Resolution which provides for the issuance of a new negotiable note in the amount of \$50,000.00.
3. Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer such funds as found to be necessary for the technical completion of the transaction.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Treasurer. 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF (A) NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-151. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:37. LA CARRETERA PARK GAME COURT.RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That the one bid received be rejected and that we readvertise for the construction of the game court at the same time that the Hickory Park tennis court is to be constructed.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

38. Heard earlier in the meeting.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

39. RESOLUTION determining the general prevailing rate for straight time and the general prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work in the City of Torrance for certain crafts or types of workmen.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR STRAIGHT-TIME AND THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR LEGAL HOLIDAY AND OVERTIME WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR CERTAIN CRAFTS OR TYPES OF WORKMEN.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-152. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

40. ORDINANCE NO. 1988.

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

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1988 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

41. Heard earlier in the meeting.

42. ORDINANCE NO. 1990.

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

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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1990 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

43. ORDINANCE NO. 1991.

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

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, OF ARTICLE 6, OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1991 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

44. DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS DAY - June 27, 1969.
45. "LET FREEDOM RING" DAY - July 4, 1969.

So proclaimed by Mayor Isen.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

46. RESOLUTION RE: REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FINANCING.

City Treasurer Rupert advised that the figure 4% should be entered in the blank areas of the Resolution for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY TREASURER:

1. Authorize the payment of \$4,896.32 from the Community Redevelopment Agency Administrative Fund to provide the interest payment due.
2. Pass the subject Resolution which provides for the issuance of a new negotiable note in the amount of \$153,010.
3. Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer such funds as found to be necessary for the technical completion of the transaction.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Treasurer. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, 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. 69-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF (A) NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,010.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-153. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

47. City Manager Ferraro introduced Mrs. Arthur Horkay, wife of the Traffic Engineer and the mother of a new son to the Horkay family.
48. Councilman Beasley referred to the 232nd Street Opening and the fact that some \$32,000 has been set aside in the budget for same -- it is his feeling that this type of project is illegal and he does not feel it a good practice to start in the City of Torrance. Mr. Beasley referred to the earlier request at this meeting that \$5,000 be restored to the swim program, and MOVED that the Council dispense with the 232nd Street Project and reinstitute the \$5,000 for the swim program.

Discussion followed. Councilman Wilson commented that there is some merit to the suggestion. Mayor Isen reiterated his original objection to the waiving of interest.

There was no second to Councilman Beasley's motion and it died.

49. At the request of Councilman Miller, who reported on his understanding that the Columbia Park funding had come through, Director of Recreation Van Bellehem confirmed this and stated that the contract should be received in approximately three weeks. Mr. Van Bellehem furnished a graphic illustrated explanation of the park financing, with further clarification furnished by City Manager Ferraro.

50. Councilman Sciarrotta referred to the heroic lifesaving at Entradero Park involving two Torrance youngsters, and recommended that an appropriate resolution and a tile plaque be prepared; there were no objections.

51. Review of the relocation of the Santa Fe railroad tracks by the Council Public Works Committee was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz. It was felt that the rest of the Council might be interested in a field trip to increase their understanding of what is proposed -- the date of July 1st at 4 P.M. was agreed upon for such a trip.

52. Councilman Uerkwitz requested a Staff report on the merits of a short cut procedure for minor modifications to Conditional Use Permits.

53. A hazardous corner at Ainsworth and Artesia has been noted by Councilman Wilson. Traffic Engineer Horkay will check on this.

54. Chief Koenig advised that a narcotics suspect had just been apprehended, along with some \$350,000 worth of raw heroin -- this heroin was on display in the Police Conference Room for viewing by the Council and the press.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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June 24, 1969