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Adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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July 8, 1969

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 1969, in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall at hour of 6:00 P.M. Opening Ceremonies were held for the usual meeting time of 7:00 P.M.

2. Present 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.

Attention was immediately directed to the agenda item prompting the earlier meeting hour:

HEARINGS:

12. 232ND STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1  
HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 69-104

Mayor Isen announced that this is a continued hearing on the above matter to this time and date.

At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, advised that the original 53.75% protests have been reduced to 30.12%, and that it is now proper to proceed in this matter.

Deputy Attorney Smith outlined the proper procedure to be followed, orally relating the contents of the material before the Council.

City Clerk Coil advised that no written protests have been filed.

Mayor Isen then inquired if there were any oral protests, and there was no response.

Next asked by Mayor Isen was whether or not any person present desired to speak in favor of this proceeding or comment upon it in any other way. Deputy Attorney Smith clarified that this step in the procedure relates to the District as far as the Killingsworth property. There was no response.

As noted above, the Assessment Engineer reports as follows: "Written protests filed with the City Clerk, and not withdrawn, represent 30.12% of the area of the property to be assessed for the proposed improvement."

Prior to closing the hearing, there was discussion as to the extent of the street opening, and it was agreed to proceed in the manner previously agreed, i.e. to the Killingsworth property.

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There being no one who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The adoption of the following Resolutions was the next order of business.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta to waive the reading of the subject Resolutions. 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. 69-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 104. (232nd Street Assessment District No. 1)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-160. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Beasley that the City has developed the oil fields from no streets at all to what they are at the present time -- there are some beautiful homes in this area, and the Council has never given anyone anything to develop these homes and streets; now it is proposed to give \$32,000 to two people so that the back side of their property may be developed, yet \$5,000 was eliminated from the budget for a swim program at the pool because of a shortage of money.

The history of the 232nd Street Opening was reviewed and the series of events which brought the Council to this point of action -- their awareness of commitments to this stage was acknowledged, as defined in Resolution of Intention No. 69-104.

Mayor Isen requested that consideration of the Resolutions be resumed, with the assurance from Management, Legal, and Engineering that the Council is doing no more or no less than was initially agreed when this project was started. Staff confirmed this assurance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-161

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY; ORDERING THE

CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS;  
FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THAT  
SAID WORK BE DONE BY CITY FORCES; AND  
ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVEMENT TO BE  
DONE BY CITY FORCES.

(232nd Street Assessment District No. 1)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-161. 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. 69-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND  
ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC.  
(232nd Street Assessment District No. 1)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-162. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING  
THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY  
REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO  
CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY  
PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW  
AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH  
PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES; AND DIRECTING THE  
CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN  
ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CON-  
DEMNATION THEREOF.

(232nd Street)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-163. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.  
(232nd Street)

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-164. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:10. COMPLETION OF SECOND FLOOR OF POLICE STATION.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE:

That the City Council officially approve the final construction plans and pay the firm of Koebig & Koebig, Inc., the sum of \$6,279.00, as specified in Article V, Item B, of the agreement.

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

1. \$817.95 to Remington Rand Office Systems, c/o John Brennan, for two Remington Rand 10-drawer microfilm cabinets requested by the City Librarian to be used for storage of library owned microfilm.
2. \$407.93 to Reliable Iron Foundry for one only 20" x 16" tapping pipe sleeve requested by the Water Department for use on the Van Ness Extension Project previously approved by Council on April 22, 1969.
3. \$1955.10 to Automatic Signal Company (LFE) for three replacement traffic signal controller units and two pedestrian controllers requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$727.70 to Johnson Stationers for two office chairs, one desk, one bookcase and one credenza requested by the Police Department for the Police Chief's office.
5. \$1976.10 to Henry Pratt Company for two 16" and two 12" water valves requested by the Water Department for use on the Van Ness Extension Project.

6. \$816.48 to Park-Son, Inc. for six 8" water valves requested by the Water Department for use on the Van Ness Extension Project.
  7. \$382.20 to South Bay Uniforms for four only .45 caliber pistols requested by the Police Department to be issued to the Torrance Police Reserve Officers.
  8. \$1364.64 to Bro-Dart Company for 31 different library supply items requested by the City Librarian for the Torrance Library System.
- B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:
9. \$1105.86 to Park-Son, Inc. for miscellaneous pipe fittings of the 16-inch and 10-inch size requested by the Water Department for installation at the AiResearch Service on Van Ness Avenue. Payment for this water service has already been received.
- C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - CITY LIBRARY:
10. \$3621.92 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 517 adult titles and 5 reference books.
  11. \$308.72 to Doubleday and Company, c/o John Thorne, for 10 juvenile titles and 47 adult title books.
  12. \$2650.82 to McGraw-Hill Book Company, c/o Norbert Weber Library Services for 277 adult title books.
  13. \$413.92 to New York Times Library Services for one set of the New York Times Book Review, 1896-1906.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on Items 10 and 11. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

(The regular agenda order was dispensed with at this point:)

BUS SYSTEM:

35. TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH EL CAMINO JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUS SUPERINTENDENT AND CITY MANAGER:

That the subject contract be approved for a period of 45 days and that Staff be directed to renegotiate the terms of the contract during that period of time.

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:36. CIVIC CENTER PROJECT.

RESOLUTION approving an agreement for the hiring of Schwabacher-Rafferty & Company, Inc., as Financial Consultants.

RESOLUTION approving agreement with O'Melveny & Myers for bond counsel services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE HIRING OF SCHWABACHER-RAFFERTY & CO., INC., AS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS OF THE CIVIC CENTER PROJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-165. 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. 69-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND O'MELVENY & MYERS FOR THE HIRING OF SAID FIRM AS BOND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY-CITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

(CITY HALL ADDITION)

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-166. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

37. RESOLUTION urging officials of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association to accept the entry of Torrance Area Youth Band in the New Year's Day Parade.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING OFFICIALS OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION TO ACCEPT THE ENTRY OF THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BAND IN THE ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-167. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

38. ORDINANCE 1992.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1992

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 EAST SIDE OF YUKON AVENUE BETWEEN 182ND STREET AND SAN DIEGO FREEWAY, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 67-2.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1992 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. ORDINANCE 1993.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1993

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 BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND WASHINGTON STREET SOUTHWEST OF PLAZA DEL AMO BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-12.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1993 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

40. ORDINANCE 1994.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1994

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1.22 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE  
HEARINGS REGARDING DISMISSALS, SUSPENSIONS,  
DEMOTIONS, AND REDUCTIONS IN PAY TO A  
HEARING OFFICER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1994 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

41. ORDINANCE NO. 1996.

A correction was noted: Page 2, (b) (3), third line should read - "...service, twenty (20) working days annual vacation..."

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1996

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 3 OF RULE XIII OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPEALING SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE 5 AND SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ARTICLE 35 RELATING TO VACATION AND REPEAL EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1995.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1996 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

42. ORDINANCE NO. 1997.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1997

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 10 OF ARTICLE 31 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MOVE-UP PAY FOR VACANT POSITIONS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1997 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE.

24. STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the three storm drains, per sketches submitted, be adopted as part of the City's storm drain master plan.

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

25. CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN (PER PLAN #SD-285) IN TRACT 22704  
Developer: R.A. Watt/Boise Cascade.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That subject storm drain be considered eligible for future reimbursement of drainage fees.

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

26. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 83.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That Sewer Reimbursement District No. 83, with a connection charge of \$6.00 per front foot and \$924.89 per acre, be established to recover the cost of sewer construction.

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

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

31. Re: Approval of Policy to bill private enterprises for certain charges.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

That the City Council establish a policy to bill private enterprises for charges incurred in installing, maintaining, and removing special curb markings to benefit their business. It is further recommended that churches and governmental agencies, such as the Post Office, be exempted from this policy.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

32. RESOLUTION commending Captain Walter R. West on his retirement from the Fire Department after 34 years of service.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING CAPTAIN WALTER R. WEST ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER 34 YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-168, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Fire Captain De Armitt, on behalf of the Torrance Fire Fighters, thanked the Council for the adoption of the above Resolution, and extended an invitation to them to be present at a banquet in Captain West's honor on July 31st.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

34. RESOLUTION re: Amendments to Leases 3-A and 3-B Jefferson Company.

Recommended for adoption by Airport Manager and City Attorney.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: (3-A)

RESOLUTION NO. 69-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 3-A BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISION AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-169. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: (3-B)

RESOLUTION NO. 69-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 3-B BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISIONS AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-170; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Introduced at this time by Mayor Isen were the students from the 7th and 8th grades at Jefferson School auditing this Council meeting, along with their teacher, Miss Adamson, and Mr. Zecher, Principal.

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The hour being 6:50 P.M. a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen, with resumption of the meeting at 7:00 P.M. and the formal Opening Ceremonies.

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OPENING CEREMONIES:

Planning Commissioner James Armstrong in attendance with his United States Government students from Torrance High School was introduced by Mayor Isen, and a warm welcome extended.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Sandy Kraft, an 8th grader at Jefferson School, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Michael Glatte, YMCA Program Director, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of June 24 and July 1, 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.

Noted.

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Mr. Ernie Wilbanks, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, distributed their latest version of a map of Torrance, "Headquarters City", California to the large audience.

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Mayor Isen described Council procedure for the benefit of those in attendance at a Council meeting for the first time.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. SERVICE AWARDS TO CITY EMPLOYEES:

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Isen extended congratulations and appropriate pins to City Employees present with from five to twenty years of service.

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(Considered at this time:)

19. FINAL TRACT MAPS 23517 AND 30602.

(Continued from June 24, 1969 meeting).

Representing Mr. John Gallareto, Attorney Don Hitchcock reviewed the past week of negotiations in this matter with City Staff, Mr. Charles Cake and his attorney, Mr. Fidel Schmitz, and advised that an impasse had been reached. The point in conflict relates to the City Staff's position that \$50,000 be deposited with the City by Mr. Cake, a like amount being matched by the City and the bidding procedure followed, so that the sump may be completed forthwith.

Mr. Cake will put up \$50,000, Mr. Hitchcock continued; however not with the City, but, rather, in a bank in a regular building escrow. Mr. Cake, further, will solicit his own contracts for completion of the sump (without the cost of going to bid), placing these contracts in the escrow, agreeing to complete the sump expeditiously. Mr. Hitchcock also advised that Mr. Cake will agree that in the event he does not proceed expeditiously that on notice the City may then move in and complete the sump.

Mr. Fidel Schmitz, attorney for Mr. Cake, confirmed the above stated facts.

Mayor Isen then recommended a one week continuance to work out such an escrow with appropriate conditions.

In the interest of clarification, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that a bank escrow is not satisfactory to him -- were the funds under the City's control then he would feel reasonably assured that the sump would be completed -- having the money in

escrow elsewhere, in his opinion, is no substitute for the completion of the sump. For one thing, Mr. Remelmeyer continued, an escrow can be quickly stopped simply by issuing instructions to the escrow holder not to go forward, resulting in the money being held subject to a lawsuit -- it further appears that \$50,000 will not complete the sump -- hence such an escrow does not give any more guarantee than the City presently has. It is Mr. Remelmeyer's recommendation that Mr. Cake give the City the money, which will afford the necessary control and assurance that the sump will be completed -- the law suit can be continued and damages recovered, less the \$50,000.

Discussion followed on the merits of such an escrow and the conditions to be imposed which would guarantee performance. Mayor Isen suggested the "Builders Control Service", a firm which pays the bills in these circumstances, which might be of service. Mr. Hitchcock commented that the same thing could be accomplished by the selection of any bank for the escrow and irrevocably assigning the money for the completion of the sump, with the contractor obtaining his money directly from the escrow. The majority of the Council indicated that a bank escrow, with conditions as above indicated, would be satisfactory (Councilman Wilson dissenting, feeling that the City should control the funds).

Mayor Isen recommended that this matter be continued for one week, to permit the necessary arrangements. This was agreeable with both Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Schmitz, and they so stipulated.

Mr. Hitchcock outlined his understanding that, on his return next week, it will be satisfactory if Mr. Cake has deposited \$50,000 in a building escrow in some bank, with contracts to be paid as submitted, with an agreement by Mr. Cake to complete the sump. Mayor Isen noted that it is to be further agreed that Mr. Gallareto will pump the sump, and that Mr. Cake will complete the sump per the original plans, and that the entire agreement be made irrevocably.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the subject matter be continued to the Council meeting of July 15th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At Councilman Miller's suggestion, a poll of the Council as to their feeling on the above recommended escrow arrangement resulted in votes as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Uerkwitz (reluctant, in some  
agreement with Councilman Wilson);  
and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

13. ZC 69-8, C.N. CAKE. Change of zone from C-3 to R-3 or R-4 or R-5 on property located on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard approximately 200 feet south of Rolling Hills Road. RECOMMENDED FOR R-5 ZONING.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the public hearing on ZC 69-8. It was the Mayor's recommendation that this matter be continued for two weeks; no objections were expressed by Mr. Fidel Schmitz, and there was no one present who wished to be heard at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue the hearing on ZC 69-8 for two weeks, to the Council meeting of July 22nd at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

14. APPEAL OF CUP 69-13, ERNEST AND AMELIA VALENTINO. Appeal of a conditional use permit to allow the on-premise sale of alcoholic beverages in connection with a cocktail bar on property located at 1434 Marcelina Avenue and described as Lot 19, Block 6, Torrance Tract. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Correspondence: One letter of protest.

Mr. Walter Kroneberger, 1436 Marcelina Avenue, as well as a representative for the Public Administrator of Los Angeles, were present on this matter. It was noted that the Public Administrator of Los Angeles does not wish to run a bar as an asset of the State; inasmuch as the premises have been closed more than 90 days, problems are presented with ABC. Mr. Kroneberger referred to the objections voiced at the Planning Commission as to the alley entrance, stating that this is not exactly true in that rear door is actually in the UCB parking lot -- a parking lot that is open after banking hours and adequately illuminated; to enter from the front is merely a matter of walking down an extended front sidewalk. Mr. Kroneberger, at Mayor Isen's question, advised that he would welcome the reopening of this establishment; it would be good for downtown Torrance. It was further noted by Mr. Kroneberger that arrangements for parking have been made with UCB by the prospective owner, Mr. Valentino.

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.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for denial of CUP 69-13. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Miller spoke against the motion. It was the comment of Councilman Miller that this bar has been at this location for 33 years; the problem being that the business has been closed for 90 days. At Mr. Miller's question, Chief Koenig

advised that there had been no unusual complaints at this location.

The Planning Commission action was reviewed by Mayor Isen -- such action he feels threatens the Conditional Use Permit process and invites overruling by court action in matters involving alcoholic beverages, particularly when dealing with transfers, and is not a planning matter. It would more appropriately be a matter for review by the License Review Board -- in the subject case, Mayor Isen continued, the bar has been in existence for many years and has faced various economic situations, without any complaints of record -- to deny this request would a complete lack of due process, in the Mayor's opinion, and unreasonable and arbitrary.

Councilman Miller added that the subject location is surrounded by a parking lot and commercial enterprise, and it seems to him that the Conditional Use Permit was created for the purpose of protecting residential areas; such is certainly not true in this case.

Questioned by Councilman Wilson was how the area could best be upgraded and the possibility that another use might be preferable.

In view of the absence of complaints reported by the Police Department, Councilman Sciarrotta would have no objection to the request, particularly in view of the need to encourage downtown Torrance to the fullest extent in keeping properties rented.

Councilman Beasley, in support of his earlier motion, stated that he had so moved because he feels it a poor place for both a law office and a bar, but, in view of the above considerations, WITHDREW HIS MOTION FOR DENIAL.

be approved

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that CUP 69-13, subject to Staff conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Isen requested a Staff study in reference to transfers of existing alcoholic licenses being channeled through the License Review Board rather than the Planning Commission.

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The hour being 8:00 P.M. a 7-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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- 16. ZC 69-16, LAURENCE A. WAGNER, JACK M. ROTH, GORDON J. IRVINE, AND SALIAS R. ARIAS. Change of Zone from M-1 to R-3 or R-4 or R-5 on property located on the northeast corner of Earl and Spencer Streets and described as Lot 30 and a portion of Lot 29, Tract 2895.

Representing the proponents, Mr. Guy Cobb, 3142 Pacific Coast Highway, requested that ZC 69-16 be continued for 60 days to September 9, 1969.

Considered at this time as well:

17. PROPOSED REVISION IN MASTER PLAN FOR THE VICTOR PROJECT  
Consideration of a proposed revision to change the use from industrial to residential on property located on the north-east corner of Earl and Spencer Streets and described as Lot 30 and a portion of Lot 29, Tract. 2895.

A like request for postponement was made by Mr. Cobb.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the proponents request, that items #16 and #17 be postponed for 60 days, to September 9, 1969. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

15. ZC 69-17, MARVIN R. AND LENA B. BROWN. Change of Zone from A-1 to R-3 on property located on the north side of 190th Street midway between Doty Avenue and Felbar Avenue, and described as a portion of Lot 30, McDonald Tract, Rancho San Pedro.

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; there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 of the Planning Commission, for rezoning to R-3, subject to a Precise Plan, with one of the requirements being that the height of the buildings be limited to one story; such requirement to be recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

18. SIGN ORDINANCE:

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that the advent of the Mark C. Bloome Tire Company signing has had a distinct effect on his thinking on this whole problem -- he has, in fact, reservations now as to the 1½ to 1 ratio, and feels that the trouble may center around gaudiness and blatant, screaming signs. Suggested by Mayor Isen was the adoption of a very restrictive ordinance, with a variance procedure available and a somewhat liberal policy thereto; at the time of application for the variance the applicant could be requested to set forth a whole master plan for the entire premises. Further suggested by Mayor Isen was that such requests be made to

the License Review Board, with quick follow-through to the Council.

Councilman Miller commented on previous Council action on signing matters, which prompted the authoring of a less restrictive ordinance, and now a reverse action is recommended.

The Planning Commission's restrictive action on signing matters was commended by Councilman Sciarrotta who recalled Council action giving the Commission such authority, without appeal to the Council; such action being rescinded in short order by Wallich's Music City's appeal. Mr. Sciarrotta concurs that the ordinance should be restrictive but with a right of appeal, realizing the problems presented by large companies with standard sign sizes.

It was the comment of Councilman Beasley that it is extremely difficult to restrict businesses who desire many signs -- their business is desired by the City of Torrance, and yet the signs are not wanted. Mr. Beasley recommended that there be a Sign Board, let them be the tough ones, with appeal to the Council who likewise should be firm.

Concern was expressed by Councilman Johnson that such a Board might become an "Art Jury".

Mayor Isen reiterated his recommendation that this matter be returned to the City Attorney, that a tight ordinance be written, modified by having the License Review Board, with appeal to Council on payment of a fee.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the Sign Ordinance be referred to the City Attorney for incorporation of the ideas outlined in the above discussions.

Prior to a second on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz urged that this not go back to the City Attorney -- it now looking like a joke -- adding that the buff ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission accomplishes virtually everything that is desired, and recommending that the ordinance merely be held over to permit incorporation of the wanted requirements.

The motion died for lack of a second, the Council being in agreement that the suggested revisions be worked out by the Planning Director and City Attorney. Planning Director Shartle confirmed that it is the intent of the Council that all signs be reviewed, as is done presently with service stations, etc.

It was further requested that the revised Sign Ordinance be returned to the Council on July 22nd.

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20. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 28738, DAN BUTCHER, SUBDIVIDER; LANCO ENGINEERING, ENGINEERS. A six-lot tract located on the south side of 231st Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Uerkwitz, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Wilson.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (may have a financial interest); Mayor Isen (professional hiring)

21. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22068, CREATIVE HOMES (James D. Taylor and Vernon Davis); LANCO ENGINEERING, Engineers.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER AND PLANNING DIRECTOR:  
That subject final tract map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the subject final tract map be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PLANNING DIRECTOR re: DEADLINE FOR WAIVERS ON UPGRADED R-3 REQUIREMENTS as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The communication was properly noted by the Council, it being the consensus that each case should be judged on its merits. Councilman Beasley MOVED that the subject communication be filed; his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections..

(Considered at this time:)

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

28. REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM COMPLIANCE WITH EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1937 - DON WILSON TRACT 30638 - 125 Units, 5520 West 190th Street.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon clarified that the delay is occasioned by negotiations between the City of Torrance and the City of Redondo Beach in reference to Beryl Street, and is not the fault of the developer -- hence his recommendation for approval of the request.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. APPEAL OF CUP 69-28E, RUSS THOR.

23A. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RE: CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Mayor Isen stated his understanding that special attention is required in the subject matter in that time is of the essence and the fact that it is impossible to comply with conditions involving the giving of land for an alley.

Councilman Uerkwitz announced that he would abstain from any discussion on this matter -- there is a conflict of interest.

Councilman Beasley then MOVED that the subject provision be eliminated from CUP 69-28E.

Prior to a second on the motion, Mayor Isen pointed out the need for action to making the conditional use permit exemption legal before the Council, having just learned that on this procedure there is no appeal to Council. City Attorney Remelmeyer distributed ordinances, in emergency and regular form, to accomodate this need.

Mr. Russ Thor came forward to review his request, and to state that he cannot meet Planning Commission recommendations #1 "That a minimum 5-foot setback shall be provided along Hawthorne Boulevard"; #2 "That a 5-foot setback shall be at least 60% landscaped and provided with a sprinkler system, with some provision developed for maintenance"; and #8 "That 20 ft. shall be dedicated for the alley in the rear". Mr. Thor added that conditions #1 and #2 pertain to his present property, and #8 pertains to property that he is leasing and does not own.

Councilman Miller inquired of the City Attorney if Mr. Thor is properly before the Council -- City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that he is not until such time as the emergency ordinance now before the Council is passed, further advising that this legislation had been prepared at the request of Councilman Uerkwitz at the June 24th Council meeting. Further clarification was furnished by City Attorney Remelmeyer as to the Conditional Use Permit Exemption procedure which is without appeal to the Council.

Questioned then by Councilman Miller was the propriety of accomodating someone on a given night at a given moment, pointing out that there are undoubtedly many cases which have never had such an opportunity -- further, he has not even had a chance to read the material. Councilman Sciarrotta felt that proper channels should be followed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1998

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS  
OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 9  
(THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF THE TORRANCE

MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE  
FOR THE GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS FROM  
THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING CONDITIONAL  
USE PERMITS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF  
AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 1998. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, but failed to carry, with a tie vote as follows:

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

Mr. Thor was advised by Councilman Sciarrotta that it would now be necessary to follow the regular procedure -- Mayor Isen labelled this "choking him with red tape". Councilman Miller responded this would be the same red tape with which other people have been choked; to Mr. Thor, Mr. Miller stated that he may have a very valid case but that is not the issue - the issue is one of procedure and the same must apply to all equally and fairly, and he fails to understand the chaotic manner of this presentation.

Clarification was attempted by Mayor Isen -- two routes were available to Mr. Thor: application for a Conditional Use Permit would have permitted appeal to the Council, but he was advised by Planning Director Shartle to apply for an Exemption to a Conditional Use Permit, which is entirely different, and not appealable to the Council. All of which could be accomplished, the Mayor continued, by one sentence stating the Conditional Use Permit Exemption may be appealed to Council. Mayor Isen added that the matter has already been thoroughly heard by the Planning Commission, which unfortunately resulted in requirements that cannot possibly be met. There is no special privilege here, but merely a matter of trying to help a good Torrance citizen with a creditable business; Mayor Isen concluded that if Mr. Thor waits another six weeks, spends another \$125.00, he will only be back before the Council at which time they will play God and unanimously give him the requested relief.

Councilman Miller reaffirmed his strong feeling that a principle is involved and procedures should be followed, no matter who is involved.

It was stated by Councilman Johnson that a business is being restricted from growing; this has only been an attempt to get the proponent legally before the Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta noted that Mr. Thor is not being foreclosed -- he would, in fact, approve the request were the proper procedures followed.

Commenting at this time, Mr. Thor said that he feels it is only a citizen's right in the City of Torrance to appeal to the City Council, regardless of the nature of the business. Complete agreement was expressed by Mayor Isen, this defect regarding

Council appeal having been uncovered and deleted in all other cases except this one -- it ever having been Council policy to hear a case on its merits; the subject case being one of rank injustice if he is not given the necessary relief.

Councilman Uerkwitz directed a question to the City Attorney, stating that because his wife is employed by Mr. Thor he has ruled it a conflict of interest -- can he review this case or does he truly have a conflict of interest? City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that there is no problem with regards to the ordinance and he certainly might vote on that.

Mayor Isen then ruled, as Chairman, that the ordinance where it does not provide for an appeal to the City Council is unconstitutional, and he will entertain Councilman Beasley's motion for approval of the requested relief on CUP 69-28E.

Councilman Miller took exception, with the statement that the complete concept of serving as Mayor is destroyed with the above, and says that "you will take it in your own hands and very simply tell the City Attorney and six other people where to get off, because you are ruling."

This was denied by Mayor Isen who noted that the majority rules; he has certain rights as Chairman to accept any motions desired, if there is majority agreement -- he will stick with Roberts Rules of Order against any parliamentary procedure.

Questioned of the City Attorney was whether or not Councilman Uerkwitz might vote on this matter. City Attorney Remelmeyer ruled that Councilman Uerkwitz may vote; the fact that his wife is an employee does not represent conflict of interest.

Mayor Isen then seconded Councilman Beasley's MOTION to eliminate Items #1, #2, and #8 from CUP 69-28E, ruling, despite Councilman Miller's comments, that any provision in any ordinance that denies the right of appeal is unconstitutional; hence the motion is accepted and seconded by him.

Councilman Johnson commented that whether Councilman Uerkwitz or his wife is involved has no influence on his vote one way or the other -- it's a matter of justice.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Before casting his "no" vote, Councilman Sciarrotta asked for clarification of the meaning of the motion; Mayor Isen so clarified that the motion will permit the use of the property by Mr. Thor with the stated conditions deleted.

At this time City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he addressed himself not to the question of legality, having already stated that he believes the action illegal, but to the require-

ment of dedication because in the past this honorable has required as a condition of a building permit that the commercial improvement ordinance requires that a dedication be made, that even if the lessee is constructing building that the dedication still be made. Mayor Isen stated out that the City Attorney had been directed some time ago to amend that ordinance.

Further stated by City Attorney Remelmeyer was that to apply conditions across the board and the line must be drawn at some point -- if someone else comes in under similar circumstances he would have to be given the same treatment.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that he felt the Council has flagrantly violated the due process of law.

With his "yes" vote Mayor Isen stated that this is a very good example of due process to a good citizen, reiterating his conviction that such a provision is unconstitutional and does not afford due process.

Councilman Johnson recommended that the proposed ordinances be returned in due course.

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At 9:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections. A 10-minute general recess followed at 9:01 P.M.

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On resumption of the meeting Councilman Sciarrotta directed a question to City Attorney Remelmeyer, relative to the Thor matter, did he or did he not say that the vote and the motion were illegal? Mr. Remelmeyer replied in the affirmative. Mayor Isen commented that it is presumptively legal. In response Mr. Remelmeyer disagreed, stating it presumptively illegal because the ordinance specifically states that it is not appealable, as specifically provided by the Council.

Councilman Wilson then inquired as to the propriety of the motion even being made. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that the motion was illegal in that the Council had no authority to pass on the matter.

It was stated by Councilman Beasley that it is his understanding that there is no way in which the City Council can give away its authority or power. Mr. Remelmeyer commented that the Council has the power to delegate its authority within certain bounds; it can be taken back but it must be done by legislative process, by passing an ordinance since the power has been delegated by ordinance. Mr. Remelmeyer added that there is a general appeal provision in the ordinances where the Council has not provided for any appeals, but where it is specifically

provided that there shall be no appeal, then the general appeal provision does not hold.

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BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

27. REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH DR. RALPH BLACK. (1) To permit erection of a building on property dedicated to the City for future right-of-way for 190th Street; and (2) for a waiver of requirement to install a sidewalk along Hawthorne Boulevard, submitted by R.G. Miller. (Property to be leased temporarily for use as a "Go-Kart Track.")

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the subject request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Before roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Isen pointed out the difficult traffic situation at this location which will result in a monster and a death trap. City Traffic Engineer Horkay confirmed approval from a traffic standpoint, subject to the conditions imposed.

The motion carried as follows:

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

Relative to his "no" vote, Mayor Isen commented that he so voted for the reason that this compounds a tremendous traffic problem, and would recommend that the State take a very close look at the request because it does not seem that the City has.

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BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS.

29. CITYWIDE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 15.
1. Assessment Engineer's Report.
  2. Finance Department Memo.
  3. Motion on City contribution.
  4. RESOLUTION re: Street Lighting District No. 15.
  5. RESOLUTION filing engineering report.
  6. RESOLUTION declaring intention.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer in approving the subject motion revising the technical wording of the Council's policy concerning the General Fund contribution to Public Properties (this is a budgeted item). The 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. 69-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF, CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-15-69, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION, ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND, STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 15".

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-154. 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. 69-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE INSTALLATION, THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 15.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-155; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON THE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED, AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1969 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1972 FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 15, AND ABANDONING STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS NUMBERED 12 AND 14.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-156. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

30. EDISON LICENSE - COLUMBIA PARK.  
RESOLUTION authorizing execution of License Agreement.

Mayor Isen ascertained that there was not a provision in the Resolution to the effect that so long as the City assumes and guarantees the burdens and obligations that there is permission to transfer the obligation to the County; he recommended that such a provision be written in, with approval subject to that being done.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 21, 1970 AND AMENDMENT THERETO, BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MONIES THEREFOR.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-171, as amended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

33. RESOLUTION re: Executive Salaries.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the salary recommendations indicated on Page 1 of Item #33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Councilman Beasley amended the above motion, as follows:

Sanitation Superintendent - 2½%;  
 Street Maintenance Superintendent - 2½%;  
 City Traffic Engineer - 2½%.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Discussion ensued prior to taking action, with review of the action taken to date relative to salary increases and the "bench mark" procedure.

It was the opinion of Councilman Miller that inasmuch as the "bench mark" procedure was used with several hundred employees it should be applicable to the executives as well and the adjustments should be made in line with such bench marking.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Miller: That the Council concur in all cases with the "bench mark" recommendations relative to Executive classes.

Prior to a second on Councilman Miller's motion, City Manager Ferraro pointed out the effect of such action and the fact that the City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, Sr. Administrative Assistant, City Treasurer, and City Clerk will be subject to inequities by reason of being tied in to the City Manager's salary.

It was the comment of Councilman Beasley that the "Memorandum of Understanding" (incorporating the "bench mark" recommendations) rewards incompetency, with no change indicated for those who have been doing a good job; he does not like it.

Councilman Sciarrotta then withdrew his earlier motion, to SECOND Councilman Miller's substitute motion. Mayor Isen would not permit withdrawal of the original motion, but allowed Mr. Sciarrotta's second on the substitute motion to stand.

Discussion returned to the "bench mark" procedure. Councilman Wilson commented that Councilman Miller is trying to take a logical approach to increases, and he supports his position; the new presentation by Administration was an attempt to make some changes which would be more in line with top salaries being paid.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, City Manager Ferraro advised that the "bench mark" page of the report represents a cost of \$13,805 for 11 months; page 1, \$10,330.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
 and Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen, relative to his "no" vote, that this procedure demonstrates itself as most unscientific; the sky is the limit and where is it to stop.

A MOTION was offered by Councilman Beasley: That the Sanitation Superintendent, Street Maintenance Superintendent,

and City Traffic Engineer be given a 5% adjustment. Mayor Isen ruled the motion out of order, as the matter has already been disposed of by the substitute motion.

City Manager Ferraro noted that an appropriation in the amount of \$13,805 is needed. Councilman Miller so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Councilman Beasley reiterated his feeling that the approval of the substitute motion rewards incompetency; he is very much opposed to this action -- those who are doing good jobs as department heads have been ignored in this situation.

Exception to these comments was taken by Councilman Wilson, who is of the opinion that the City has very fine leadership by the department heads, and to blanket such criticism because of a few who may perhaps not be doing a good job, serves to lower morale. Councilman Beasley again expressed his strong feeling that the above three department heads should be properly rewarded.

A real good look at the system next year was recommended by Councilman Johnson -- inasmuch as this was the system selected for this year, and represents much sincere, dedicated effort on the part of many, he would agree to going along. The department heads were likewise commended by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Sciarrotta was in agreement with the increases recommended by Councilman Beasley, but in order to follow the "bench mark" arrangement the position, rather than the man, must be the consideration.

The absence of any lobbying power by the management group was pointed out by Councilman Miller, with no such problems presented to some 900 other employees -- the close relationship between the Council and department heads prevents communication on matters of this nature. The action of approval for the "bench mark" raises gives like adjustment to everyone in the City, Councilman Miller concluded, free of any discrimination.

Roll call vote on Councilman Miller's motion for the appropriation of \$13,805 was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Jack Egan, president of Torrance Management Employees' Association, expressed their appreciation for the Council's reconsideration of this matter and for the substantial justice done for this particular group of City employees.

Mayor Isen requested that an appropriately revised Resolution be presented to the Council next week.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

43. COMMISSION VACANCIES.

The communication from City Clerk Coil recommending that the Council amend their directive to instruct applicants to the Planning, Civil Service, and the Park and Recreation Commissions

to be present at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 28th, for Council interviews, in view of the tremendous number of applications, was reviewed. It was agreed that interviews for the Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission be scheduled for July 28th; that the Park and Recreation Commission interviews be scheduled for a later date.

Speaking at this time re: Information Item A, a communication from the League of Women Voters recommending the appointment of a member of the Board of Education to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mrs. Louis Lanzer, League president, 4229 Paseo de las Tortugas, outlined their concern regarding the maximum use of existing open space for recreation. It is felt that cooperation between the City and the Schools on a policy-making level would strengthen such a program and most benefit the public.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the League's request be referred to the Council Recreation, Culture and Parks Committee for study and recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

44. Introduced by City Manager Ferraro was Mr. John Mauk who will be working in his office for two months obtaining first hand knowledge of government in action. Mr. Mauk is an advance graduate student from UCLA, and his home is Seattle, Washington.

45. City Manager Ferraro requested clarification pertaining to a situation wherein Little League wants to build on the Harvey Aluminum property south of 190th Street and there are right-of-way problems. It was the consensus that this would not affect a Little League activity and amounts to a temporary accommodation.

Mayor Isen recalled that the City Attorney was to prepare an ordinance covering such situations involving tenants in dedications.

46. Water System Manager Borgwat reminded the Council of the Water Trip, departing promptly at 6:50 A.M. on July 11th.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta reported on a situation involving Mr. Henry Halverson and tie-down fees at the Airport. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that Deputy Attorney Allen has been working on this matter and a report will be forthcoming.

Mr. Halverson was in attendance to further elaborate on this matter, and, following lengthy review by the Council, it was the consensus that no action be taken until the City Attorney's Opinion is available.

48. An invitation to attend the historical launching of Apollo 11 will necessitate the absence of Mayor Isen from the July 15th Council meeting.

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

*Vernon W. Coil*

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City of Torrance, California

ATTEST:

*Albert Jim*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

