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Adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 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, and City Clerk Coil. City Treasurer Rupert on vacation.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Introduced, with much pleasure, by Mayor Isen was Chief of Police Holiday from Monterey Park, along with the request that he lead in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Loren Luna, YMCA Program Director, gave the invocation.

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Mayor Isen shared his impressions and observations at the Apollo 11 launching, deeming it an unforgettable experience.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 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.

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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.

None scheduled.

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Council procedure was deftly defined by Mayor Isen for those in attendance for the first time.

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Considered at this time:

31A. RESOLUTION commending the West Torrance Lions Club for sponsoring the Lions South Bay All-Star Football Game.

Councilman Johnson, at the Mayor's request, introduced Mr. Don Banker, a charter member of the Lions Club, and a co-originator of the All Star Football Game.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE WEST TORRANCE LIONS CLUB FOR SPONSORING THE LIONS SOUTH BAY ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME AND URGING CITIZENS OF TORRANCE AND ALL LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND THE ALL-STAR GAME.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-180. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Banker expressed the gratitude of the Lions Club for the above recognition, and described the All-Star Football Game and the worthy cause represented thereby, and urged everyone to plan to attend.

PRESENTATIONS:

## 9. Presentation of Plaque to Mutsuko Kawasaki from Kaizuka (Saka Province) Japan.

Miss Kawasaki was introduced by Mr. Jack Eardley, following which a memento plaque was presented by Mayor Isen, on behalf of the

Council, to Miss Kawasaki, a participant in the Lions International Youth Exchange Program. A most heartfelt "thank you" was expressed by Miss Kawasaki.

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The fourth Tuesday custom, Homeowners Association night, was observed -- this being New Horizons South Bay Association night. The Chairman of their Board of Governors, Mr. Walter Thomas, spoke in their behalf, outlining the contents of their written report before the Council. The concerns of the New Horizons residents are centered primarily on matters of traffic.

Councilman Beasley MOVED that the July 22nd communication from the New Horizons South Bay Association be referred to the Traffic Engineer and the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

The many civic efforts and contributions by these residents were lauded by Mayor Isen, followed by introduction of those in attendance for this occasion.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

10. ANNUAL CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR FIELD SERVICING POLICE VEHICLES - Fiscal Year 1969-70.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Inasmuch as the Police Department has expressed their satisfaction with the present method of service from these Mobil Stations, it is recommended that the Council approve of the exercising of the renewal option for an additional year refueling Police cars in the field rather than at the City Yard.

11. CLAIM of Arthur A. Chandler for vehicle damages on June 20, 1969, on Maple Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

12. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$463.05 to Lido Sales for 900 feet of 3/4-inch copper tubing requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
2. \$1077.20 to Western Water Works Supply Company for sixty-two 1½-inch and 2-inch water corp stops requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".

3. \$1976.10 to Henry Pratt Company for two 16-inch and two 12-inch water pipe valves as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
4. \$381.78 to Bower Wholesale Company for five cases of .38 calibre Police special ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use on the pistol range.
5. \$491.31 to Standard Swiss Embroidery for 340 softball embroidery patches; 170 Recreation Department embroidery patches; 226 gymnastic embroidery patches; and 50 Police Cadet embroidery patches, as requested by the Recreation and Police Departments in their various programs.

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

REAL PROPERTY:

25. Request from KKOP for long-term lease for purpose of construction of radio tower on City property.

Mr. Steve Edwards, Vice President and General Manger, KKOP Stereo Radio, was present.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to the City Manager and Staff for further study and recommendation.

Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

14. ZC 69-18, E. ARNOLD OPPENHEIM AND CROWN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. Change of Zone from A-1 to R-3 on property located on the easterly side of Rolling Hills Road, southerly of Crenshaw Boulevard, and described as a portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO A PRECISE PLAN.

The request of the proponent for a two week continuance was noted. Mayor Isen inquired if anyone was present who would object to this request; there was no response.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the proponent's request, continuing ZC 69-18 to August 5th, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections

13. ZC 69-8, C.N. CAKE (Continued from July 8 meeting).  
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.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Fidel Schmitz stated that his client has been involved in other matters before the Council, and feels it well advised to put the subject matter over for two weeks, hence a two weeks continuance is requested.

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

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the proponent's request in that ZC 69-8 be continued for two weeks, to the Council meeting of August 5th, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

15. ZC 69-19, FOY E. PRICE AND BETTY J. PRICE  
Change of Zone from R-2 to P-1 on property located on the west side of Ashley Avenue, approximately 500 feet north of 186th Street and described as a portion of Lot 14, Tract 10216.  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO A PRECISE PLAN ON THE ENTIRE PROPERTY.

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 Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission in approval of ZC 69-19 for a change of zone from R-2 to P-1, subject to a Precise Plan on the total development. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. HEARINGS ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.  
(Resubmitted from July 8 meeting).

The proposed ordinances - ALTERNATE A: SHORTCUT CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, and ALTERNATE B: MODIFICATION OF SHORTCUT CUP EXEMPTION PROCEDURE - were clarified by City Attorney Remelmeyer, as well as Planning Director Shartle. Mr. Shartle stated that he would recommend ALTERNATE B.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1999

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Resolution No. 1999 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2000

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 REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1999.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2000 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. SIGN ORDINANCE.

Commending the perseverance of Planning Commissioner George Brewster in the evolvement of a Sign Ordinance, Mayor Isen recommended the 1 to 1 ratio, with a Sign Review Committee to review signing, with fast appeal to the Council, and a manner of setting up a Precise Plan for the entire signing program when relief is granted, along the lines of the successful License Review Board.

Agreement in part with the above was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz -- it was suggested by him that Building and Safety Director McKinnon return with a report to the Council as to the workability of the ordinance, and perhaps suggestions as to how to handle the problem clauses within the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson was of the opinion that additional work on the ordinance was needed -- particularly in the area of real estate signs -- and suggested referral to a Council Committee. Discussion followed, it being agreed that any needed amendments could be made as they develop. Mr. Johnson will present his recommendations in writing.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that the green insertion for "Section 88.4.1 GROUND SIGNS a/ The total area of sign permitted for a ground sign shall be measured as one (1) square foot of area sign for each linear foot of street frontage, to a maximum area of sign of three hundred (300) square feet." be put in the proper section of the Sign Ordinance, eliminating the 2 for 1 phraseology. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Councilman Miller stated that he had no particular objections to the the 1 to 1 ratio; however, there had been many Council-approved deviations which had brought on the revision of the ordinance -- he would recommend that the Council adhere to the new ordinance. Councilman Wilson was in agreement with Councilman Miller. The composition and duties of the Sign Review Committee were reviewed at some length.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS  
OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
CODE RELATING TO SIGNS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2001 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was noted by Councilman Johnson that his "yes" was a reluctant one; Councilman Miller voted "yes" subject to certain recommended changes.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon paid tribute to Planning Director Shartle on the milestone achieved by the above action -- five years have been dedicated to this project by Mr. Shartle, and a great deal of credit is in order. The Council was in agreement; the difficulties were acknowledged, and optimism expressed as to what should prove a most workable Sign Ordinance.

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The hour being 7:55 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. RESOLUTION amending Salary Resolution and Class Specifications for City Engineer and Messenger Clerk; and recommendation re: Ordering of Examination for City Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.  
69-142, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 69-175,  
TO ADD NEW CLASSES TO THE CLASSIFICATION  
PLAN.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-182. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

There was discussion prior to the roll call vote regarding the Civil Service Commission recommendation that the examination for City Engineer be given on an open basis. Councilman Johnson recommended that the exam be given on a promotional basis, in the hope of finding qualified people within the City; should this not work out, then the open basis would be in order. City Manager Ferraro commented that there are not enough qualified people for this very important job on a promotional basis; there is the further time-consuming problem of readvertising, etc. It was the suggestion of Mayor Isen that these considerations, not a part of the Resolution, be referred to the Council Civil Service Committee.

Roll call vote on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-182 was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that consideration of the examination for City Engineer as to whether it be on a promotional or an open basis be referred to the Council Civil Service Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and was unanimously approved.

19. EXEMPT SALARIES:

Councilman Johnson reported on his computations relative to the City Manager's salary -- a 23.5% increase would represent \$547.31 per month; a 10% increase, \$232.00 per month -- adding that the City Manager has indicated to the Council that he does not need an increase. It now appears that the Council is in the process of giving the City Manager and his Staff something more than the 5.5% general increase, and while, Mr. Johnson continued, they are doing a creditable job, it would result in sky-high salaries, along with all the other raises already granted. Councilman Johnson will violently oppose raises for the exempt positions -- there is now enough spread between the positions, the compression having been eliminated, and it is his opinion that the 5.5% general increase across the board would be sufficient for this year, especially in view of all the other things that have been done for the employees.

It was the comment of Councilman Beasley that the salaries for the City Manager, City Attorney, etc. are very moderate -- in industry and private employment it is known that you get what you pay for -- and eventually decent wages will have to be paid to retain these people.

Councilman Miller pointed out that the survey percentages (23.5%, 15%, 22%, etc.) have not been requested, but, rather, that if an adjustment is given that it not exceed the 10% maximum imposed on all other employees of the City. It is Mr. Miller's recommendation, as it has been in all other salary considerations, that the exempt positions be given a 5.5% raise, as was given all other City employees. Discussion then followed on adjustments, if any, and the procedure followed to date, with the 10% maximum adjustment policy.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of Management representatives that an adjustment be given exempt positions, not to exceed the 10% maximum, including an appropriation of \$13,420 from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion returned to the proposed increase.

In view of the austerity program started, in the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz, these kind of increases make it difficult to promote such a program.

The survey figures, involving the cities of Anaheim, Glendale, Pasadena, Riverside, and Santa Ana, were reviewed by Councilman Miller; he is at a loss to understand why the survey figures which were applicable to all the other employees are chopped off at the point of these six employees, if the survey is of any real value.

Mayor Isen noted that there is approximately a \$7000 differential between the top department heads and the City Manager with only the 5.5% increase -- as to the comparative studies, Mayor Isen feels there is more validity with the certificated services in getting similarity; many things enter into the high bracket positions that do not show; it would appear that there was a too-generous City Council, resulting in a vicious circle.

Councilman Wilson referred to the compression between department heads and the employees coming up; the lags presented this year will only be greater next year, plus the fact that the employees down the line are tagged to the City Manager who is at the 10% <sup>level</sup> and a penalty, therefore, is being assessed, and there is a need for some adjustment. Councilman Wilson further stated that it can start with the recommended 10%; further, the finest people are desired as employees of the City of Torrance, and they must be paid accordingly or they will leave the City for comparable jobs at a higher salary -- Torrance then becomes a "training ground", and this is not a desirable image to project. In conclusion, Councilman Wilson stated that the City has very capable Staff and should be paid what they are worth.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the City Manager and Staff be given only the 5.5% increase across the board, and no more, for this year. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Roll call vote on the main motion, approving the 10% adjustment, along with the 5.5% general increase, carried as follows:

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

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that his "no" vote is absolutely objective in this matter; shocking heights are being reached, in his opinion, and assists the inflation spiral -- the 5.5% would be plenty this year, with a big enough span between other people in Civil Service and the exempt positions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-183

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

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-183. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Uerkwitz; Mayor Isen.

It was the general consensus of the Council that the bench-mark method for salary surveys left something to be desired, and other methods should be reviewed.

20. ORDINANCES regarding Position Classification Plan and Days Off Work - Police Department.

Revisions were necessary, and it was agreed that this matter be brought back on July 29th.

21. Recommendation of Civil Service Commission on Ordering of Examination for Data Processing Manager.

Disagreement with the Civil Service Commission recommendation that the examination for Data Processing Manager be given on an oral interview only was expressed by Councilman Johnson.

The departure from Civil Service procedure represented by an oral only examination was questioned by Councilman Beasley.

Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson outlined the time already consumed in trying to fill this position without success and the fact that another three months would be required to readvertise and retest. Further, it is felt by Finance Director Dundore and the Civil Service Commission that an oral interview would elicit the information as to the qualifications of the applicant.

Councilman Uerkwitz commented that the very newness of the position warrants taking the time to obtain the most qualified person and would prove most beneficial in the long run.

Speaking for the Torrance Police Officers Association, Phillip Joseph stated that they are against this type of examination.

Councilman Johnson further commented that the subject position is of the utmost importance, with the person selected responsible for the recommendation of expenditures involving millions of dollars in the kind of work that will be performed. A very-severe written and oral examination would be Mr. Johnson's recommendation.

In concurrence with the need for a written test, Councilman Sciarrotta urged that the Civil Service procedure be followed entirely - i.e. written and oral exams - and that it not be watered down.

Finance Director Dundore stated that he has been left with the job of administering the data processing, it now having been over seven months since the position was reclassified, and it is felt that one of the reasons that there were not good applicants on the test is that qualified people do not want to take a written examination.

Councilman Beasley outlined the vast responsibility that will be assumed by the Data Processing Manager, and stated that every possible effort should be made to get the best qualified man, even if it means an increase in the salary.

The possibility of a temporary appointment was questioned by Councilman Wilson -- Mr. Dundore advised that the situation now is one of "making ends meet" until a permanent appointment can be made.

Mr. Robert Flora recommended contracting out of the work, noting that IBM does have such programs for other cities that are running on similar computers.

Mrs. Rose Crawford, 18013 Osage, commented that there is a big disparity between the equipment the City now has and the equipment envisioned, with the people qualified to operate the present equipment are often not qualified to make the necessary decisions on the larger, more powerful equipment. It was further suggested by Mrs. Crawford the classified ad type of advertising is not effective in this profession; she described the success of ads placed in the sports section of newspapers.

It was pointed out by Councilman Johnson that he had suggested some time ago that the City go outside until its programs are put through and perfected -- this could still be done and the subject problem would virtually vanish by turning to a service bureau.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that management take into consideration the remarks of the majority of this Council, and follow the Civil Service rules, ordering a written and oral examination on an open basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

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22. Committee Report - Request of Walter Koenig re:  
Highway Patrol Retirement Plan.

Councilman Miller, Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee, detailed the findings of the Committee, as outlined in their report of July 18th, which resulted in the following recommendations:

1. That the City Council recommend to the State Senate the passage of Assembly Bill 1717 in its amended form as it was passed by the State Assembly.
2. That the Council also indicate to the State Senate that it recommends that the State Legislature consider when it reconvenes in January, an amendment to the provisions of this Bill which would specifically allow City Councils to exempt the Chief of Police from the mandatory retirement age of 60 to the age of 65 by means of a single resolution.

Councilman Miller thereupon MOVED that the Council concur with the above recommendations of the Council Police and Fire Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, there was considerable discussion.

Councilman Sciarrotta commented on the objections of the Torrance Police Officers Association to the year-to-year basis; changes were not deemed in order at this time, but it is recommended by the Committee to the full Council that the bill might be amended to include that at the end of the 60th year, that the Police Chief could be hired for the next five years.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that the "year-to-year" basis would be exactly the same as the Council hiring, and would concur that the proper amendment should be made.

A communication to the Council was read aloud by Phillip Joseph, President, Torrance Police Officers Association, wherein it is maintained that passage of a Resolution on this matter will violate present Employee-Employer Relations Ordinance in that there is no Memorandum of Understanding before the Council at this time; secondly, the Council Committee took final action in secret (considerable exception to this was taken by Councilman Miller who stated that he had established the ground rules thusly) and that there has never been a fairer hearing in connection with a Committee meeting); thirdly, the Committee report only just received, and in order to properly rebut the report more time is needed.

Officer Joseph added that legal research is being directed to any possible Civil Service conflict, or any violation of the City Charter. In conclusion, it is the position of the TPOA that AB 1717 is poor law, at best, and they are prepared to resist any change in the Civil Service system; it is recommended that this matter be referred to the City Attorney before this proposed action is carried any further.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that AB 1717 would be an act of the Legislature, and the legal question is whether or not this is a municipal affair or a matter of statewide concern --

if it is of statewide concern then the court will rule that it supersedes the Charter and takes effect, regardless of any conflict in the Charter. It is unknown at this time, since no court has ever ruled on this matter -- Mr. Remelmeyer added that, generally speaking, retirement legislation is considered to be a matter of statewide concern.

Discussion ensued -- summing up, it was the comment of Mayor Isen that in the event the motion carries, it merely amounts to a vote of confidence for the Chief of Police, and that will be the intent of his vote, acknowledging that there are many questions of legality.

Councilman Beasley urged that the Council not become emotional in this matter -- it appears that they are faced with a bad bill -- Mr. Beasley personally will not vote for personal legislation to help one person in the State of California; it is not a question of the Chief, there are other philosophies and principles involved.

The lack of enthusiasm for the year-to-year basis on the part of the Committee was reaffirmed by Councilman Sciarrotta; it is hoped that, with sufficient pressure, the bill can be rewritten which would permit hiring of a Chief on a 5-year basis.

Legislative processes of the Assembly were reviewed, as well as the time element relative to AB 1717.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Mayor Isen: That in an effort to conform to both the Charter and the Committee intent, the Council approve AB 1717, providing a rider is attached thereto to eliminate the year-to-year option, and that there be an age limit of 65, so that it would conform to the Torrance City Charter.

Prior to a second, discussion returned to the difficulties presented by the introduction of an amendment at this time. There was no second to the substitute motion.

Roll call vote on Councilman Miller's motion to concur with the recommendation of the Council Committee was as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that his "yes" vote is primarily on the basis of keeping away from the personal aspect -- giving the Chief a vote of confidence -- he too feels it bad legislation and that it upsets the system.

Councilman Miller's "yes" vote was accompanied by the statement that should there be any Charter violation, let the courts so decide.

His "yes" vote, according to Councilman Sciarrotta, is based on a change at a later date being considered by the Council.

Mayor Isen's "yes" vote is for the reason (1) a vote of confidence to Chief Koenig, who he feels has done a very good job, and (2) while he feels the present setup will prove illegal, he would hope that this legislation will be cleaned up and get the City Council out of the hiring and firing position.

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23. LICENSE REVIEW BOARD.

The communication from City Manager Ferraro, dated July 16, 1969, recommending revision of the makeup of the License Review Board was noted.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that while citizen committees and commissions are favored on larger aspects of City business, there is much onerous business to be conducted at City Hall during business hours which should properly be done by officials of the City -- "due process" is afforded so long as there is an appeal to the elected representatives. Mayor Isen added that since the License Review Board was established there have been only two appeals to the Council -- they do a terrific job and there has never been a complaint of record.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject communication be filed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:24. IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD - PROSPECT TO HENRIETTA AND IMPROVEMENT OF ANZA AVENUE - NEWTON STREET TO 238TH STREET.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the subject Resolution requesting an appropriation of \$165,000 in County Aid-to-Cities Funds for the improvement of Anza Avenue be adopted.
2. That \$75,000 previously appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the Anza Avenue improvement be transferred to the referenced Del Amo Boulevard improvement.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Acting City Engineer, with the appropriation of funds as described. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, 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. 69-184

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

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-184. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

REAL PROPERTY:

25. Request from KKOP for long-term lease.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing the installation of NO PARKING ANYTIME signs on the south side of 218th Street from Manuel Avenue to Martina Avenue and on the west side of Martina Avenue from 218th Street to 222nd Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS "PARKING AT ANY TIME" BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-185. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

27. Secret Service Account Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1969.  
28. Quarterly Report of Refund of Monies Collected.

Information only items; ordered filed.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

29. APPEAL OF HENRY R. HALVORSEN RE: CANCELLATION OF TRANSIENT PARKING CHARGES.

This agenda item temporarily withdrawn.

WATER SYSTEM:

30. RESOLUTION opposing disposal of wastes by Disposal Gardens, Inc. on land between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madison Street, described as a portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765.

Mr. William Borton, president, Walteria Homeowners' Association, 3116 Winlock Road, commented that this property has been previously considered on two occasions and denied -- noting that the subject property has changed hands. Mr. Borton reiterated the strong opposition of his neighborhood to any disposal of wastes on this property, and outlined their intent to pursue this matter to the utmost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE DISPOSAL OF WASTES BY DISPOSAL GARDENS, INCORPORATED, ON LAND BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND MADISON STREET, 500 FEET NORTHEASTERLY OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND APPROXIMATELY 105 FEET SOUTHERLY OF WINLOCK ROAD, DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF LOT 5, TRACT 9765.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-186. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 31. RESOLUTION congratulating Corsaro Distributing Company on receiving First Annual Adolph Coors Company Achievement Award.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CORSARO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY ON RECEIVING THE FIRST ANNUAL ADOLPH COORS COMPANY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-187. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 31A. RESOLUTION re: Lions Club.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

- 32. ORDINANCE regarding the Finding, Holding and Disposition of Lost and Unclaimed Property.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 2, SUBDIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE

MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW  
ARTICLE 3 ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS  
REGARDING THE FINDING, HOLDING AND  
DISPOSITION OF LOST AND UNCLAIMED  
PROPERTY THEREFOR.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2002 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. Airport Manager Egan referred to the Council consideration of July 15th relative to the City purchasing the remaining leasehold interest in the Kidwell Halfway House -- Mr. Egan advised that he is unable to pursue this matter, the financial picture rendering it impossible to work out, and he, therefore, withdraws his recommendation.

Discussion followed on the various aspects of the lease and the avenues available to Mr. Kidwell in the remaining 20 months of the lease.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to instruct the Airport Manager to withdraw all offers to Mr. Kidwell and await the termination of his lease. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen requested that the City Attorney review the subject lease -- the Mayor questions that the building may be changed and not restored to its original restaurant condition.

34. Mayor Isen recalled the interest of United Artists Theatre at one time in building a second theatre adjacent to the existing one -- the parking proving a problem -- the merits of reviving such interest were noted by the Mayor. Airport Manager Egan will check into this matter and report back to the Council.

35. Councilman Johnson requested that the City Attorney furnish a report to the Council relative to the status of the oil well suits.

36. The League of Women Voters' request that a member of the School Board serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission was noted by Mayor Isen -- City Clerk Coil's letter to the School Board outlining this request was read aloud -- and he expressed the hope that a formal reply would soon be forthcoming, newspaper stories notwithstanding.

37. The Florida tax structure was reviewed by Mayor Isen, having just had firsthand observance, and of particular interest is the fact that there will be a sales tax on commercial real estate rentals and leases, effective July 1, of 4% of the total price charged the tenants by the landlord or owner, with certain exceptions.

38. Mr. Bill Roberts, 3937 West 188th Street, recommended that the City Attorney prepare a financial disclosure ordinance and a conflict of interests ordinance.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that were the Council making in the neighborhood of \$30,000 per year, then the suggestion would be valuable -- but for those in private business, with a Council salary of \$100 per month, it is completely uncalled for. Should the electorate decide to raise the Mayor and Council salaries then something of this nature would be in order -- or it might be more applicable to Administration and Department Heads -- but to ask the Council to disclose this information would make the victims of petty blackmailers, kidnapers, etc.

Mr. Roberts pointed out that there is a bill to this effect in the Legislature, and in line with Torrance's talent for being first, it was thought the suggestion might meet with favor.

Councilman Beasley stated that, in reference to the Mayor's statement above, that Department Heads do not make policy decisions; the members of the Council do, and that is the reason these laws are directed to the policymakers. Mr. Beasley is not in favor of Mr. Roberts' idea for the simple reason that there is not enough time for all the things people want the Council to do.

In conclusion, Mayor Isen stated that such a State law when it comes out would apply to this Council, and as it applies certainly all will comply.

At 10:15 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess to an executive session re: legal matters, it being understood no further Council business will be conducted other than returning to formally adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

The meeting formally adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED: Albert Isaac  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

