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July 29, 1969

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 1969, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. City Treasurer Rupert on vacation.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, the Chief of Police for Hermosa Beach, Mr. William Berlin, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Program Director, YMCA, furnished the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 1969 be approved as written. 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 were noted.

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The usual Tuesday custom of describing Council procedure for the benefit of those in attendance for the first time was observed by Mayor Isen.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

10. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$409.50 to A & J Typewriter Center for two Olympia typewriters as requested by the Police Department as replacement items.
2. \$481.95 to I.B.M. for one only I.B.M. Electric Typewriter as requested by the City Manager's Office as a replacement item.
3. \$997.50 to Henry Pratt Company for five 12-inch water pipe valves as requested by the Water Department for use on the Van Ness Extension Project recently approved by the City Council in April, 1969.
4. \$807.87 to Brooks Products for 118 meter box covers as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".

B. REIMBURSABLE:

5. \$836.33 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one only 2-inch water meter with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines with a bronze case designed to Torrance specifications for installation at the Torrance Industrial Park Service, and 1 only 6-inch water meter designed from Los Angeles specifications for use at the Alphy's Coffee Shop Service. These meters are requested by the Water Department. Payment has already been received from these companies.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY:

6. \$652.72 to Hacker Art Books for 45 adult books.
7. \$2525.87 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 359 adult books.
8. \$388.66 to Harper & Row, c/o Harry Rinehimer for 54 adult books.
9. \$511.34 to Random House Publishing, c/o Mr. Joe Grecnik, for 59 adult and 44 juvenile books.

10. \$315.37 to Simon & Schuster, Incorporated for 115 assorted titles.

11. \$332.69 to G.P. Putnam's Sons for 45 adult books.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve agenda item #10, as above outlined. 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN.

Mr. Wendell Mounce, president, Earl Heitschmidt & Associates, displayed and described the proposed development of the Civic Center, effectively portrayed by a number of large renderings.

Mayor Isen congratulated Mr. Mounce a most imaginative plan, and there was warm applause in support of this praise.

At Mayor Isen's request, Building and Safety Director McKinnon commented on the remarkable job done by Mr. Mounce in a short period of time; it is a most workable plan, in Mr. McKinnon's opinion, with much flexibility in evidence.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council approve in principle the subject plans for the Civic Center. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Recalled by Mayor Isen were past considerations relative to an auditorium at Civic Center; in the Mayor's mind, the above plan makes much better use of the land than speculatively holding an area for a distant future date -- with several things happening in the meantime to relieve the auditorium need: the El Camino College Auditorium, and it is understood that the Occupational Center on Crenshaw Boulevard contemplates a 1500-seat auditorium. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem confirmed that such plans are underway by the Occupational Center, and described what is proposed and the fact that the City has been invited to participate in the planning thereof. Mayor Isen directed, with the concurrence of the City Manager and the Council, that Messrs. Van Bellehem and McKinnon participate in the planning, and that if assistance is needed from either the Council or Commissions that it be indicated.

9A. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Following interviews with numerous people, and in line with procedure for Commission appointments established by the Council, the following people were nominated by Mayor Isen:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

VINCENT C. TYRRELL, 3728 West 170th Street - to finish the term of Commissioner Morehart which will expire January 15, 1971. Mayor Isen so MOVED - poll of the Council was unanimously favorable.

MORRIS A. HOOPER, JR., 1527 Post Avenue, to serve for a full term to January 15, 1973.

Mayor Isen so MOVED - poll of the Council was unanimously favorable.

JOHN M. LAMSON, 639 Paseo de la Playa, reappointed for a 4-year term, to January 15, 1973.

Mayor Isen so MOVED - poll of the Council was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

KEITH H. PISCHEL, 2411 West 228th Street, to finish the term of George Post which will expire on January 15, 1971.

Mayor Isen so MOVED - poll of the Council was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS:11. STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 15

Hearing on Resolution No. 69-156, declaring intention to order lighting fixtures to be installed, maintained, and electric current furnished for period beginning November 1, 1969, and ending October 31, 1972, for Street Lighting Assessment District No. 15, and abandoning Lighting Districts Nos. 12 and 14.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 P.M. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by Resolution No. 69-156 when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, or to the extent of said assessment district, may appear before the City Council of said City of Torrance and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution.

City Clerk Coil presented the following affidavits to the Council:

(a) Affidavit of publication of resolution of intention; and (b) Affidavit of posting of "Notice of Improvement". Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that said Affidavits be received and filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Engineer of Work, Mr. Patrick Rossetti, was sworn in by Mayor Isen, and offered the following testimony concerning the nature of the work and the extent of the assessment district: The work to be done is to incorporate all properties within the City of Torrance in one Street Lighting District -- this District to encompass the main arterial highways, the residential areas, and the various zones which have been broken down as to the particular benefits accruing to those properties. The growth of the other Districts was described by Mr. Rossetti, which resulted last year in a decision by the Council to incorporate the entire City into one large District.

Mr. Rossetti further described the various rates proposed for the various areas which has been broken down into 6 major zones, each carrying its own rate; it has been determined, after lengthy study, that a rate of 4¢ per front foot assessment against each parcel of land in the City regardless of its zone which created a District benefit fund and would be redistributed back to each of the zones depending on the need to keep the rate equitable. The residential rate established runs about 18¢ per assessable front foot per year -- hence, a 50 ft. lot would be \$9.00 per year.

As to the Riviera section, Mr. Rossetti continued, which poses a particular problem both for the City and the residents there, a flexible arrangement was worked out -- it being recommended by the City Traffic Engineer that the areas without intersection lighting should be lit up in the interest of traffic and safety. Therefore, in this area, just the lights at the intersections, with some 80 installations contemplated -- which would bring the Riviera charge up to 10¢ per foot (50 ft. lot, \$5.00 per year).

A surplus of approximately \$90,000, according to Mr. Rossetti, from all the various Districts which was included and proportioned out to these areas where most of the money came from to reduce the total charge of the cost against each zone. In addition thereto a study was made of the frontage that has accumulated approximately 60,000 feet -- such as along the front of City Hall, public parks, schools, playgrounds, public utilities, government offices and buildings; areas which could not be assessed -- the City Staff felt that to aid this area, it would make a contribution along the same rates for those particular areas where there was no revenue, which amounts to \$32,748.70 per year as a contribution by the City to relieve the financial burden on the entire City. The total assessment amounts to \$1,811,150.97 for the three years; three years being the lifetime of the District.

At Mayor Isen's request, City Clerk Coil advised that ten written protests had been received, copies of which have been furnished the Council. These letters were identified by name and address, read aloud by City Clerk Coil.

Mayor Isen then inquired if anyone who has filed a written protest, or his representative, desire to be heard in support of such protest; there was no response.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to make an oral protest.

First to speak was Mr. Gerald King, 200 Via Los Altos, who inquired if this is an "all or nothing" installation, or is it possible to knock out specific lights if people in the neighborhood do not want the lights? In his case the light would shine in his bedroom window. City Traffic Engineer Horkay advised that his recommendation to the Council is that the light stay in at the intersection, but it may be deleted, at the discretion of the Council.

Dr. Albert Karr, representing the Thornburgh Homeowners Association, presented a petition opposing the lighting on Thornburgh, and outlined the objections: the additional lighting offers no advantages; new lights, in fact, proving detrimental to the appearance of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Cheryl Maners, 218 Vista del Sol, stated that a poll of her neighbors indicates that the majority of the residents do not want the lights. Mrs. Maner also described the existing traffic problem at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Calle Mayor involving teenagers headed for the beach -- the strong lighting proposed will only invite additional speeding teenagers. Further noted was the fact that virtually every home in her area has a lantern-type light in the front, which does provide enough lighting for the residents.

Mr. James Finlay, 325 Camino de las Colinas, reported the strong feeling of the Riviera residents against the proposed lighting. Mr. Finlay also described the sincere feeling of these people in desiring to preserve the lovely atmosphere associated with this beautiful residential area. A meeting of the Board of the Riviera Homeowners' Association resulted in the formation of a plan for the consideration and, hopefully, support of the Council -- the plan calls for the postponing of lighting in the Riviera until such time as a 1911 Act can be initiated; further, all street lighting be placed underground, all light standards to be of a decorative or ornamental nature and will not exceed 14 ft. in height, and that the possibility be explored of receiving some help from the PUC funds. Mr. Finlay then requested the Riviera residents in attendance who are opposed to the lighting as proposed to please stand -- a large number so responded.

Next to speak was Mr. Bill Corwin, 300 Calle Mayor, who concurred completely with Mr. Finlay's presentation, and requested that his complaint be made a matter of record, presenting a letter of protest as well.

Mr. Fred Atkins, 2721 Grand Summit Road, presented a petition of protest from the neighbors on his street -- the preference for some being decorative lights under the 1911 Act.

Mrs. Thelma Russell, 2034 West 236th Street, requested that the lights not be put on her places until a future date, due to financial reasons.

Mrs. Adelaide MacGann, Camino de Encanto, stated that she is an original owner, having purchased a home at this location after much searching, and would not favor light standards blocking out her view of the ocean. Such lights will also adversely affect property values, and would be more appropriate in a commercial area; she urged that something be done to preserve the beautiful Riviera section.

Mr. Rod Hosilyk, 3337 West 175th Street, posed several technical questions, which were clarified by City Traffic Engineer Horkay. Mr. Hosilyk further stated that he does not feel additional lighting is needed in his section.

Mr. Bill Swartley, 3456 Redondo Beach Boulevard, presented technical questions as well, with clarification by Mr. Horkay.

Mr. Dick Burch, 3922 Thornburgh Place, concurred with the earlier statements of Dr. Karr, and added that the lighting is of considerable concern to the Thornburgh residents, it having been planned some seven years ago and being adequate. Mr. Burch added

that their street is a cul-de-sac on the border of the City, bounded by commercial property on one side and a church on the other side.

Mr. Stanley Dunn, 505 Via la Selva, protested the inclusion of the Hollywood Riviera section in the assessment district as far as new lamps and new lights are concerned - Mr. Dunn is in complete accord with the action of the Riviera Homeowners Association, and urged that the rural atmosphere be retained.

There being no one else 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.

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The hour being 7:20 P.M., Mayor Isen ordered a 10-minute recess.

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On resumption of the meeting, before continuing with item #11, attention was directed to:

POLICE OPERATIONS:

29. Training Request - Southern Police Institute - Louisville, Ky.

Chief Koenig introduced Chief Berlin, Hermosa Beach, who in turn outlined the values and benefits of the subject training program.

Reviewed as well by the Council was the merit of Council Committee study of the tenure of the employment of Police and Fire personnel offered these educational advantages at considerable expense to the City. It was agreed to refer this to the Police and Fire Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the subject request, and appropriate \$1885 from the existing Police Department operating budget for this purpose. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Discussion returned to Item #11 - Street Lighting Assessment District 15.

A one week postponement for working out a satisfactory arrangement with the Riviera and other areas was deemed appropriate, following a lengthy discussion. Accordingly, a meeting of the Council Public Works Committee, Mr. Rossetti, Management, and all interested parties was scheduled for Thursday, July 31st, at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Conference Room.

Informal action was taken, approving in principle the plan presented, in a MOTION by Councilman Miller that the Council concur with the recommendations, leaving the Riviera section as it is. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (Feels there should be equal treatment for those not wanting lights, other than the Riviera.)

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that Item #11 be continued to the Council meeting of August 5th, a 5:30 meeting; seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; roll call vote unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 69-13, Hawthorne-Carson Company and Carson-Madrona Company.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2003

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 NORTH SIDE OF CARSON STREET AND WEST OF MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-13.

(Hawthorne-Carson Company and Carson-Madrona Company)

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2003 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 69-14, Everett Powell.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2004

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 APPROXIMATELY 160 FEET NORTH OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-14.

(Everett Powell)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2004 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. RESOLUTION - REVISION MASTER PLAN FOR SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD to realign 235th Place and Haas Avenue east of Arlington Avenue with a 75-foot cul-de-sac.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING MASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 2, SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD, BY THE REALIGNMENT OF 235TH PLACE AND HAAS AVENUE EAST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE WITH A 75-FOOT CUL-DE-SAC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-188. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (lives within 300 ft. of subject
property.)

15. RESOLUTION - REVISION MASTER PLAN FOR SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD deleting a proposed cul-de-sac street in a north-south direction, extending from the north side of 232nd Street and approving a cul-de-sac at the northwest intersection of Walnut Street and 232nd Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DELETING FROM MASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 2, SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD, A PROPOSED CUL-DE-SAC STREET IN A NORTH-SOUTH DIRECTION, EXTENDING FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF 232ND STREET AND APPROVING A CUL-DE-SAC STREET BETWEEN A PORTION OF LOT 14, TRACT 15 LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF WALNUT STREET AND 232ND STREET.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-189. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (may have financial interest)
Mayor Isen (may be professionally
involved).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. Letter from City Manager requesting permission to attend International City Managers Association Conference. (October 12 through October 16, 1969 in New York City).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the subject request of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ORDINANCES re: Position Classification Plan and Days Off Work - Police Department.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND SECTION III OF ORDINANCE 1765 AS AMENDED; AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Miller moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2005 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.5.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH SETS FORTH THE HOURS OF WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2006 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 18. RESOLUTION and attachments re: Dismissal of Walter Nollac.

Held for later in meeting, following Executive Session for legal advice.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

- 19. CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN 234TH STREET, EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council approve construction of a sanitary sewer in 234th Street east of Crenshaw Boulevard.

(On January 26, 1965, Council appropriated \$2700 from the Sewer Revolving Fund to construct the referenced sewer.)

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

BUILDING, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

- 20. Additional work in connection with CITY HALL ADDITION.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

PART I: That the increase in fee of \$13,000 for the additional work requested by the City be approved and that the City Attorney

be directed to amend the contract to reflect the changes and the increase in architectural fees.

PART II. That the City Council authorize the City Attorney to prepare the necessary contractual documents so that the City may engage the firm of Earl Heitschmidt & Associates as soon as possible to start the design of the communications network.

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

21. OCCUPANCY IN TRACT NO. 22704.

RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement with R.A. Watt/Boise Cascade Company to permit occupancy in the subject tract.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY ACTING CITY ENGINEER.

Speaking on this matter was Mr. Andy Pollastrini, 20424 Osage Avenue, Apt. A, who stated that he is not in favor of the subject resolution - adding that obviously street lights are necessary inasmuch as a private security company is patrolling the area due to numerous burglaries and damage taking place; further, rain within the next 30 to 45 days would present a hazard to the homes without proper drainage. Mr. Pollastrini urged that this resolution not be passed, and, if it is, that his lot (#78) be excluded.

Mr. Martin Jurick (Lot #27) requested that the resolution be passed and that he be allowed to move in, his furniture being presently stored in the garage. Joining with Mr. Jurick in asking approval of the resolution were Tony Martineau, but he desires assurance of protection in case of flooding; also, Shelley Anderson and Don LeFinn.

At Mayor Isen's suggestion, interested parties and Deputy Attorney Smith gathered in the Council Conference Room in an attempt to provide clarification in this matter, before any Council action is taken.

The next agenda item was now considered:

REAL PROPERTY:

22. RESOLUTION re purchase of Parcel No. 23 from Carmen Rayas Ordaz and Adelina Rayas Ceja for the widening of Del Amo Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CARMEN RAYAS ORDAZ AND ADELINA RAYAS CEJA FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-190. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

23. RESOLUTION authorizing Agreement between City of Torrance and Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1969-70.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-191. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. RESOLUTION - FAA APPLICATION RE: REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS FROM AIRPORT PROPERTY. Recommended for approval by Airport Manager, City Attorney, Airport Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FROM THE QUITCLAIM DEED DATED MARCH 5, 1948, BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONVEYED THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, INsofar AS SAID RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS RELATE TO THE AIRPORT AND TO THE LAND ON THE EAST END OF THE AIRPORT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-192. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

25. RESOLUTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO PETROLEUM AGREEMENT ACME AIRCRAFT COMPANY. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL by Airport Manager/City Attorney/Airport Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO PETROLEUM AGREEMENT WITH ACME AIRCRAFT COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AMENDMENT TO PETROLEUM AGREEMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-193. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

26. APPEAL RE: CANCELLATION OF TRANSIENT PARKING CHARGES - MR. HENRY HALVERSON.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY:

1. That Mr. Halverson's request for cancellation of the transient aircraft tie-down charges be DENIED.
2. That an action be filed immediately in a Municipal Court.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved to concur with recommendations #1 and #2 of the Deputy City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

PARK AND RECREATION:

27. OPERATION PUEBLO: Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission that permission be given to Pueblo Community Club to locate building being donated by El Camino College on City property at entry to Pueblo Playfield.

City Manager Ferraro requested that this matter be referred to his office for study and recommendation. Councilman Johnson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

28. City Manager letter re: purchase of Stephenson Breathalyzer.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the approval of the purchase of a Stephenson Breathalyzer, as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. Training Request - Southern Police Institute - Louisville, Ky.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

WATER SYSTEM:

30. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing execution of Water License and Agreement with Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. to lease certain water rights to the City of Torrance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-194

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 WATER LICENSE AND AGREEMENT AND LETTER STIPULATING PERTINENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS RE: THE LEASING OF WATER RIGHTS FROM COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-194. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

31. RESOLUTION in recognition of Lieutenant General John W. O'Neill.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN W. O'NEILL ON HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER; COMMENDING HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN THE NATION'S SPACE PROGRAM; AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT OF THE 9TH AND 10TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-195, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

32. ORDINANCE NO. 2000

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

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2000 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. ORDINANCE NO. 2001.

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

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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2001 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

In reference to Councilman Johnson's letter of July 29th regarding the sign ordinance and his recommended revisions, Mayor Isen asked that this communication be referred to the Planning Commission and Staff for processing and recommendation, and that it be returned to the Council in two weeks.

34. ORDINANCE NO. 2002.

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

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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2002 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

35. WILLING WATER WEEK - August 10, 1969.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

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At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council, reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; the Council resumed its deliberations at 8:32 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. Councilman Sciarrotta requested that Staff investigate the area on Crenshaw Boulevard between 230th and 235th and the trash-covered sidewalk. Mr. Robert Flora, 2529 Date Circle, outlined the efforts proposed by the homeowners to alleviate this situation.

37. Congratulations were in order on the outstanding production of "Pajama Game" by the Recreation Department, according to Councilman Uerkwitz who deemed it a real display of Torrance talent, with, again, a filled auditorium which points out the need for such a facility.

38. Councilman Uerkwitz furnished City Attorney Remelmeyer with information on the League of California Cities Preemption Recommendation and Resolution. Mr. Remelmeyer will appropriately follow through.

39. Rubbish disposal site problems were reviewed by Councilman Uerkwitz, and it was requested that Staff furnish him with information pertaining to this subject.

40. A meeting of the Council Community Affairs Committee was requested by Councilman Wilson -- the date selected was Monday, August 18th, at 8:00 P.M. -- to meet in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

41. Mayor Isen referred to the Planning Director's recent communication to White Front re: the absence of good faith on their part of the "gentleman's agreement" regarding landscaping of the parking lot on or before April, 1969. Mr. Shartle advised that he had had no reply to this July 24th letter. It was agreed to refer this matter to the City Attorney for appropriate action.

42. City Clerk Coil reported on a letter from the Torrance Area Youth Band expressing appreciation to the Council for their adoption of a resolution re: their participation in the 1970 Tournament of Roses Parade.

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It was determined that the conference on agenda item #21, Tract No. 22704, was still unresolved. The Council agreed to go into Executive Session for legal advice at this time, the hour being 8:45 P.M.

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The meeting resumed at 9:15 P.M.

18. Re: Dismissal of Walter Nollac.

Mayor Isen announced that the order is that Item #18 is removed from the agenda. There were no objections.

The Council then returned to:

21. OCCUPANCY IN TRACT NO. 22704.

The homeowner conference resulted in the following recommended revisions in the resolution:

(1) That Boise Cascade cannot impose any conditions or liabilities on the homeowners as a result of any losses suffered by this agreement;

(2) That the storm drains be completed within a reasonable period of time, with a maximum period of 120 days - strikes and acts of God excepted;

Delete paragraph 5: "WHEREAS, Boise Cascade agrees to be liable for damages suffered to buildings within the tract by reason of storm waters and inundation occurring before completion of the storm drains;"

(The above to be incorporated in both the Resolution and the Agreement, subject to approval by Boise Cascade.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-196

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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOISE CASCADE BUILDING COMPANY, ALLOWING OCCUPANCY OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN TRACT 22704 PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPER COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION OF THE REQUIRED STORM DRAIN FACILITIES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-196, as revised. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert Isus
Mayor of the City of Torrance

