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Adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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August 5, 1969

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 1969, in the Council Chambers, Torrance City Hall at the hour of 5:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call were Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson and Mayor Isen.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Treasurer Rupert led in the Salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Harry Hillier, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Not yet received.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all property demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given 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 was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Noted.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

## 9. General Fund Advance for Redevelopment Agency Administrative Expense

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council authorization be granted to advance up to \$6,700 from the General Fund to cover the following 1969-70 project administrative expenses not eligible for federal participation:

Agency Members' Compensation 7 members x \$15 x 48 weeks	\$5,040
Agency Treasurer's Compensation \$60 x 12 months	720
Travel subject to specific Agency approval	500
Local meeting expenses	300
Other expenses	<u>140</u>
	<u>\$6,700</u>

10. Rejection of Bids - New Steel Library Shelving re: Bid #B69-14

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the Council reject the present bids received to allow the City Librarian to make the necessary specification changes and approve of the Purchasing Division rebidding the shelving requirement.

11. Budgeted and Special Expenditures in excess of \$300 submitted for Council Approval

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED

1. \$711.11 to Johnson Stationers for fifteen (15) file cabinets as requested by the City Clerk's office for our central record storage program. Other bids received were: \$854.43 from Eastman, Inc., \$826.88 from Russell's Stationers and \$895.23 from Office Systems.
2. \$1,342.32 to Mann Electronics for sixteen (16) new radio tone squelch units as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department to be used to improve our radio network. This is a manufacturer direct purchase as these units are NOT sold through dealers.
3. \$590.63 to Centerline Products Company for (150) gallons of street marking white paint as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department. Centerline Products paint was selected after completion of road tests in February, 1969 as conducted by the City. This is a factory direct purchase. This company does not sell through dealers.
4. \$1,323.00 to As-Tec Products Incorporated for (2,100) gallons of gilsonite asphalt sealer which is material to be used to seal the asphalt on City streets as requested by the Street Department. The only other West Coast source of gilsonite was Gilsaband Corporation who bid \$1,389.15.
5. \$613.20 to F. Morton Pitt Company for eight (8) Winchester Shotguns as requested by the Police Department. Other bids

received were: \$735.00 from South Bay Uniform and "No Bid" from George F. Cake Company.

6. \$411.08 to Mobile Radio Incorporated for two (2) remote radio units as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department to provide field dispatching of Local Government Radio Units. Other bids received were: \$423.15 from General Electric Co. and \$456.75 from Radio Communication Service.
- B. REIMBURSABLE
7. \$315.00 to Best Van & Storage Company for installation of a meter vault as requested by the Water Department for the Wallich's Music City Service. Payment for this work has already been received. Other bids received were: \$356.43 from Brooks Products Incorporated and \$356.43 plus delivery charges from M. Johnson Supply Company.
  8. \$600.00 to Western Laboratories for soils investigation work for the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project as requested by approximately forty (40) acres. Other bids received were:
    - A. \$660.00 from Geolabs, Inc.
    - B. \$850.00 from Foundation Engineering
    - C. \$850.00 from Pacific Soils
    - D. \$1,220.00 from Advanced Foundation Engineering
    - E. \$2,200.00 from Nikola Soils Engineer
  9. \$1,205.69 to Martin Hannum Refining Company for (130) ounces of sterling casting silver, (35) ounces of yellow gold casting, (9) feet of silver solder wire and (5½) ounces of other miscellaneous jewelers precious metal supplies as requested by the Recreation Department for use in their Arts & Craft jewelry classes. The City is reimbursed for this cost from fees collected from Class Participants. Other bids received were: \$1,214.85 (partial bid) from Western Alloy Refining and \$1,213.47 (partial bid) from American Gold Company.
- C. SPECIAL ITEMS - CITY LIBRARY
10. \$343.35 to Books for Libraries Incorporated for 38 assorted titles.
  11. \$450.51 to Combined Book Exhibit, Inc. for 171 assorted titles.
  12. \$501.04 to Western Library Service for 118 juvenile books.
  13. \$4,263.04 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 241 adult and 537 juvenile titles.
  14. \$305.06 to Lord Associates for 76 juvenile books.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Items 9, 10 and 11 be approved as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen advised that upon completion of all items on the regular agenda, the Council would recess for legal advice from the City Attorney and also for a Personnel Session.

HEARINGS:

12. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 15 (continued hearing)
- (1) Public Works Committee Report
  - (2) Instructions from City Traffic Engineer
  - (3) RESOLUTION ordering modifications
  - (4) RESOLUTION confirming the Engineering report as modified
  - (5) RESOLUTION designating contractor

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Committee. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Assessment Engineer Rosetti stated that, at the last meeting, the Council instructed the Assessment Engineer to look into the Riveria zone for possible modification due to the fact that the citizens were considering an alternate program of their own for another method of installation and to not install those intersection lights which were planned in District 15. At the work session, it was agreed that the intersection lights that were to be installed in the Riveria District have been removed. The 2,029 parcels reflect this and the 10 cent rate was reduced to 7 cents; also, in two other areas, the 5 lights proposed were reduced to 2 lights -- the work session also agreed to this. All the modification as to money, the description, the zone, the deletion of lights on the lighting maps, the plans, specifications, and the total amount of money to be raised and collected by the County have been taken care of. At the present time, stated Mr. Rosetti, everything is in order and the Resolution the City Attorney has ordered reflects this.

City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed their understanding of the instructions to Staff in Committee recommendations 3, 4 and 5.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA ORDERING THE MODIFICATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER, INVOLVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AS SET FORTH ON A SCHEDULE OF MODIFICATIONS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.  
(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 15)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 69-197. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-197; Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA CONFIRMING THE MODIFIED

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER; CONFIRMING THE MODIFIED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN SAID REPORT; OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 69-156; ORDERING THE WORK AND LEVYING THE MODIFIED ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICE NECESSARY TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND ILLUMINATE BY ELECTRIC ENERGY THE STREET LIGHTS AS SHOWN ON SAID MODIFIED DIAGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1969, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1972; ORDERING THE ABANDONMENT OF STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS NUMBERED 12 and 14; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AS MODIFIED TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTIONS.  
(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 15)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 69-198; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-198. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA DETERMINING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR PRACTICALLY CAPABLE OF SERVING THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 15 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIAGRAM AND PLAN No. L-15-69, AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUCH CONTRACTOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 69-199. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Resolution 69-199; Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

16. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 69-13 - VALENTINO  
RESOLUTION granting CUP 69-13 to allow the on-premise sale of alcoholic beverages in connection with a cocktail bar located at 1434 Marcelina Avenue, submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONNECTION WITH A COCKTAIL BAR AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 69-13 - ERNEST AND AMELIA VALENTINO

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Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-200. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller,  
Sciarrrotta, Uerkwitz and Mayor Isen

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS

13. ZC 69-8, C. N. CAKE (continued from July 8 and July 22)  
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.

Mr. Fidel Schmitz submitted to the Council that R-5 would not be financially feasible, but R-3 would be both feasible and practical. He commented that the surrounding property, including the County property to the south is all zoned R-3.

While not pertinent to the subject, as a matter of information, Mayor Isen inquired of Mr. Schmitz as to the progress on the sump. City Manager Ferraro confirmed Mr. Schmitz' reply that after one or two days more pumping, and a short period for drying, the job will be completed. It was further confirmed that Mr. Cake had performed according to the terms of the agreement.

Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

Councilman Miller moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission (March 19, 1969) to effect this zone change to R-3 with a precise plan and any and all other conditions that would be appearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson

Councilman Wilson questioned the earlier feeling of the Council that R-5 zoning would be most desirable and now it is apparently otherwise. Financial conditions were then pointed out.

14. ZC 69-18, E. ARNOLD OPPENHEIM AND CROWN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION (continued from July 22)  
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

Affadavit 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 the hearing be closed; Councilman Uerkwitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

15. ORDINANCE regarding Property located east of Cypress between 227th and 229th Streets and recommendation of the Planning Commission that a building moratorium be established for 90 days pending zoning and street studies of the area, submitted by Planning Director.

Councilman Miller announced that he would abstain from discussion on the subject item due to the fact that he lives within 300 feet of the area.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that both an Emergency Ordinance and a Regular Ordinance had been prepared.

Mr. Donald G. Hunt, 2270 West Sepulveda Boulevard, Torrance (Shibui Apartments) identified himself to the Council, stating that he lived on the adjoining property and that he just recently purchased the property in question. He stated that he did not receive any notice until Friday that the matter would be before the Council this Tuesday, August 5 and requested that one week's continuance be granted. City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested that if the continuance is granted, the Council should require that no action whatsoever be taken with regard to this matter during the one week interval -- Mr. Hunt so stipulated.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request for a one week continuance. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried as there were no objections.

17. Mr. Lu Wheeler request for time to discuss ZC 68-15 (Cal Georgia Development)

Mr. Wheeler stated, for background, that the Council had granted him a zone change on October 22, 1968, on 10 lots located on Crenshaw Boulevard near the San Diego Freeway. On June 24, 1969, a conditional vacation of the service road on Crenshaw Boulevard was granted. Mr. Wheeler advised that he would present his precise plan to the Planning Commission tomorrow evening, August 6, 1969, and he acknowledged the fact, that, regardless of the Planning Commission's decision, he was still obligated to present his precise plan before the Council. Because of economic difficulties -- he had a deadline of September 1, 1969, at which time all the escrows on his properties would have to be closed -- he requested that he be allowed to present his precise plan before the Council at the earliest possible date -- August 19th, if practicable, -- in order to meet the September 1 deadline.

Councilman Johnson moved that the item be pre-advertised and placed on the Council Agenda on August 19. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

18. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest agreement with State Personnel Board for Testing Services for Promotional Safety Series.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-201

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 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR PERSONNEL TESTING SERVICES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-201; Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## 19. Letter from City of Torrance Aquatics Employees

Mayor Isen directed that Item 19, a grievance, proceed through proper channels and referred it to administration.

Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Mayor Isen seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS20. RESOLUTION and agreements regarding Acquisition of Property - Del Amo Widening, submitted by City Manager.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCELS NOS. 10, 11 and 21 REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-202. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

21. RESOLUTION declaring intention to vacate the subject street and setting hearing thereon for August 26, 1969 at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers. Recommendations of Acting City Engineer that Council initiate the vacation and waive the \$100 fee. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE LADEENE AVENUE BETWEEN 230th STREET AND LOMITA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE: FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-203. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the City Council initiate the vacation of Ladeene Avenue and waive the \$100 fee. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

22. Right-of-Way Acquisition - 232nd Street

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

23. Street Opening Act on an alley east of Hawthorne Boulevard between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Item 23 be referred to Staff. Councilman Uerkwitz seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE

24. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - STORM DRAIN in 230th St., 230th Pl., and Arlington Ave. (B68-56) Job #68074  
Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that (1) Council accept the work, and (2) that final payment be made to the contractor.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer -- to accept the work, and that final payment be made. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

REAL PROPERTY

25. WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA RESOLUTION authorizing agreements regarding acquisition of Parcels Nos. 3 and 4 required for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard between Arlington Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd. Purchase price of each parcel is \$8,800.00, submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCELS NOS. 3 AND 4 FOR THE WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-204. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING

26. RESOLUTION authorizing the installation of parking restrictions limited to TWO HOUR PARKING 9AM to 6PM SUNDAYS EXCEPTED on the north side of 186th Street between Western Avenue and Manhattan Place. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-116, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-205. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Before a roll call vote was taken on the motion, the question was raised by Councilman Uerkwitz if the adoption of this Resolution would just transfer the problem to another location. Councilman Johnson stated that the people presently parking there, who apparently park their cars all day at this location as they join car pools who take them on the freeway to their places of employment, would be forced to park elsewhere, but hopefully in a non-residential area. Mr. Art Horkay of the Traffic and Lighting Department confirmed Councilman Johnson's statements concerning the problem and stated that it was hoped that the problem would not be transferred to another location in Torrance. Councilman Johnson voiced the opinion that this solution was worth a try, and that Staff should continue to closely watch the situation.

Roll call vote was taken on the motion by City Clerk Coil and it was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS

27. RESOLUTION and agreement relative to the selection of an Independent Auditor for Fiscal Years 1968-1969 and 1969-1970.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-206

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 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COTTON AND FRANDISCO, FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1968-69 AND 1969-70.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-206. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Council Finance Committee -- that the City Manager be directed to recommend at a later date additional special audit work to be performed by Cotton and Francisco with the fee for such work to be based on the hourly rate included in the audit contract. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there were no objections.

BUS SYSTEM

28. RESOLUTION and agreement for Bus Passenger Agency at International Airport, submitted by City Manager.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman explained to the Council that JAGTA has a monopoly granted them by the Los Angeles Department of Airports in that they are the only persons authorized or allowed to announce arrivals and departures of limosines, buses, etc. It was Councilman Uerkwitz' feeling that this plan was in the experimental stage and it should be given every opportunity to continue to see if it will work. In answer to Councilman Wilson's question, Mr. Chamberlain advised that from 6 to 9, the buses ran every 30 minutes and from 9 to 2, every hour. He further advised that the amount of passengers has doubled since this service began.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to allow this agreement between JAGTA and TORTRAN to exist for a trial period of two (2) months, beginning August 1, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

29. ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

Report on Commission vacancies, submitted by City Clerk

Mayor Isen first referred to Item B under Information Only -- the letter from Dr. Hull, Secretary of the Board of Education, Torrance School District, which suggested that another person be appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission who would represent the School District. There is at present a very close relationship between the School Board and the City, including the Recreation Department and the Park and Recreation Commission, stated Mayor Isen, and he did not feel it necessary to have a Park and Recreation Commissioner appointed who would solely represent the School District.

Councilman Beasley moved to file the letter; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

With regard to the other Commission vacancies, Mayor Isen requested of City Clerk Coil that letters be sent to all applicants for the various vacant Commission posts directing them to appear for an interview at 7:00 P.M., Monday evening, August 11, 1969, at Torrance City Hall. Appointees to the Citizens Advisory Committee would be selected from the remaining applicants' names after the other Commission posts have been filled.

As to the Parking Place Commission -- it being merely a legal requirement and no problems having been reported -- Councilman Beasley moved to reappoint the Parking Place Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2003.

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

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.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003, at its second and final reading. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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At 6:30 P.M., a 10 minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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Mayor Isen welcomed Bill McCance of the Los Angeles Times to the meeting.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2004.

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

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.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2004 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

32. ORDINANCE NO. 2005.

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

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 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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2005 at its second and final reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

33. ORDINANCE NO. 2006.

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

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 THEREFORE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2006, at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADDENDUM ITEM

34. REPORT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
RE: City Engineer Examination

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Council Civil Service Committee relative to their recommended items 1 and 2. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

35. Chief of Police Koenig advised that a letter in which a check for \$27,826.12 was enclosed, had been received from the Commission of Peace Officers Standards and Training. This check represented reimbursement for the training of police officers and the letter encouraged each Department head to make a formal presentation of the check before its City Council. However, at the suggestion of the City Treasurer, this check was immediately sent to the Treasurer's Office in order to gain a couple of days more interest.

Appreciation was expressed by Chief Koenig to the City Council and the City Manager for making this training program possible and he further added that it was hoped that the program could be expanded in the future.

36. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem advised the Council that a photographer from Life Magazine had been out recently to Columbia Park.

37. Councilman Miller advised that he had set up a meeting for 4:00 P.M. Monday, August 11, 1969, for the police/fire committee of the Council and he requested that both departments have a representative there in order to further investigate the possibilities of maintaining trained personnel. Mayor Isen commented that it might be interesting to find out how much of the \$27,000 plus refund represented the City's contribution and how much actually came back, and he requested that this be made a part of Councilman Miller's report.

38. Councilman Johnson expressed his thanks to City Clerk Coil and the Minute Secretaries for the birthday cake served in his honor during the 6:30 recess.

39. Councilman Johnson commended the Planning Department for their report on total yard concept.

40. Councilman Johnson stated that it had come to his attention that the total agendas provided in the libraries disappeared quite rapidly and he suggested that at least two more complete agendas be provided in each library.

City Clerk Coil replied that a survey had been made of this situation and it was found that very few complete agendas were required. He further stated that the time and labor involved in preparing these agendas made it virtually impossible with the present staff to deliver any more than are presently being provided in the libraries, nor at any earlier date.

Mayor Isen suggested that more cover sheets could be provided and it could be noted thereon that the back-up material would be available in the City Clerk's office.

Councilman Johnson then requested that this matter be referred to Staff, asking that inquiry be made as to the demand for these total agendas in the libraries, and also the feasibility of providing more, and that a report be brought back to the Council.

41. Councilman Uerkwitz commented, that in his job as Chairman of the Council Public Works Committee, he came across some problems, one of which apparently had been resolved -- the problem of the poorly set up yard area which is badly in need of a Master Plan to improve the situation. Mr. Ferraro has already taken steps in this direction, stated Councilman Uerkwitz.

The other item, Councilman Uerkwitz stated, was the fact that the level of service in the Street and Sanitation Departments has been excellent over the years with no added personnel despite expanded work programs -- the City Manager has agreed to this high level of performance, yet when the Department heads were recently granted salary increases in the newly adopted Budget, it appeared these departments were not fairly treated. He then moved for reconsideration of the wage adjustments of the Street and Sanitation Departments. Commissioner Sciarrotta seconded the motion. After further discussion on the matter, a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Isen moved that the reconsideration that had just been suggested by Councilman Uerkwitz and approved by the Council, be an agenda item next week (August 12) and that all supporting information, both for and against, be supplied. He then amended his motion to have this item appear on the August 26 agenda. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

42. With regard to the low flying jets, Mayor Isen requested that action be taken as soon as possible to alleviate this situation. As a matter of information, Councilman Beasley informed the Council that many of these planes were large transport aircraft coming back from Viet Nam and landing in March Field.

Airport Manager Egan advised the Council that a fact finding tour of the FAA Control Tower would be taking place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Airport Commission (August 14) and that a report would be forthcoming.

Councilman Sciarrotta felt that the Airport Committee of the Council should investigate this matter -- Mr. Egan stated that he would be happy to arrange for them a meeting with the FAA if they should so desire.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved at 7:15 P. M. to recess as City Council and reconvene as Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously. At 7:17 P. M. the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned upon motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, with no objections.

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A recess was called at 7:17 P. M. at which time the Council went into Executive Personnel Session.

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The Council reconvened at 8:00 P. M.

43. Mayor Isen requested that the appointed Cultural Arts Committee render a decision as quickly as possible as to whether or not this Committee should remain privately disassociated from the City or whether it should become a City Commission, and that they report back to the Council through the Recreation, Culture and Parks Committee as to their decision.

Councilman Wilson commented, that in terms of submitting a proper report -- one that would accurately reflect the thinking of the arts community in Torrance -- that this Committee have the prerogative of inviting professional opinions from all people in the community before making their decision.

Mayor Isen did not feel that any Councilman should participate in any manner in such Committee meetings, since the matters proposed would be back before the Council for a vote -- he specifically referred to the fact that Dr. Wilson had been acting chairman of this Committee for the past several weeks. It was suggested by Mayor Isen that perhaps the Council Standing Committees should be abolished -- Councilman Miller objected to this suggestion, stating that the committees were working actively and constructive thoughts and action have resulted.

44. RESOLUTION No. 69-207 re: Walter M. Nollac

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to reconsider the item that was on the previous week's agenda concerning Mr. Nollac. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

As the matter concerning Mr. Nollac was in the form of a Resolution, per Mayor Isen's request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 69-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PAYMENT TO WALTER M. NOLLAC OF THE COST OF PROVIDING HIS DEFENSE IN THE MATTER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HEARING REGARDING WALTER M. NOLLAC, SUSPENDED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST TO A CERTAIN COMPROMISE AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATING MONEY

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, a lengthy presentation was made by Mayor Isen, and his statement follows: The many private sessions, the extensive legal advice, were noted by the Mayor, as well as the difficult decision faced by the Council. He deemed this an administrative matter -- Mr. Ferraro, within his rights as City Manager, suspended Walter Nollac, and thereafter preferred numerous charges against him -- after prolonged hearing, four charges were sustained by the Civil Service Commission, which, in the opinion of Mayor Isen, were "milked-down" in the effect of the findings of the Civil Service Commission in comparison to the original charges that were made.

Continuing, Mayor Isen described that the Council, acting as an appellate body, affirmed the findings of the Civil Service Commission, that being the only capacity in which the Council has acted in this matter until the legal proceedings were recently taken by Mr. Nollac.

There are several problems that must be considered, the Mayor stated: There exists an incompatible situation in the progress and welfare of the City with the City Manager and the Director of Public Works having differences which cannot be resolved; There is, further, a long row to hoe with reference to the success or failure of the legal proceedings now pending in the court. Mayor Isen advised that a fact unknown to this Council -- it not being their duty to know -- that after the first month of suspension, that thereafter, whether Mr. Nollac was right or wrong, that he would be entitled to draw his substantial salary each month, until the time of dismissal from the City's services, providing the City's action was sustained in the courts.

The time consuming endless hearings before the Civil Service Commission were noted by the Mayor as well.

City Attorney Remelmeyer has advised the Council, Mayor Isen stated, that win, lose, or draw the City would owe Mr. Nollac approximately \$15,000; the matter can be settled for an additional \$10,500, labelled attorney fees, and which is in the discretion of the Council under the law to grant, rather than a lump settlement to Mr. Nollac

(which would be taxable as income), this adjustment. As to the question, is this in the public interest? -- the Council must come up with an answer of yes, for the reason that the legal expense consumed in taking this matter through the courts and the lengthy appeal route available to Mr. Nollac -- were Mr. Nollac successful, there would be a staggering amount due, some thousands and thousands of dollars over a protracted period of two or three years, perhaps longer, in which his salary would be restored to him. It is the feeling of this Council that they cannot gamble with this type of situation, particularly in view of the existing incompatibility in Administration.

In conclusion, Mayor Isen stated that it is the Council's intention, per City Attorney Remelmeyer's guidance, not to actually pay the sums indicated, although the resolution will be passed, until there has been a validating action brought in Superior Court where the judge has confirmed and approved, as against any objections from the community over the payment of such a sum.

It is Mayor Isen's personal feeling that City Manager Ferraro has been absolutely justified in everything he has done right down the line, other than not advising the Council of the accumulation of salary while this matter was going on. Since decisions must be -- and it is at Council level rather than in Administration or in Commissions that decisions are made -- the Council has made a hard decision in this matter. In the interest of public interest of economy, and the need for having an efficient department, the Council would instruct Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Nollac that the settlement meets approval, and the resolution is in order at this time.

Councilman Sciarrotta confirmed his understanding that not one cent will be paid until the courts have validated the action of this settlement, and it is ascertained that it is not a misuse of public funds -- that should be stressed above all else.

The impossibility of hiring a permanent City Engineer were the litigation continued was pointed out by Councilman Miller, and the fact that were Mr. Nollac reinstated the person taking over the job would be eliminated.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-207. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Albert Jones  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

