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August 19, 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 session on Tuesday, August 19, 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.

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, Attorney Larry Bowman (also a Civil Service Commissioner) led in the Salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

In the absence of Reverend Lloyd Newlin, and at the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Milt Isbell, President of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the July 29, August 5 and August 12 meetings be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all properly audited 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 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 was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Noted.

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Mayor Isen announced that former Mayor Bob Haggard was present in the audience and subsequently introduced him to all present.

For the benefit of those attending a Council meeting for the first time, Mayor Isen explained briefly the procedures involved in conducting City Council meetings.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS10. EXTRA WORK - INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER IN TORRANCE AIRPORT - phase IV (B69-26) Job 69017

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER: That the extra work be approved.

11. CLAIM OF RUSH ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC., for funds withheld.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK: That said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

12. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300 submitted for Council approval

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED

1. \$309.93 to GMC Truck & Coach for eighty-four (84) gaskets, rods and valves as requested by the City Garage for stock "as needed." GMC is the sole West Coast wholesaler of these repair parts.
2. \$1,552.58 to Albro Fire Equipment Company for twenty-four (24) sets of firefighters protective clothing (coats & pants) and sixteen (16) pair of protective boots to be ordered "as needed" by the Fire Department. Other bids received were: \$1,656.06 from Halprin Supply and \$1,668.40 from Western Fire Equipment Company.
3. \$401.33 to Barnes & Delaney for (400) feet of hydraulic hose to be used as repair and replacement parts as requested by the City Garage. Other bids received were: \$447.85 from Charles Carter Company and \$450.05 from Commercial Motor Parts.
4. \$1,618.06 to Mobile Radio, Incorporated for five (5) remote radio desk sets as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department as replacement units in the Water and Fire Departments. Other bids received were: \$1,641.15 from General Electric Company and \$1,708.35 from Radio Communications Service.
5. \$329.70 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one (1) only 4-inch water meter with check valve as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Prairie Avenue Church. Hersey Sparling is the sole manufacturer in the Los Angeles area for this type meter.

6. \$539.70 to A. A. Fence Company of Torrance for labor and material needed to convert and revamp two (2) Airport gate entrances as requested by the City Airport. Other bids received were: \$586.00 from Southern California Fence Company and \$600.00 from Guardian Fence Company.
 7. \$1,418.79 to Johnson Stationers for four (4) desks, four (4) filing cabinets, one (1) storage cabinet, two (2) secretarial chairs and four (4) lounge chairs as requested by the Fire Department for use at the various stations. Other bids received were : \$1,517.51 from United Desk and \$1,662.15 from Eastman, Inc.
- B. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY
8. \$608.58 to Doubleday & Company, Incorporated c/o John Thorne for 92 adult and 2 juvenile books.
 9. \$333.27 to West State Books for 39 adult books.
 10. \$368.08 to Random House Publishing Company c/o Mr. Joe Grencik for 52 adult books.
 11. \$304.15 to Superintendent of Documents for 477 various pamphlets.
 12. \$384.72 to Harper & Row c/o Harry Rinehimer for 62 adult books.
 13. \$3,574.33 to Campbell & Hall c/o Harry R. Wilson for 14 reference and 490 adult books.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that Items 10, 11 and 12 be approved as recommended. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried unanimously as shown below:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

9. Request for permission to attend Oil Lease Committee Meeting in Sacramento August 21, 1969.

City Attorney Remelmeyer withdrew his request to attend subject meeting, reporting that it had been cancelled. However, it had been his plan, stated Mr. Remelmeyer, upon the conclusion of the Oil Lease Committee Meeting in Sacramento, to go on to San Francisco to see the Public Utilities Commission staff concerning a railroad problem and, at this time, he requested Council permission to go to San Francisco in the near future for this purpose.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve this request. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

32. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2008 re: Radio Station KKOP locating in Torrance

Mayor Isen referred to the emergency situation existing last week concerning Radio Station KKOP whose lease in Redondo Beach expires soon and who desire to make their new headquarters on Paseo de Las Tortugas, in the Hollywood Riveria section of Torrance. This property, although City owned, is zoned R-1, so it became necessary

for the City Attorney to draft an emergency ordinance amending the R-1 zoning provision to permit a commercial radio and television broadcasting antenna and tower to be located on publicly owned property. Also, a further requirement of the Torrance Municipal Code, according to City Attorney Remelmeyer, demands that a conditional use permit must be obtained, so a second emergency (and regular) ordinance was prepared which does away with that requirement. In addition, stated Mr. Remelmeyer, a Resolution has been prepared authorizing the lease of the property to Mr. Jack Barry, dba KKOP Radio. This lease -- for 20 years -- requires \$100 per year rent subject to the price index clause. Most other provisions of the lease are standard indicated Mr. Remelmeyer. Mayor Isen's request for the station to devote one hour weekly free time to programs of public interest to the citizens of Torrance was also incorporated in the lease. Should Mr. Barry not receive approval from the FCC or any other government regulatory agency, the lease will not take effect.

Councilman Miller asked if the people in the surrounding area had been notified as to the proposed radio tower. His question was answered by Mr. Steve Edwards, Manager of KKOP, 2257 Hawthorne Boulevard, who replied that a meeting was held with the members of the Riveria Village Homeowners Association which he and Assistant City Manager Scharfman had attended. The members of the Association were advised that there would be no adverse interference, but should this subsequently occur, the lease provides that this must and will be corrected. Actually, none of the homes are on the same level of the tower with the exception of one Palos Verdes home and the owner of that residence -- also in attendance at the meeting -- advised that she and her husband had no objections to the tower.

Larry Bowman, the Attorney handling this matter, advised that the plans for the building of the tower must be approved by the City Manager and the Water Department Superintendent and he reiterated Mr. Edwards' statement that any adverse interference would be taken care of by KKOP.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 91.4.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PERMISSIBLE USES IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS (R-1) AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2008. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

32A. ORDINANCE NO. 2009 re: Radio Station KKOP locating in Torrance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 91.4.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PERMISSIBLE USES IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS (R-1) AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2008 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

33. ORDINANCE NO. 2010 re: Conditional Use Permits for Commercial Radio and Television Towers, Transmitters, etc.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to Emergency Ordinance No. 2010 for its first and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 95.3.12 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION ANTENNAE, TOWERS, AND TRANSMITTERS, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2010. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 33A. ORDINANCE NO. 2011 re: Conditional Use Permits for Commercial Radio and Television Towers, Transmitters, etc,

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 95.3.12 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION ANTENNAE, TOWERS AND TRANSMITTERS, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2010, RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve Ordinance No. 2011 at its first reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and the roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. RESOLUTION NO. 69-212 re: Lease agreement between KKOP Radio and the City of Torrance

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JACK BARRY DBA KKOP RADIO FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RADIO BROADCASTING TOWER.

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-212. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS

13. APPEAL OF CUP 69-17, J-S REALTY COMPANY (John B. Howenstine, Secretary). Appeal of a condition of approval for a conditional use permit to allow the on-premise sale of alcoholic beverages in connection with a bona fide restaurant, located at 2711 Pacific Coast Highway, and described as a portion of Lot 1, Tract 9765. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Mr. John Howenstine, 23621 South Anza, Torrance, requested an appeal of the motion passed by the Planning Commission relative to their proposed sign in that it was too restrictive to the point that it would jeopardize their investment in the property and further development thereof. Jim Hagaman, Senior Planner, stated that essentially, their sign complied with the new ordinance; however, it was 30 feet oversized in this case.

Mayor Isen commented that they had a very beautiful sign and if it were compressed smaller, it would not have the same beauty. He also recalled to memory the fact that the Council previously had been considering 2½ square feet of frontage to 1 square foot of sign, but subsequently decided to stay 1 square foot to 1 square foot in order to have better control. In this particular case, the subject proponent shares a common driveway with two other parties and he has been allowed credit for this 40 feet of driveway to be part of the signing.

Councilman Miller brought up the point that, in the future, the common driveway problem may arise again but with perhaps five, six, seven or more common users. In such cases, he inquired, how would it be determined as to what percentage of credit for the common driveway each user should receive? He further suggested that some kind of policy of fairness should be established in this regard. Mayor Isen agreed, requesting that such a recommendation be forthcoming from Staff and the Review Board.

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

Mayor Isen moved that the request for the sign be granted in connection with the conditional use permit with the stipulation that there will be no further signs on the premises. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

17. COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMAN JOHNSON RE PROPOSED REVISION IN SIGN ORDINANCE

Mr. Milt Isbell, 20557 Madrona Avenue, Torrance, that, at the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors recent Board meeting which Councilman Johnson attended, the members concurred with the Resolution that Councilman Johnson presented to this group. Mr. Isbell mentioned that this Board represented more than just Torrance -- Lomita, parts of Los Angeles City and County and the City of Carson and he felt that conformity with the other areas was important. In answer to a question asked by Mayor Isen, Mr. Isbell replied that the two unlighted signs would be For Sale or For Rent signs on corner properties where exposure to both streets would be necessary.

As to the picking up of 'open house' signs, Mr. Isbell assured the Council that the Board would police this very thoroughly.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that an amendment be added to the Sign Ordinance on Page 12, Section 88.6.6 - Real Estate Signs, which would provide the following:

1. Two (2) unlighted signs...etc...in lieu of one (1) sign specified by the ordinance.
2. Total restrictions should be eliminated for the location of "open house" signs temporarily placed to direct people to an open house. If the total restrictions cannot be lifted, then as many as six (6) but not more than this amount of signs should be permitted. (Per Councilman Johnson's suggestions in his memorandum of 7/29/69 directed to Council)

Councilman Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. PROPOSED REVISION IN MASTER PLAN FOR THE VICTOR PRECINCT
(Cont'd from 8/12) Consideration of a proposed revision to eliminate Ladeene Avenue between Maricopa Street and Emerald Street. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION--DENIAL

Mr. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, stated that, inasmuch as he was planning to widen both Maricopa and Emerald Streets, and since Ladeene Avenue did not go through all the way, anyway, he could see no reason why the subject portion of the street should not be removed. He admitted that when the proposed apartments were designed, Ladeene Avenue was not included because the plans he saw of the area did not show this street on them. Also, Mr. Butcher advised, there was an existing alley on the west and he reiterated the statement that it did not seem necessary for Ladeene Avenue on the east.

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

Councilman Beasley then moved to eliminate that portion of Ladeene Street between Maricopa and Emerald Streets. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

Councilman Miller qualified his "no" vote by stating it would be inconsistent of him to vote otherwise -- he always felt it would be better to have R-3 property (the proposed apartments) backing up to M-1 property (the nearby industrially zoned property).

Councilman Wilson qualified his "no" vote by saying that he felt it was premature in terms of future planning needs.

Mayor Isen abstained on this matter due to a possible conflict of interest.

Councilman Johnson requested that the Planning Staff make a study and come back with a recommendation to Council as to why the rest of Ladeene Avenue should remain as it seemed to serve no useful purpose.

Senior Planner Jim Hagaman mentioned that it was the recommendation of the Traffic & Lighting Department that the apartment house builder furnish additional parking spaces in lieu of the space that would be lost by eliminating Ladeene Avenue from the Master Plan. Councilman Johnson disagreed, stating that if the contractor just followed the apartment house ordinance, there would be enough parking.

At 6:21 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded and there were no objections.

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A 10 minute recess was called at 6:25 P.M. at which time a birthday cake was served in honor of Councilman Miller's birthday.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. COMMUNICATION from the Planning Director re 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.
ORDINANCE re a moratorium and declaring the presence of an emergency.
ORDINANCE re a moratorium and repealing Emergency Ordinance.

Councilman Miller indicated he would abstain from discussion on this matter.

Deputy Attorney Pat Smith reported that he had discussed this matter with all parties concerned and a 45-day moratorium was agreed upon which would give the Planning Department sufficient time to make a study and come back with recommendations.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone Item 16 until the August 26 Council meeting, subject to Deputy Attorney Smith's prior statement. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained from voting.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- B. PETITION submitted by Seaside Ranchos Area residents to restore bus service.

Mrs. D. Choate, 5019 Reese Road, spoke on behalf of the residents in the Seaside Ranchos who indicated their desire, in the form of a petition, to restore the bus service to their area.

Councilman Johnson commented that in a similar situation in Victoria Knolls, the residents of that area were given 90 days during which time some sort of compromise could be worked out. It was Councilman Sciarrotta's feeling that this matter be referred to the Transportation Committee and that they could bring forth a recommendation after a thorough study. Councilman Uerkwitz also agreed that this matter should be referred to Committee. In addition, he commented that when this cut in bus service was decided, the Council had agreed not to interfere with Management's operation of the buses.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this item be referred to the Transportation Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and there were no objections.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

15. PP 69-10, LU WHEELER AND FAYE O'BITZ (Gulf Oil Company)
Request for approval of a precise plan of development for service station to be located on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard between the San Diego Freeway right-of-way and 185th Street and described as Lots 1 through 10 of Tract 17560.

RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Lu Wheeler, 6266 West Manchester Boulevard, Los Angeles, representing 7 property owners as well as himself, stated he was present before the Council requesting that a precise plan be approved for a Gulf Oil Company Service Station to be located up against the San Diego Freeway on Crenshaw Boulevard. Mr. Wheeler recalled to mind the fact that three years ago, the owners of this property tried to obtain commercial zoning on this land and applied for vacating the service road to make a feasible development before the Planning Commission. The necessary preparation work was completed, Mr. Wheeler stated, but the Planning Commission denied the request on the grounds of strip zoning, suggesting that the project be expanded west to Friell Avenue. This was done and a request for a Standard Oil Service Station and restaurant was next submitted before the Planning Commission who denied the request stating that the service station would be too close to the residential area. Subsequently the investors entered into an option with Gulf Oil Company who are willing, Mr. Wheeler advised, to locate their service station away from the residential area. Mr. Wheeler appealed to the Council to consider his request, explaining some of the many problems he is now faced with in this matter. Considering that land is at a premium, he stated -- realistically, an oil company is the only user willing to accept such cost.

Mr. George Bernhardt, Seaboard Engineering Company, 1100 South Beverly Drive, Los Angeles, representing Gulf Oil Corporation, indicated that a mutually acceptable program had been worked out with the Planning Department for the orderly development of the remainder of the property. He stated that 39 of the 42 conditions imposed by the Planning Department were acceptable to his company, taking opposition to Item G -- the condition that the canopy for the station be constructed in a manner similar to that of a nearby Phillips 66 Service Station, stating that the company would prefer to maintain their own identity in design; Item K which required "that cross easements from one portion of the center to other portions of the center be provided for vehicular access," requesting that this sentence be changed to read "the cut in the proposed planter as shown on the plans should be maintained open, thereby providing access between the two properties"; and Item 6 on Page 3 of the Planning Department's recommendation -- Mr. Bernhardt stated that a variance for a higher sign is desired.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the precise plan for the development of a Gulf Service Station in case PP 69-10 be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (1) That Item G on Page 5 of the Planning Department/Commission's recommendation be eliminated.
- (2) That Item K on Page 5 of the Planning Department/Commission's recommendation be substituted as suggested by Mr. George Bernhardt.
- (3) That Item 6 on Page 3 of the Planning Department/Commission's recommendation be changed by deleting the words "not to exceed a maximum of 50 feet in height or an area of 200 square feet."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. SPECIAL ADJUSTMENTS - STREET MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT AND SANITATION SUPERINTENDENT

1. Report of City Manager
2. Report from TMEO

Councilman Beasley expressed the opinion that the Street and Sanitation Superintendents were consistently the lowest paid department heads in the City and by keeping them tied to the bench mark system, they would permanently be tied to a low rate of pay. Because he believed the only way these department heads' wages would be raised up would be for the Council to take direct action, Councilman Beasley moved that the Sanitation Superintendent, the Street Superintendent and the Traffic Engineer be given an adjustment of 5% in their basic wages. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Before a roll call vote was taken on the motion, a discussion ensued at which time Councilman Wilson stated he believed this was not the proper time to bring up a salary adjustment -- it should have come up during the recent budget hearings. He also commented that the department heads in question apparently indicated they had no grievance and that the Council would be violating their basic principles in terms of their relationship with all employees by superseding what salary negotiation arrangements have already been made.

Councilman Miller commented that "if the bench mark system is wrong" as inferred by Councilman Beasley, "then the whole salary system must be wrong as it was all based on this bench mark system." If the Council is not satisfied with the bench mark system, Councilman Miller continued, then the whole system should be studied and changed for next year. In this regard, Senior Administrative Assistant Jackson stated, that in order to change this, the proper way would be to have the Torrance Management Employee Organization and the Employee Organizations, next year, make a request to management to make a special study of these two particular classes, and put them in their proper place. He further indicated that the salary methodology was never a static thing -- it was studied thoroughly on a "meet and confer" basis and was flexible from year to year. Councilman Uerkwitz contended that the bench mark for these particular classes was not realistic.

Mayor Isen stated, that he, for one, has relied on management's comparisons in the benchmark system, recognizing that it was possible some mistakes have been made and were just overlooked in the past. He, too, felt that the entire salary methodology should be reviewed next year, but did not believe this should be opened up now because of possible repercussions from other classes. According to City Manager Ferraro, the Council's action at this time would open up the entire salary survey, making it possible for other City employees to appeal to the Council for salary adjustments.

Councilman Wilson offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the memorandum between the Torrance Management Employees Organization, representatives of Management, stand, and that no special adjustments be made. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the motion failed to carry as shown:

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

Roll call vote was then taken on the original motion to grant the three department heads mentioned earlier a 5% salary increase. This motion carried as follows:

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

19. FRINGE BENEFIT - ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY PAY AND SENIORITY ACCRUAL DURING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT LEAVE

It was Councilman Miller's opinion that the proper ordinance be drafted and these fringe benefits be put in progress. Councilman Johnson so moved to approve this request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

20. CLARIFICATION OF CITY POLICY REGARDING RELIEF OF DEVELOPER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTING STREET IMPROVEMENTS WHEN DEDICATING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SELECT SYSTEM STREET WIDENING.

Recommendations of Engineering Department: (1) That dedication of right-of-way on Select Street System for deceleration lanes or right-turn lanes be considered in the same manner as other Select System dedications with regard to establishing developer and City responsibility for constructing street improvements; and (2) That the City make every effort to physically provide the improvements for which the City is responsible prior to occupancy of the development which dedicated the Select Street widening.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Engineering Department's recommendations (1) and (2) on this item. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

21. SANITARY SEWER IN 232nd STREET WEST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE
 Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that \$10,000 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of referenced sewer.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously.

REAL PROPERTY:

22. RECOMMENDATIONS OF LIBRARY COMMISSION RE SITE AND PARKING FOR THE SOUTHEAST TORRANCE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman called attention to City Manager Ferraro's letter to the Library Commission recommending that only the one parcel of land be purchased at this time. The Library Commission concurred with this recommendation, he advised.

Mrs. Hannah Saville, 19325 Sturges Drive, Torrance, Chairman of the Library Commission, stated that it appeared that Parcel 1 included a portion of land to the south measuring 53 feet; however,

she wanted to emphasize the point that the Library Commission was desirous of making sure that this 53 feet was included in the proposed purchase.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that the City acquire Parcel 1 as described below:

Parcel #1 located on the west side of Arlington Avenue between 231st and 232nd Streets;

plus the additional 53 feet to the south of Parcel #1 in a separate transaction and that this land will be provided for the Southeast Torrance Branch Library site. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mrs. Saville requested that the Council try to obtain more land for this site. In this regard, Councilman Johnson suggested picking up an extra 27 feet to the west of the subject parcel. He then moved that the idea of acquiring this extra 27 feet be referred to Management for study. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

23. Recommends authorizing the City Traffic Engineer to remove unauthorized STOP signs for northbound and southbound traffic on Maple Avenue at its intersection with Eldorado and replace them with state Standard R9 "SCHOOL CROSSING-STOP WHEN OCCUPIED" signs.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, a discussion was held at which time Councilman Miller noted that this was a "blind" corner because of the thick foliage present, creating the possibility of an accident should a small child going east from Madrona School run suddenly from behind this foliage onto the path of an oncoming automobile. Councilman Uerkwitz concurred with this statement, but wondered how many protests had been received to remove this stop sign.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to table this item for one week which would give the Council an opportunity to personally view this intersection and give the matter further consideration. Motion carried as there were no objections.

24. Recommendations of City Traffic Engineer re SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS because of school boundary changes at Edison, Madison, Magruder, and Perry Elementary Schools.
- 24A. Also: Companion item by Engineering Department re IMPROVEMENT OF 182ND STREET FROM PRAIRIE AVENUE TO DOTY AVENUE, south side with two recommendations.

Mrs. John Sencerbox, 3925 West 184th, Torrance, felt that the Safety Improvements suggested by the Traffic and Lighting Department, particularly, the proposed signal at 182nd and Prairie, were of a minimum nature and should be increased. She indicated that a crossing guard definitely should be provided in addition to the Walk-Don't Walk Signal at Prairie and 182nd. Mrs. Sencerbox was advised to temporarily withhold her objections to what she termed "minimum safety improvements" until such time as the suggested improvements were installed and given an opportunity to be observed to see whether or not they would suffice. Sgt. Wooldridge agreed with the Council's feeling on this matter, stating that Walk-Don't Walk Signals had proven most effective elsewhere and that by placing

a Crossing Guard in addition to this signal would only strengthen the children's dependence on Crossing Guards when, actually, they should be learning to cross signalled intersections safely by themselves. Further, Sgt. Wooldridge advised, trained personnel would educate these children in crossing at signalled intersections without Crossing Guard assistance necessary for the future.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer, Items 1 through 5, as listed below:

1. Install pedestrian "WALK-DON'T WALK" signals at the intersection of 182nd and Prairie for the benefit of K-5 students who will be attending Edison Elementary.
2. Install sidewalks on the south side of 182nd between Prairie and Edison Elementary School.
3. Install a crosswalk on the east side of Baily at 182nd Street for 6-8 graders from the Madison and Perry areas going to Magruder.
4. Repaint the crosswalks on the north and east sides of 184th and Prairie for the benefit of the 6-8 graders from the Edison area going to Magruder.
5. Because all of the K-5 children may cross Prairie at its intersection with 182nd (where the new pedestrian signals are to be installed) it is recommended that the installation of a crossing guard at 186th and Prairie be denied at this time.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

In relation to Item 24A, Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer to appropriate \$12,000 from 2107 Gas Tax funds for the improvement of 182nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Doty Avenue. \$4,900 of this appropriation is to be used to perform the recommended improvements 1 through 5 in Item 24. Councilman Uerkwitz seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen then moved that the City Attorney be instructed to proceed to condemnation (with immediate possession) of the needed right-of-way on the 182nd and Prairie Avenue proposed improvement. Councilman Johnson seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. AIRPORT COMMISSION REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR REGULAR AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1969

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Airport Manager's request. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion.

It was Mayor Isen's feeling that holding a public meeting in an office had the same effect of "closing the doors" to public audiences. It was then suggested that the Employee's Lounge be used for this September 11, 1969, Airport Commission meeting, rather than the Airport Manager's office. This change of meeting place to the Employee's Lounge was accepted by Councilmen Uerkwitz and Johnson who so moved and seconded, and there were no objections.

26. Letter from Larry A. Dickey re JET NOISES OVER RIVIERA SECTION of Torrance

Airport Manager Egan reported that the Airport Commission just recently completed a fact-finding tour of the F.A.A. Tower at Los Angeles International Airport and were in the process of preparing a report to be presented to the Council in the near future.

Mayor Isen requested that, in the meantime, Mr. Egan prepare an answer to Mr. Dickey's letter.

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that the South Bay Councilmen's Association, of which he is Chairman, has an Airport Committee presently working on the jet noise factor and they, also, are looking towards a solution to this problem.

PARK AND RECREATION:

27. BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LA CARRETERA PARK AND HICKORY PARK GAME COURTS

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council accept and award the one bid received from Ambro Engineering, Inc. for the construction of the game court at La Carretera Park, plus the game court, night-lighting and sidewalks of the Hickory Park tennis court in the amount of \$32,316.03. And further, that the City Council appropriate an additional \$11,000 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund to cover the increase in construction costs for these two improvements.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Director to go ahead with these two projects. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

28. ORDINANCE giving the License Review Board the authority to renew conditional use permits for the transfer of on-sale liquor license.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 95.3.3 AND 31.7.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE PROVISIONS THEREOF REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ON-SALE LIQUOR SALES ESTABLISHMENTS.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 2012 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and carried as follows:

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

29. ORDINANCE adding Sections 97.10.8 and 97.10.9 to the Code entitled "Waiver of Fees" and "Appeal to Council" relating to Annual operating Permits (OIL CODE)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 97.10.8 AND 97.10.9 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "WAIVER OF FEES" AND "APPEAL TO CITY COUNCIL" RELATING TO ANNUAL OPERATING PERMITS (OIL CODE)

Councilman Johnson moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

30. COMMUNICATION from the Planning Director re MEMBERSHIP IN TASC

Councilman Johnson moved to refer this item to the Transportation Committee. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2007 - Second reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2007

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 190TH STREET, MIDWAY BETWEEN DOTY AVENUE AND FELBAR AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-17. (Marvin R. and Lena B. Brown)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2007 at its second and final reading. Councilman Uerkwitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Councilman Beasley advised that attempts have been made over the past five years to get the signal changed at Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. In this regard, Mr. Horkay just gave him notice that the bids will open for this purpose on August 21, 1969; however, because of the heavy equipment operators' strike, there will probably be some delay in starting the project -- hopefully, it can be begun next year.

36. Councilman Johnson called attention to the fact that the next meeting of the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County will be held on August 27 at which time Los Angeles City will be the host. Film slides on the presentation of the 1976 Olympics.

37. Councilman Miller asked the City Manager, relative to the Columbia Regional Park matter, when would the money be forthcoming for this project? City Manager Ferraro replied that the gentleman from the Chief Administrative Office informed him that the next step would be to report back to the Superintendent on the availability of the money and they would make such arrangements.

Mayor Isen commented that "time was of the essence" in this matter and instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer to expedite the filing of the condemnation suit.

38. Councilman Sciarrotta commended Mayor Isen and Councilman Miller for their efforts in behalf of obtaining County cooperation for the development of Columbia Park. Also, he stated, there were rumors going around that a special assessment would be levied in order to help pay for this park -- City Manager Ferraro advised to his knowledge, this was not so. Assistant City Manager Scharfman added that the money for Columbia Park had been appropriated by the Council.

39. Councilman Uerkwitz reported that Congressman Glenn Anderson, who has been made aware of Torrance's proposed regional criminal laboratory, advised that he is quite interested in it and as soon as the study is received (to determine the size and location of the laboratory) from Long Beach, he will assist in any way possible.

40. Councilman Wilson reported on the current progress of the Torrance Goals Program -- the subcommittees are working and he urged continued Council support of this worthwhile program. In relation to this, Councilman Miller advised that a ten-year

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goals program was mutually agreed upon as being the most practical.

41. Mayor Isen inquired as to when it would be most convenient for the Council members to meet to consider appointments to the Citizens Advisory, Youth Welfare, Torrance Safety and Park and Recreation Commissions. It was agreed that the Council would meet on Thursday, August 21, 1969, at 4:30 P.M. for this purpose.

42. Mayor Isen commented that various signs posted on street lights, telephone poles, etc. -- indicating street improvement, affairs such as the Torrance Mounted Police Rodeo, and election campaign signs -- were not removed when the event involved had ended. City Manager Ferraro reported that the clean-up of signs such as these was done regularly, four times a year and he would see to it that the ones mentioned would be removed shortly.

43. Mrs. Billy Hayes, 3115 Merrill Drive, Torrance, requested that the Council grant her a 12 to 18 month extension to the home occupation permit granted her by the Planning Commission last year. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant this request. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

44. Officer Phil Joseph, 22925 Arlington, representing the Torrance Police Officer's Association, requested that the Council grant him two days off on City time for a special assignment. The reason he was petitioning the Council, Officer Joseph stated, was that his request for this time sent to his Bureau Commander was denied under Section 14.8.16 of the new Employee Relations Ordinance.

Mayor Isen asked if this was a proper appeal before the Council or if it were strictly an administrative matter. There was continued discussion on this matter and it was finally decided that Mr. Joseph would be given permission to attend this conference in Palm Springs on his own time without prejudice to his right to have these days restored to him. In the meantime, Mr. Joseph was instructed to submit a formal letter to City Manager Ferraro -- the request can be regularly processed and will appear with Mr. Ferraro's recommendation on the next Council Agenda.

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Upon Councilman Sciarrotta's motion to recess to a special session for legal advice from the City Attorney, the Council moved to Room 214 for such purpose at 8:25 P.M.

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At 9:00 P.M., the Council returned to its Chambers after the special recess for legal advice, but took no further action and formally adjourned at this time until 4:30 P.M. Thursday, August 21, 1969.

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City of Torrance, California

ATTEST:

Albert J. ...

Mayor of the City of Torrance