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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 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, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Bill Roberts led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Henry Moreau, First Church of Christ, Scientist, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of September 11, 1969 not yet received.

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 Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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## 8. Council Committee Meetings:

The scheduled meetings were noted. Councilman Sciarrotta added that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on Monday, September 22nd, at 9:30 A.M.

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Council procedure was outlined by Mayor Isen for those present at a Council meeting for the first time.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:9. CLAIM of Donald Stebbins for property damages.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

## 10. Refund of Fees Collected in Error (Karl D. Fechner).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That \$242.50 (previously paid on a portion of property collected again on July 25, 1969) be refunded to Mr. Fechner.

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

1. \$465.95 to Graybar Electric Company for 164 special type bulbs and 1 only taxi guidance sign as requested by the City Airport for stock "as needed".
2. \$1328.86 to Griffey Electronics of Torrance for 79 - 10½" magnetic recording tape as requested by the Fire Department for use with the logging recorder in the Communications office.
3. \$1345.00 to Kemiko, Inc. for the acid cleaning, scrubbing, application of color tone and repainting of playing lines of the two tennis courts at El Retiro Park as requested by the Recreation Department.
4. \$2520.00 to Cataphote Corporation for 10 tons of "reflective glass beads" used by mixing with street marking paint to make the paint reflect at night. These beads are requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for stock as needed. For this annual requirement of beads, the City is taking advantage of a renewal option clause with the Cataphote Corporation at the same price as in 1968.

B. REIMBURSABLE.

- 5. \$807.45 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for two only 2-inch water meter with check valves on main and intermediate lines as requested by the Water Department for use on K.D. Fechner services. Payment has already been received for this work.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES.

- 6. \$3324.27 to Franklin Square-Mayfair of California for subscriptions to various periodicals.
- 7. \$483.79 to Books for Libraries, Inc. for 39 assorted titles.
- 8. \$12,303.29 to Campbell & Hall, c/o/ Harry R. Wilson, for 10 reference books, 994 adult titles, and 1360 juvenile titles.
- 9. \$578.34 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Joe Grecnik, for 54 adult titles and 54 juvenile titles.
- 10. \$705.14 to Doubleday & Co., Inc., c/o John Thorne, for 61 adult titles and 83 juvenile titles.
- 11. \$556.87 to Perc B. Sapsis, Inc. for 124 juvenile titles.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of agenda items #9, 10, and 11, as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

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

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PROCLAMATION:

31. At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Jim Conn came forward to accept a Proclamation for WHITE CANE DAYS, the annual Lions Club project, on October 3 and 4, 1969, so proclaimed by the Mayor.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE providing for the undergrounding of utilities. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 7

DIVISION 7, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE UNDERGROUNDING OF  
UTILITIES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2024 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. REVISED TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 24209, DON WILSON BUILDERS, SUBDIVIDERS; ENGINEERING SERVICE CORPORATION, ENGINEERS. Request for approval of a revised tentative tract map on property located on the south side of 190th Street at the westerly City limits. Recommended for approval subject to conditions.

Mr. Don Wilson, Jr. was present on this matter.

Councilman Uerkwitz inquired as to the feasibility of using the adjacent Edison property for a park, as has been done in other areas of the City. Mr. Wilson responded that if such an arrangement could be worked out, they would certainly look with favor on erecting tennis courts or developing a grass area for the enjoyment of their tenants. Staff will follow through on this matter.

Mr. Wilson then expressed concurrence with the Planning Commission recommendations, with the exception of the 25 ft. easement on their private alley -- not for the reason of the 25 ft. per se but because every dedicated alley they have in the City of Torrance is a 20 ft. alley. Planning Director Shartle that there wouldn't be any particular objection to the 20 ft. so long as there is perpetual access.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of Revised Tentative Tract Map No. 24209, with the stipulation that the easement along the southerly property line of Parcel 2 be 20 feet instead of 25 feet. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon noted that the extension of time to build the subject apartments will expire on October 1st, and suggested that a further extension of time might be in order. Councilman Beasley MOVED that Don Wilson Builders be given a 90-day time extension on the subject development. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

14. SIGN ORDINANCE regarding Section 88.5.12 (Rotating, Moving, Flashing, Changing or Blinking Signs). Submitted by Planning Director.

Councilman Johnson expressed approval of the Planning Commission findings in regard to Rotating, Moving, Flashing, Changing or Blinking Signs, and the five items designated as non-objectionable moving signs, and MOVED approval of such as policy. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

15. Communication regarding membership in TASC from the City Council Transportation Committee.

Councilman Uerkwitz commented that his concurrence, as a member of the Transportation Committee, was based strictly on information provided by Staff and Mr. John Shaver of the State Division of Highways that TASC is a study committee and does not involve government grants or City monies -- there are no dues, there is no obligation re: any TASC committee recommendations unless desired, and the City may withdraw at any time.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Council Transportation Committee that the agreement between the Department of Public Works of the State of California and the member counties and cities be ratified. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. Premium Pay - Senior Park Maintenance Man on Park Construction Crew.

Title was read to the Resolution regarding the Premium Pay. Councilman Uerkwitz moved for approval; his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

City Attorney Remelmeyer interrupted the proceedings to advise that a provision should be added reading "while he is performing such work". Following discussion, it was agreed that this resolution should be returned to the City Attorney for rewriting. Councilman Uerkwitz thereupon withdrew his motion, as did Councilman Miller his second; the rewritten resolution will be back on September 23rd.

17. Dismissal of Fireman Richard G. Faren.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone were present on behalf of Mr. Faren; there was no response.

Deputy Attorney Allen recommended that the hearing be continued to a later date for a decision. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to continue the matter of Richard G. Faren for hearing and decision to October 7, 1969, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrötta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the Councilmen avail themselves of the transcript on this case available in the City Clerk's office.

18. Appointment of Senior Deputy City Attorney.

Mr. Pat Smith, Senior Deputy City Attorney eligible, was present; he was introduced and commended for his past legal efforts for the City.

Councilman Wilson MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the appointment of Mr. Smith to the position of Senior Deputy City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. Longevity Pay - Exempt Employees.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject report be referred to the Council Civil Service Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

20. Park Maintenance Foreman and Tree Foreman Report.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject report be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

21. ORDINANCE regarding Street Dedication Requirements. Recommended for Approval by Building and Safety Director, Planning Director, Acting City Engineer, and City Attorney.

Mayor Isen MOVED that the Council proceed along the lines suggested by City Attorney Remelmeyer in his September 4th communication. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 74.3.8 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM STREET DEDICATION AND IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2025 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

22. STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 8101. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that Council approve and confirm order of priority of possible deletions.

C.E. Associate Bourbonnais, at Councilman Uerkwitz' question, clarified the Flood Control District priority list of deletions procedure and the Staff recommended order of possible deletions.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with Staff recommendations re: Storm Drain Bond Issue Project No. 8101. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

City Manager Ferraro, at Mayor Isen's question, confirmed that it is his opinion that this is in the best interests of the City.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That proposed storm drain located southerly of Garnet Street and northerly of Onyx and Eastwood Avenues be adopted as part of the City's Storm Drain Master Plan.

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

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:24. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE declaring a moratorium on the construction and demolition of buildings on property located on Cypress Avenue between Sepulveda and 229th Street.

Mr. Seltzer, 3847 West 134th Place, Hawthorne, advised that Attorney Dudley Gray, representing the property owner, Mr. Hunt, was unable to be present due to another meeting. Mr. Seltzer then reported on a recent meeting with the homeowners in this area, at which time a 28-unit development was proposed for the subject location, but a report has not as yet been received.

Spokesman for the homeowners, Mr. Don Daily, 2265 West 229th Street, advised that the decision of the people in the area is that the proposed development would add to and aggravate the problem; they are completely in favor of R-1 development of this property; there further being virtually unanimous approval of the Planning Department's Plan "D". Mayor Isen pointed out that all that is before the Council is the proposed ordinance creating a moratorium. The October 1st date of the moratorium was reviewed; the Planning Director advised that another 30 days is needed -- it was agreed that the moratorium should last until October 31st, and the sections of the ordinance pertaining thereto to be revised accordingly.

Mr. Seltzer returned to outline past history of the subject property, starting with a lot split in 1963 and R-3 zoning, to date. Mayor Isen deemed this information of value for presentation before the Planning Commission (this matter being on the September 17th agenda of the Commission); the moratorium being the consideration before the Council.

Next to speak was Mr. George Post, 2305 -229th Street, who urged protection of the integrity of this area; 30 days will not make or break this case, and the homeowners are entitled to the benefit of Planning Department and Commission considerations, which has not been had to date. Mr. Post added that only last week the homeowners saw, for the first time, five various plans recommended by the property owner, and they feel the review by Planning very important.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2026 at its first and only reading, with the amended date of October 31st. The motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that he voted "yes" with the admonition that he would hope that within the next week the homeowners will study the plans; perhaps a 28-unit apartment is the solution to the matter rather than a questionable change of zone inasmuch as vested rights and other problems are apparent.

Mayor Isen announced that this matter is on the agenda of the Planning Commission for September 17th where the merits of the case may be aired.

FISCAL MATTERS:25. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NUMBER 15.RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER.

1. That an advance of \$49,242.00 be made to Street Lighting District #15 from the existing surplus of the previous lighting districts;
2. That \$49,242.00 be paid to the firm of Laurence J. Thompson, Inc. as per contract with the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Traffic Engineer, and that the \$49,242.00 be appropriated as outlined. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

AIRPORT MATTERS:26. (3 RESOLUTIONS) AMENDMENTS TO SCIARROTTA, KIDWELL, AND WOODLEY AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES. Submitted for approval by Airport Manager, City Attorney, and Airport Commission.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 69-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FRANK D. SCIARROTTA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-226. The motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND E.G. KIDWELL.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-227. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JO WOODLEY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-228. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:27. ORDINANCE NO. 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021.

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 Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 71.4.13 OF DIVISION 7 AND SECTIONS 95.2.4 AND 96.2.5 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE APPEAL PERIOD AFTER PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION TO TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023

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 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET SOUTH OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-8.  
(C.N. Cake)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

30. Constitution Week - September 17-23, 1969.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Manager Ferraro advised of the need for policy direction relative to Del Amo Properties development and City assistance; a written report was requested by Mayor Isen.

33. In reference to the pending Chief of Police examination, City Manager Ferraro outlined the normal procedure in such cases, and advised that such will be followed in this case.

34. City Treasurer Rupert advised that notice had been received from the State of California and the County of Los Angeles that there have been changes in policy with regard to the gas tax monies -- for many years it has been necessary to credit the gas tax fund with the interest earned and it went back into the fund for street construction and improvement. Mr. Rupert stated that he has resented this for some time, recognizing the meaningful income to the City were the City allowed to keep the money for its own purposes. The above referred to change in policy will permit, as of the first of this fiscal year, the cities to use that money for street maintenance; in the current budget this would mean approximately \$47,500 that could be released from the street maintenance program, put back in the General Fund and used for other purposes. Mayor Isen requested that this be detailed in a written communication to the Council next week.

35. Councilman Johnson recommended that the examination for the Chief of Police be underway at the earliest possible date; hopefully, the State Personnel Board will conduct the examination, and that the examination will be oriented to Torrance policy procedures.

36. Councilman Sciarrotta displayed a detailed map indicating future parks -- i.e. the sumps that will be turned into parks sooner or later, school yards, etc. -- to offset the implication that Torrance does not have neighborhood parks presently and proposed.

37. Alarm at the statement of income and expenses of the bus system was expressed by Councilman Wilson, and it is his feeling that the situation should be reviewed. Councilman Miller advised that the Council Transportation Committee report which will be on the September 23rd Council agenda will prove enlightening in this regard.

38. Mr. Ben Kaufman, 429 Calle Mayor, referred to his communication to the Council relative to problems connected with his property at the corner of Emerald and Earl Streets. City Manager Ferraro advised that they have collected information for Mr. Kaufman; Mayor Isen requested that a consultation be held in the City Manager's office between Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Shartle, and Mr. Ferraro on this matter.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

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*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVED:

*Albert Isaac*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

