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Adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, December 30, 1969, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall. Mayor Isen announced that, following the Opening Ceremonies, the Council will recess into a Personnel Session regarding the Torrance Police Officers Association, per action taken at the December 16th Council meeting.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen. (Councilman Wilson arrived at 5:10 P.M. and went directly into the Personnel Session in progress.)

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and Deputy City Clerk Moss. Absent: City Manager Ferraro and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Gerald Alter led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Edward Hughes, WALTERIA Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the meetings of December 4, December 9, and December 16, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

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, and Mayor Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

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At 5:03 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council recess to Personnel Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

The Council returned to its deliberations at 5:30 P.M. with roll call as follows: Present were Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - None.NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:9. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$315.00 to Western Highway Products for 50 reflective traffic warning signs are requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use on City streets.
2. \$322.77 to American Sprinkler & Supply for 63 feet of galvanized pipe, two complete sprinkler vacuum breakers and various other pipe fittings as requested by the Park Department.
3. \$367.08 to Howard Supply Company for 500 feet of 6-inch galvanized pipe as requested by the Water Department for stock.
4. \$3705.24 to F. Morton Pitt Company for 110 special duty police riot helmets manufactured by the Bell Toptex Company as requested by the Police Department.
5. \$695.70 to International Harvester Company for miscellaneous repair parts for the repair of a "downed" packer truck (Unit #9019).
6. \$545.69 to Shepherd Machinery Company for the purchase of a repaired clutch for a grader (Unit #12) as requested by the City Garage.

B. BUDGETED:

- 7. \$2026.80 tp Vels-Parnelli Jones Ford for one only Ford Industrial Engine to power a 10" sump pump located at 236th and Pennsylvania.

C. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

- 8. \$438.48 to Kenny's Sporting Goods for eight gross golf balls as requested by the Recreation Department for sale to golf class participants. The City is to be reimbursed for this expenditure from monies collected from class participants.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director in approval of the above expenditures. 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.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

- 10. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. CUP 69-5; J.F. & B. DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Request for approval of a modification of an apartment building on the west side of Anza Avenue between 238th Street and Pacific Coast Highway. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter.

Mr. Arthur Valdez, J.F. & B. Development Company, 3855 Pacific Coast Highway, responded, to explain to the Council the background of the original request for a three-story apartment building with 117 units (which was approved by the Planning Commission), this being subsequently changed to a two-story building and a resultant error in the plans which indicated 110 units rather than the desired 111 units. Mr. Valdez added that financing, etc. has been on the basis of 111 units, and an extreme hardship is represented in connection with the lending institution.

It was the comment of Councilman Beasley that it is his understanding that the proponent has excellent financing and that no problems will be presented by changing this from 111 units to 110 units. Mr. Valdez responded that he did not know that that is the case.

Of concern to Councilman Miller was that there be provision for adequate trash storage areas which is of concern to Staff as well. It was the comment of Mayor Isen that with the processing of this request as 111 units, instead of the 3-story building, that it would have gone through without a 4-3 Planning Commission decision

for denial had the proponent properly taken care of parking, trash areas, etc. Mr. Valdez acknowledged that he had worked with Staff extensively on these requirements for the 110 units but not on the proposed 111 units. Planning Director Shartle advised the finding of Staff that the addition of the one unit is not too bad but it has changed enough of the design that considerable useable open space is lost.

Noted by Councilman Sciarrotta was the likely preference by the neighbors for a 2-story building over a 3-story building -- he then inquired of Mr. Valdez if he would concur in the conditions of approval outlined in Planning Commission Resolution No. 69-13, excepting conditions #10 and #13. Mr. Valdez indicated acceptance of those conditions.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that relief be granted -- that 111 units be permitted on the grounds that there is a hardship in this case, providing that all the provisions and conditions outlined in Planning Commission Resolution No. 69-13 (excepting conditions #10 and #13) be met. In addition, that there be a verification that there is compliance with adequate trash areas and the necessary parking required by ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Planning Director Shartle <sup>stated</sup> that the plans will be reviewed according to the above action; should there be problems it will be returned to Council.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. VARIANCE 69-6, ALFRED DIXON PROPERTIES. (Continued Hearing). Variance to the provisions of the off-street parking code requirements to allow the use of building area allocated for warehousing for manufacturing without the provision of additional parking spaces on property located at 2925 Columbia Street. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL.

The request of the proponent that this item be removed from the agenda was noted.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on V 69-6; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen directed that the item be removed, per the proponent's request, and there were no objections.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. RESOLUTION NO. 68-273 - NATIONAL SUPPLY DIVISION, ARMCO STEEL CORPORATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

The Planning Department has reviewed this matter and concurs in the request for a 120-day extension of time, to April 30, 1970, which would also give Staff an opportunity to work

with the applicants in the resolution and recommendations to your Honorable Body regarding a couple of conditions of approval.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the subject request and that the extension of time be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

- 13. Communication regarding Substandard size lots resulting from right-of-way acquisition for Del Amo Boulevard.

Discussion ensued regarding the seven problem lots, as well as regarding the two cases of extreme hardship, it being the consensus that only the City can solve these problems. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that Administration and the City Attorney look into the matter of buying the seven problem lots, and report back to the Council as to cost, etc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Questioned by Councilman Wilson was the status of new State legislation in reference to the two hardship cases and needed assistance in moving. City Attorney Remelmeyer will report back on this as well.

- 14. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change Case 69-25, C.N. Cake - Jewell Land Company.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2048

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 SOUTH SIDE OF MARICOPA STREET, WEST OF MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-25.

(C.N. Cake - Jewell Land Company.)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2048 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

- 15. A. ORDINANCE amending Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code to reclassify property which is located on the east side of Cypress Avenue and north of 229th Street, and described in Zone Change 69-24, and declaring the presence of an Emergency.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2049

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 CYPRESS AVENUE AND NORTH OF 229TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-24 (TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION) AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2049. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2049 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Sulser, 3847 West 134th Place, Hawthorne, representing Mr. Hunt, stated their objections to this action; he outlined that it would represent a considerable loss of money and reiterated previously voiced objections. Noted by Mayor Isen was the fact that Mr. Sulser has been present at the previous hearings on this matter and that similar arguments were presented then.

Mr. Sulser then referred to recent correspondence from the City requesting that landscaping be provided or that the oil well be removed from the subject property, and further correspondence from Building and Safety Director McKinnon advising that the plans had been refused because of a moratorium on the property.

His objections, Mr. Sulser concluded, apply to all three ordinances before the Council at this time.

Councilman Johnson clarified that it is the Council's intent that so long as the moratorium exists the oil well problem should remain status quo.

Recalled by Councilman Beasley was the fact that there former was a large sump on this property -- he asked that this be checked out by the City Engineer.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2046 was as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2050

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 CYPRESS AVENUE AND NORTH OF 229TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-24.

(TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2050. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Miller abstaining.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2050 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2051

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

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2051. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Councilman Miller abstaining.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2051 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. Social Security Coverage for Mayor and Councilmen.

Councilman Beasley spoke in favor of Alternative #3:

"The Council can elect to be included under Social Security, but on a 'divided' basis. This means that all present members will have a choice on whether or not be to covered, but all subsequently elected councilmen will mandatorily be included under Social Security. This alternative would be effective as soon as the agreement with PERS can be amended."

In concurrence was Councilman Johnson who MOVED TO CONCUR WITH ALTERNATIVE #3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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At 6:10 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections. A 10-minute general recess followed at 6:11 P.M.

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17. ORDINANCE regarding Transfers and Reassignments.

There was discussion regarding use of the word "reassignment" in the subject ordinance -- with explanation by Councilman Miller of the Council Committee's recommendation that the word "reassignment" not be included because of the restrictive effect on department heads

Representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, Officer Phillip Joseph acknowledged the merits of the above comments, but added that it must be recognized that Torrance is a progressive city and its potential growth must be recognized, which will include police substations and could mean a "suitcase detail" for Torrance police officers to perhaps induce retirement or, in any event, to cause aggravation.

Next to speak was Richard DeArmitt, Torrance Fire Fighters, reminded the Council of the adopted grievance procedure which was prepared expressly for this kind of situation; hence the tools are already available.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss presented for its second reading: (Ordinance "C")

ORDINANCE NO. 2045

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 41 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

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REGULATING TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTS  
AND REPEALING RULE XII OF THE CIVIL  
SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING  
TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2045 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. ONSITE AND OFFSITE IMPROVEMENTS - DEL AMO FASHION SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

- 1. That the recommendations contained in the City Manager's letter to Carson-Madrona Company on November 24, 1969 be approved; and
- 2. That requested relief by Carson-Madrona Company be granted.

Mr. Harry Gorman was present on this matter.

Item by item review of Assistant City Manager Scharfman's summary of December 30th followed -- recommended modifications are underscored below:

A. The City Manager's recommendations are:

- 1. The City of Torrance will be responsible for:
  - a. Public street work in front of curbs, including curbs and center median.
  - b. Permanent widening of Madrona after spur track is removed, but no obligation is assumed by the City for removal of the spur track.
  - c. Installation of needed traffic signals, City shall be the judge of same.

(In reference to item c. above, Assistant City Manager Scharfman explained that in the past signal arrangements on select streets have been made between the State and the people requiring the signal; in this case the City is assuming the responsibility, it being assumed that the money will come from State of County Gas Tax Funds. Mayor Isen stated that in view of this deviation; the City should be the sole judge, hence the above addition to item c. Added by City Attorney Remelmeyer was that this is not a contract in its truest sense in that there is no great consideration since the City is merely relieving the proponent of certain requirements of the law and is merely a statement of intention on the part of the Council with regard to the amelioration of the effect of certain laws requiring certain installations by subdividers and developers.)

- d. Buying right to utilize portions of Carson-Madrona Company storm drain system. (Noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer was that this item will be a contract by itself.)

2. The Carson-Madrona Company will be responsible for:
- a. Dedication of necessary right-of-way at no cost to City; will include deceleration lanes wherever deemed necessary by the Traffic Engineer.
  - b. Temporary widening of Madrona, if necessary.
  - c. 16 street lights with underground service, per Precise Plan.
  - d. Sidewalks and parkway landscaping.
  - e. Water system (by Dominguez Water).
  - f. Sanitary sewers.
  - g. Storm drains - with possible refund of drainage fees if plans approved by Council and then placed on a Master Plan of Drainage (\$16,000).

B. The relief requested by Carson-Madrona Company is to transfer to the City the responsibility of installing curb, gutter, make-up paving, and center medians on Carson between Madrona and the existing signalized driveway east of Bullock's.

(In reference to the above item B. Assistant City Manager Scharfman clarified that the Parcel Map required the Carson-Madrona Company to install the public improvements, which is not the normal policy if the right-of-way is dedicated -- this then is deviation but in order to do so this condition must be taken from the Parcel Map. It is recommended by the City Manager that the requested relief be granted.)

Mr. Gorman responded to the above review of City Manager recommendations, stating, first, in reference to the traffic signals, it is felt possibly three signals will be needed, all of which has been reviewed with Staff, as have the problems of drainage -- in regard to item g., refund of drainage fees, it was requested by Mr. Gorman that this be deleted; Acting City Engineer Weaver advised that a recommendation is presently being formulated for presentation to Council on this matter. The recommendations otherwise were acceptable to Mr. Gorman.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager in his letter of November 24th to Del Amo Properties Company, and the Assistant City Manager's summary of December 30th, and further subject to the Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Taken out of regular agenda order:)

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. Amendment to Rose Parade Float Agreement with Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-314

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AMENDING THE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY OF A FLOAT IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE ON JANUARY 1, 1970.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-314. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- 19. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS FOR DESIGN OF LOMITA BOULEVARD FROM HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That \$15,000 be appropriated from State Gas Tax Funds for design of the referenced project.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer and that the \$15,000 be appropriated from State Gas Tax Funds. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The incredible state of traffic congestion in the area of Lomita Boulevard at Crenshaw when the nearby factories let out in the afternoon was deplored by Mayor Isen. The Mayor stated that it is mandatory that something be done to alleviate this situation by whatever means, and requested that the Traffic Engineer make appropriate recommendations.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

- 20. APPROPRIATION FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION IN SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT #61. (JOB #70006)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council appropriate \$4,000.00 from the Sewer Revolving Fund for construction per sketch submitted.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer, and that the requested \$4000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 21. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT #86:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That Sewer Reimbursement District No. 86, with a connection

charge of \$4.84 per front foot and \$474.79 per acre, be established to recover the cost of sewer construction, per sketch submitted.

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.

REAL PROPERTY:

22. SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the easterly 15 feet of Lot 2 of Tract No. 16099 be offered for sale, by sealed bid, to the adjacent property owners.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

23. RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute leases between the City of Torrance and the Torrance National Little League, Pacific Coast Little League, Torrance American Little League, and Torrance Central Little League for the purpose of leasing certain property for use as ball parks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-315

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE LEASES DATED JANUARY 30, 1970, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TORRANCE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE, PACIFIC COAST LITTLE LEAGUE, TORRANCE AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE AND TORRANCE CENTRAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR USE AS BALL PARKS.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-315. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. Request from John J. Traver, owner of Rendezvous Cocktail Lounge for a refund of \$599.40 paid under protest for Tipplers Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the request be denied and referred to City Manager and City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

26. PALOS VERDES AVIATION CORPORATION, DR. JOHN BURCH FOR APPROVAL TRANSFER OF HIS STOCK.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER AND ANTS:

That the request of Dr. Burch be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Refrain from parking automobiles of employees and customers on the aircraft apron. Parking should be either on the leasehold or on the parking area southerly of the office.
- 2. Underground Palos Verdes Aviation's electric and telephone service from the south property line to the Edison pole across Airport Drive.
- 3. Adjust quartz lights on their private gas pit to reduce glare on the apron.
- 4. Mr. Guardado stated he was familiar with the lease and aware of the construction deadlines therein.
- 5. Parties concerned agree to execute any necessary documents to implement any of the above.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

To concur with the recommendation for approval excepting therefrom Item 2, the undergrounding of the electric and telephone service.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, Airport Manager Egan advised that the matter of Jerry Glass is under investigation at this time, it having been deemed improper to interject where employees of an organization are concerned.

The transfer of stock procedure was likewise clarified by Airport Manager Egan and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager, overriding the Airport Commission on Item #2, approval subject to the 5 conditions outlined above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the Council concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission which would expect Item #2 from the conditions. Added by Mr. Johnson was that this would cause Dr. Burch to do what he has indicated he is willing to do, without making it a specific condition. The motion died for lack of a second.

The MAIN MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (feels the Airport Commission recommendation should be followed.)

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The hour being 7:20 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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FIRE OPERATIONS:

27. RESOLUTION NO. 69-313 with Notice setting Hearing. ORDINANCE NO. 2047 regarding adoption of the National Fire Protection Association's Publication #11, entitled "Standard Foam Extinguishing Systems", 1969 Edition.

The recommended Council action, as outlined in City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter of December 22nd, was verbally clarified by Fire Chief Lucas and Mr. Remelmeyer.

In accordance with the City Attorney's direction, Mayor Isen requested that Deputy City Clerk Moss read the title to Ordinance No. 2047, and that it NOT BE ADOPTED AT THIS TIME (it cannot be passed or adopted until after the hearing on January 20, 1970:)

ORDINANCE NO. 2047

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 85.2.19, ADOPTING PUBLICATION NO. 11 OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, ENTITLED "STANDARD FOR FOAM EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS", 1969 EDITION.

At the request of Mayor Isen, and in further accordance with the instructions of the City Attorney, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 69-313

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION'S PUBLICATION NO. 11, ENTITLED "STANDARD FOR FOAM EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS", 1969 EDITION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-313. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

28. Petition of four residents in the Sandy Knolls Tract on 233rd Street between Arlington and Pennsylvania protesting oil well equipment storage building on their properties.

Senior Deputy Attorney Pat Smith advised that the Robinett matter should be resolved in approximately one month.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the subject Item #28 be placed on the Council agenda for January 27, 1970, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Smith to notify the petitioners in this regard as to the postponement and the reason therefor.

29. RESOLUTION commending the Board of Supervisors for its vigorous efforts to combat air pollution; and RESOLUTION urging continuation of present import quotas on low sulphur content fuel oils past the present March 15, 1970 termination date in the interest of air pollution control.

The extensive efforts of the entire 5-man Board of Supervisors in the matter of air pollution were outlined by Mayor Isen.

A study by Staff to determine what controls are being exercised as to air pollution was requested by Councilman Wilson. It was agreed to hold the subject resolutions for rewriting to incorporate the entire Board in the commendation, as well as the requested report.

At this time Mayor Isen called upon Mr. Len Winner, 4610 Spencer, who had written him in reference to unpleasant odors prevalent in Torrance. Mayor Isen advised that he has requested a further report from Staff on this particular problem, with the hope of enlisting the support of citizens like Mr. Winner in combating this problem. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that he has learned that odors are not controlled by the Air Pollution Control District; however, it is the opinion of Sr. Deputy Attorney McNary that a complaint could be filed as a public nuisance provided enough people were involved in complaining, the reason being that odors are rather personal things and what might be objectionable to one would not be so to another. It was then suggested by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that the Council grant permission to ask the Air Pollution Control District to begin an intensive study of odors as an environmental pollutant -- Mr. Scharfman added that there are no standards relative to odors and prosecution is thereby handicapped. Mayor Isen responded that this should be done, and the Council was in agreement.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Miller that this study be enlarged to encompass the entire South Bay area, with assistance from Councilman Uerkwitz with the South Bay Councilmen's Association, as well as perhaps cooperation from SCAG.

The resultant request of the Council was that a comprehensive report be prepared by Staff, incorporating the above outlined suggestions, with a copy of same to be furnished Mr. Winner.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

30. Request for termination of oil well bond #72 10 748-A.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Supervisor that oil well bond #72 10 748-A

be terminated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

31. City Traffic Engineer's report on bids for the improvement of certain streets in the City of Torrance with an electrolier lighting system as described by the Resolution of Intention of Torrance Boulevard Lighting Improvement District, Series #25.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem advised that the Hickory Park tennis court dedication would take place on January 17th at 10:00 A.M.

33. Special holiday greetings were extended to all by Councilman Beasley who described as well the Beasley custom, in lieu of Christmas cards, of donating a comparable amount to the Indians headquartered at Alcatraz in the hope that it would reflect the true American spirit.

34. Monumental traffic problems in the City of Torrance was the subject of Councilman Johnson's oral -- the traffic congestion was described by him and labelled real and urgent, with it being necessary to seek means to invite traffic yet handle it efficiently, noting that Torrance's continued economy is dependent upon the traffic.

Solutions for the present, recommended by Councilman Johnson are:

1. Speed up the computerizing of Hawthorne and Crenshaw Boulevards and redesign the traffic flow of these streets to attain maximum efficiency in keeping with today's problems.
2. Speed up the opening of Madrona through from Prairie Avenue southward to Highway 101 and beyond to connect with Hawthorne Boulevard.
3. Open Anza Avenue to Inglewood Avenue.
4. Speed up the widening of Carson Street through to Western.
5. Work with other jurisdictions involved to widen Lomita Boulevard easterly.
6. Push Del Amo through eastwardly to connect with Del Amo in North Long Beach where it is already a major thoroughfare.
7. Computerize and otherwise make efficient all of the streets named and others as may be required.

It is the further opinion of Councilman Johnson that the proposed freeway through Torrance will <sup>not</sup> be the panacea some people think -- not only will it tear up and disturb a major and beautiful part of the City but it will tend to serve as a bypass of the commercial areas of Torrance. It seems to Mr. Johnson that a far more practical and far less expensive solution would be to redesign Torrance streets to carry the traffic load of Torrance and South Bay residents.

Councilman Johnson's suggested solution for the future would be to conduct a major street pattern and traffic flow study of the East-West and the North-South corridors which will serve as the guideline for the future to approximately twenty years. Such a plan should be comprehensive and take into account the idea that for people to want to shop and live in Torrance, they should be able to move about with the greatest possible ease and the least amount of travel time.

In conclusion, it was stated by Councilman Johnson that he firmly believes that Torrance's major problem for both the present and the future is traffic; that traffic is necessary to maintain present and future high economy; a speeding up of "getting the job done" is imperative; a long range plan is a must if growth and high prosperity are to continue; programming should start now for the future including the appropriation of funds at the next budget session to support the suggested study -- the responsibility for solving the traffic problems of today and of making sure that pace is kept with the time rests squarely upon the shoulders of this Council; the Council's actions now will largely determine the well being of Torrance's future.

Councilman Miller reported on the interest of the people on the status of the proposed freeway, and requested that a report be furnished.

35. Councilman Sciarrotta advised that re: the landfill and rubbish disposal matter, a communication from ACTION (a Gardena concern) has been referred to Management for review and recommendation.

Mayor Isen again requested that arrangements be made for a County Sanitation District representative to appear at a Council meeting for a question and answer period. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that this is in process.

36. Noted by Councilman Uerkwitz was the communication from KNBC stating that an ID picture of the City of Torrance will be incorporated in their programs starting January 2, 1970. Mayor Isen described his efforts in bringing this about, recognition of Torrance having previously been overlooked.

37. Councilman Wilson suggested that a meeting of the Council Committee on Arts and Culture would be in order, so that the merits of a Cultural Commission might be considered. It was decided that a date would be set at the January 6th Council meeting.

38. A letter of resignation from Mr. George A. White, Parks and Recreation Commission, was reported by Mayor Isen. Mr. White has been transferred by his employer to Orange County and will be moving out of the area. A letter of appreciation for his services was requested by Mayor Isen.

39. As 1969 concludes, Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, took this opportunity to congratulate Councilman Beasley on his magnificent recovery and his splendid physical state at this time.

40. In line with the sentiment of the season, and as Mayor of the finest city in the world, his message, presented at this time, follows:

"As the year comes to a close, marking as it does, the end of a decade, it seems appropriate to look back at the 60's and to look ahead to the 70's as it affects the City of Torrance.

"The past ten years have been the most eventful and dramatic in our City's history. Population has increased by approximately 40,000. There has been a steady influx of new industry. Large financial and commercial complexes have been established. Residential construction has kept pace with economic growth. Our school system has become recognized as one of the State's finest. An independent library system has become an accomplished fact. Great medical and hospital facilities are now under construction, and Torrance became the center of a large judicial district by the location of the Southwest District Superior Court and South Bay Municipal Court on Civic Center.

"A balance has been maintained of humming industrial sections, busy business areas and quiet, verdant residential neighborhoods. Torrance reached municipal maturity during the 60's and securely cemented its position as the headquarters city of the South Bay.

"The 70's will bring greater growth in all of the patterns established during the 60's. A resume of population figures indicates our greatest growth was from 1950 to 1960 - 20,000 to 100,000. From 1960 to 1970 there was a gain of approximately 40,000 to the present population of 140,000. I believe that there will be a tapering off during the next ten years, but an additional 35,000 new residents by 1980 will bring our population to 175,000. This will be brought about through use of properly zoned land now available and will be accomplished without undesirable density. Many are of the opinion that a population of 175,000 is ideal for a well-rounded, balanced and independent city.

"The 70's will see greater attention paid to cultural activities, with centers for the arts and wholesome recreation. There will be accelerated development of our neighborhood parks and of regional Columbia Park.

"The 70's will bring many problems, and the solutions are not easy. One of the most urgent of these is that of congestion of our major surface streets. This problem is compounded by heavy through traffic other than by local residents. These streets must be improved, and planned new streets now on the drawing board hurried to reality. This is a major challenge calling for continuous effort to bring about relief. I have urged the creation of a Street and Transportation Commission to cope with this problem. I shall continue to advocate the creation of such a commission.

"I have also urged the formation of an Efficiency and Economy Committee to analyze departmental expenditures, duplications and non-essential services. At the last budget hearings, the Industrial Committee of the Chamber of Commerce volunteered to serve in this capacity. The 1970-71 budget time is fast approaching, and it is time this committee started working.

"Noise and air pollution are high on our problem list of the 70's. We should work with our neighboring cities and all of Los Angeles County on both a local and regional basis for effective relief. It is fortunate that our favorable location and prevailing winds have minimized smog here. However, vigilance is necessary for proper enforcement against smog-producing sources. Noise created by jets originating from L.A. International and Long Beach Airports must be curbed by proper action, and flight patterns and height limitations should be adopted so as to reduce noise levels. The integrity of Torrance Airport should be maintained as originally planned -- no expansion of runways, minimum noise and no sale of jet fuel.

"Problems of drainage and the disposal of solid waste materials must be met soon, preferably on a regional basis through the County Flood Control and County Sanitation District.

"The narcotics problem is most serious of all. Despite all efforts, no method of successfully combating this evil is in sight. Hopefully, a breakthrough will soon be found through massive efforts on all government levels, education, and vigorous law enforcement.

"There are other major problems such as inflation and taxation which directly affect us all. However, they are national in their scope, and I am limiting my remarks to matters within local jurisdiction.

"Torrance was sensational in the 60's. Moving into the 70's, the maintenance of a balanced community must be a matter of concern to everyone. Torrance is blessed with wonderful people, ready to work enthusiastically to transform dreams into reality. This is our greatest asset. There is no problem we cannot solve provided we work together."

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From the Council: a Healthy, Happy, Prosperous New Year to all.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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Council Minutes  
December 30, 1969

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APPROVED:

Albert Davis  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

