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Adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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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, January 6, 1970, 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, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Susie Fleming, an El Camino College student, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Reverend Charles Neigh, Walteria Community Methodist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for December 30, 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 was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Transportation Committee:
January 7, 1970 - 9:30 A.M.

Public Works Committee:
January 8, 1970 - 10:00 A.M.

Civil Service Committee:
January 7, 1970 - 4:30 P.M.

Arts and Culture Committee:
January 13, 1970 - 6:15 P.M.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

8A. JAYCEE WEEK - JANUARY 18 - 24, 1970.

"MARCH OF DIMES" MONTH - JANUARY, 1970.

So proclaimed by Mayor Isen.

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Mr. J. Walker Owens, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, proudly announced that the Torrance float in the Tournament of Roses was awarded the Grand Marshal's trophy; congratulations were extended to the City of Torrance and appreciation for its support -- an appropriate ceremony will follow at a later date. A special "thank you" was extended Bob Vroman for his efforts in this achievement.

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COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION commending John Powell, son of Torrance Fireman Greg Powell, for rescuing four-year-old Danny Evans from drowning in Entradero Sump.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING JOHN POWELL, SON OF TORRANCE FIREMAN GREG POWELL, FOR RESCUING 4-YEAR-OLD DANNY EVANS FROM DROWNING IN ENTRADERO SUMP.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Items #11 and #12 considered separately.)

10. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$1422.15 to Pacific States Cast Iron for 108 feet of 12" pipe and miscellaneous pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for the Anza Water Project.
2. \$1632.75 to Park Son Inc. for 4 only 8" water valves, 13 only 6" valves, and 4 only 12" pipe fittings as requested by the Water Department for the Anza Water Project.
3. \$546.06 to Industrial Electronics for 36 only 1000 watt 4500 hour rated lamps and 120 only 150 watt 6000 hour rated traffic signal lamps as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.
4. \$362.12 to Consolidated Electric for 72 only 150 watt, 24 only 300 watt, and 24 only 500 watt floodlights as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for City park lighting requirements.
5. \$509.25 to Victor Comptometer Corporation for one only printing calculator as requested by the Finance Department for a new employee.
6. \$330.49 to Dearth Machinery Company for one only spare street sweeper broom core as requested by the City Garage for the new Wanye Street Sweeper.
7. \$533.51 to Cameo, Inc. for ten sets of large advanced warning street name signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use on main City streets.
8. \$320.25 to Western Highway Products for 100 sets of bolts, nuts, washers, gaskets and post caps and 200 brackets as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use in mounting street signs.
9. \$731.37 to Reliable Foundry for one only 16-inch water cross joint, two 16-inch water tees and two 16-inch water plugs as requested by the Water Department for the Anza Water Project.

10. \$1871.84 to Pacific States Cast Iron for 180 feet of 16-inch pipe, one 12-inch water tee, two 12-inch water pipe reducers, one 10-inch 90° ell pipe and three 8-inch cross and tees as requested by the Water Department for the Anza Water Project.

B. SPECIAL:

11. \$567.66 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry Wilson, for 83 adult books.
12. \$704.95 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 118 adult books.
13. CLAIM of Hilde M. Aberle for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

14. CLAIM of Lon W. Poole for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve agenda items #10, #13, and #14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT - New Metal Library Shelving for new Torrance Main Library - Reference Bid #B69-72.

Mr. Fred Inkster, Builders Speciality Company (Estey Corporation), an unsuccessful bidder, was present to question the basis of the awarding of the bid to W.R. Ames Company. City Librarian West clarified the circumstances of the bidding, pointing out that a sample had not been submitted by Estey Corporation, a requirement imposed on all bidders.

Discussion followed, and it was the consensus of the Council that Estey Corporation had not complied with the bidding requirements relative to submission of a sample.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Librarian and Purchasing Supervisor that the Council accept the bid alternate submitted by the W.R. Ames Company for shelving with closed end shelf brackets and approve of the awarding of the contract to them to furnish and install library shelving per bid in the amount of \$29,846.15, including sales tax. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Truck Mounted Front Loader with Dump Body and Hoist - Reference Bid #B69-75.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:
That Council accept the low bid for subject equipment submitted by the Arnold Equipment Company in the amount of \$7512.75 including tax.

It was clarified that the amount of \$7512.75 includes the sales tax, the bid itself being \$7155.00.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director and Purchasing Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. Communication from Planning Director regarding the White Front Landscaping Plan.

Representing White Front was Mr. Leo Mulvey, 1727 Elm, Torrance, who was present on behalf of Mr. Gilburn, but was without comment.

Mr. Harry Gorman, Del Amo Properties, advised that Mr. Gilburn reported to him they will be ready to start landscaping, including sprinkler systems, etc., within the next month or six weeks; further, the landscaping plans are ready for approval by the City.

It was agreed to continue this matter for six weeks, to February 17, 1970 -- the proponent to work with the Planning Director on the landscaping. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. Torrance Police Officers Association request for meeting and conferring.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

That Item #1 (The position of Assistant Chief of Police) and Item #3 (Increased Promotions of Senior Officers - Supervisory Personnel) of the December 3rd communication from Kurlander, Solomon & Hart be referred to the Police and Fire Committee of the City Council to consider on a time schedule that will enable its recommendation to come before the entire Council during the period when the Council is considering the 1970-71 budget.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Assistant City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

REAL PROPERTY:

17. Communication from the Planning Commission, Engineering and Planning Departments regarding the vacation of Hawthorne Avenue northerly of the A.T. & S.F. Right-of-Way.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to speak on this matter.

Responding was Mr. Dudley Gray, 2424 Torrance Boulevard, representing General Restaurant Corporation who have an interest in the subject property by way of an escrow to acquire same, subject to either having this property vacated or entering into a license agreement with the City if it can be for a substantial period of time. Mr. Gray stated that the paper street has been in existence for approximately 25 years, and he cannot see, from an engineering standpoint, how it can ever be developed in the manner now set forth -- the cost of extending 190th all the way through would be prohibitive -- Hawthorne is a State highway, etc.

Mr. Gray continued, stating that if it is a matter of wanting to preserve the City's interest in this property for posterity, and a license agreement can be entered into with the lessee and the proposed purchaser of the property which would permit adquare square footage for parking, this would be satisfactory.

Mayor Isen pointed out the procedure used on vacations: should the Council decide to go ahead, a public hearing would be ordered, and at that time the Council would have to find "that it is not needed for present or prospective public street", along with the comment from Engineering that they are unable to recommend that the City Council find the area not needed for street purposes as required for vacation". In light of the evidence, Mayor Isen stated that he could never make a finding other than as recommended by Engineering and the City Manager.

Discussion was then directed toward pending action before the PUC regarding this location. Assistant City Engineer Weaver advised that the Public Utilities Commission has subsequently advised re: the grade crossing at this location, and the possibility of being eligible to receive State Grade Crossing Protection Funds to help finance modification of the intersection, that the petition was denied because Hawthorne Boulevard is a State highway and such funds cannot be spent on a State highway. Mr. Weaver reiterated his opinion that there must be an alignment and that the solution is one that must be made by the City.

It was the comment of Planning Director Shartle that, in view of Alternate #1 presented at this time, he would concur with the Engineering Department's recommendation for Alternate #1, thereby revising the Planning Department recommendation in the material now before the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to DENY THE REQUEST FOR VACATION. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Ronald Moran, 18600 Hawthorne Blvd., came forward to state that he is vitally interested

in the realignment of 190th Street and there is a critical need that this be accomplished just as soon as possible. Mr. Moran pointed out that he has dedicated 200 feet of his property for such realignment, and he recommended caution in making any kind of vacation, particularly in its effect on property to which he is entitled. It is Mr. Moran's further feeling that a license agreement would be an infringement on rights that he might have, and that there should be equal privilege.

Mr. Nick Drale, 1960 Torrance Blvd., stated that it is imperative to give equal treatment to all people, regardless of tax revenue represented; the subject property owner has owned the property for over 25 years and has also contributed frontage along Hawthorne Blvd. A long period of time for study of the area has transpired, according to Mr. Drale, with various recommendations having been made -- including sale of this property to Mr. Moran or to the City -- which is agreeable to his client. It is not right, however, to deny a man the use of his property because of a need for decision by the City.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' motion to deny the request was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

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At 6:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections. A 10-minute recess followed at 6:31 P.M.

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18. RESOLUTION awarding the contract for the improvement of certain streets in the City of Torrance with an electrolier lighting system as described by Resolution of Intention of Torrance Boulevard Lighting Improvement District Series No. 25.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT 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 NO. 25.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. RESOLUTION and lease for H.T. Halibrand in the T-Hangar Development Area.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED MARCH 1, 1970, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND H.T. HALIBRAND AND EMMA E. HALIBRAND.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. Steven E. Wilson for E.E. Wilson, deceased, request for approval operation of "Dodgem" type amusement vehicle on Oriental Gardens lease.
Recommended for approval by Airport Manager and Airport Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the subject request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

21. Community Ride Along Program.

Communication from Acting Chief of Police Nash noted; the program was unanimously endorsed, with Councilman Uerkwitz volunteering to "ride along".

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

22. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1970.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council authorize the preparation and opening of bids for the 1970 Weed Abatement Program.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2048.

Needed corrections in the cover letter on Ordinance No. 2048 were: the spelling of Maricopa Street; Councilman Sciarrotta abstained in this matter.

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

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 Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2048 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

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

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2050.

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

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) AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2049.

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2050 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that members of the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association be invited to join the Library Commission in consideration of the Southeast Torrance Branch Library.

26. Questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz was the necessity of the backup material on Second Reading Ordinances -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that to do otherwise would be illegal.

27. With considerable regret, Mayor Isen announced that this would be "News-Advertiser-Press" reporter, Tim O'Donnell's last meeting -- on behalf of the Council, he was wished the best of luck and promised sterling recommendations, if it would prove helpful; it was further noted by the Mayor that Tim's presence and personality have enhanced the Council meetings, and he will be sorely missed.

28. Mayor Isen discussed the growing concern regarding pollution -- air, noise, etc. -- with particular concern directed to the airport noise factor. A communication from Mr. J.P. Woodman, 5028 Laurette Street, deploring the prevalent air noise in Torrance was read aloud by Mayor Isen, as well as a letter from a taxpayer at 3630 West 226th Street, in reference to low-flying student pilots.

Airport Manager Egan, and the Airport Commission, were then directed by Mayor Isen to review this situation, with every existing rule pertaining to student pilots to be strictly enforced -- it was requested that Mr. Egan reply to the above correspondence and supply Mayor Isen with a copy of same.

29. Mr. Ollie Harrison, 5115 Scott Street, next reported on a hearing to consider revision of the Air Traffic Control Pattern around L.A. International Airport scheduled at Airport Junior High School Auditorium on January 16, 1970 at 3:00 P.M.

It was the consensus that the Airport Manager and City Manager should be in attendance at this meeting, and that an appropriate resolution be prepared. Councilman Johnson so moved, his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

30. Difficulties encountered at the bend on Crenshaw Boulevard, north of Pacific Coast Highway, by way of cars landing in their front yards were reported by Mrs. Ressie Stahl, 2476 West 251st Street, Lomita (telephone: 326-2859) and her neighbor, Mrs. Nahara; relief from this hazardous condition was requested. This complaint was referred to City Traffic Engineer Horkay for remedial action.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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

APPROVED:
Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance

