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Adjourned at 8:50 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. March 3, 1970.

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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, February 24, 1970, at 7:00 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, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Wilson (out of town).

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 Debbie Wagner, Girl Scout Troop #818, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Hillyer, First Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 1970 be approved as recorded. The 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, seconded by Councilman Johnson, 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 was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Noted was the meeting of the Council Cultural Arts Committee on Monday, March 2, 1970, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of a public hearing on whether or not there should be a Cultural Arts Commission as an adjunct of the City.

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Council procedure was described by Mayor Isen for the benefit of those present for the first time. Noted as well by Mayor Isen was the 4th Tuesday custom honoring homeowners association -- tonight being dedicated to the Southeast Torrance Homeowners (SETHA). Mr. Lou Sismondo, 1974 West 235th Place, was present on their behalf, and announced that introductions would be made later in the meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS:

12. Presentation of Finalist Medal, National Gold Medal Award, of the Sports Foundation, Incorporated, to the City of Torrance by Ben and Paul Smith.

The Finalist Medal was presented to Mayor Isen for the City of Torrance by Mr. Ben Smith -- said award being presented annually to a city rewarding its excellence and achievement in park and recreation programs. The Medal was graciously accepted by Mayor Isen on behalf of the City Council and the City of Torrance.

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Introductions of Commissioners and Council hopefuls were made by Mayor Isen, as well as Sr. Administrative Assistant Leroy Jackson's grandfather, Mr. John Alberts from Omaha, Nebraska, who delightfully commented on life in Nebraska.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Item #17 considered separately: Resolution.)

13. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$708.44 to A.B. Chance Company-Pitman Manufacturing Company Division for emergency repair to Vehicle #8908 (Boom Truck) as requested by the Water Department.

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2. \$325.76 to Moore Business Forms, Inc. for 25,000 consecutively numbered City payroll checks as requested by the Finance Department.
3. \$392.49 to Industrial Wholesale Electric for 24 complete sets of tamper-proof light fixtures with bases and miscellaneous parts as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$360.70 to Cameo Company for 38 sets of procelain street name signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for various City streets.
5. \$588.00 to Blinker Lite Supply for 50 wood and 25 metal barricades complete with blinker lights as requested by the Water Department.
6. \$1134.00 to Zumar Industries for 100 - 30" stop signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

7. \$1723.05 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one only 6" Hersey water meter with bronze case and check valves on main and intermediate flow lines as requested by the Water Department for use at Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company service. Payment has already been received. Hersey Sparling is the only company in Los Angeles who presently manufactures a meter to this configuration.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

8. \$441.00 to Pergamon-Chambers Library Service for 212 adult books.
 9. \$338.07 to Bacon Pamphlet Service for 306 pamphlets.
14. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Budgeted Power Sweeper - Rider Type for Airport - Reference Bid #B70-6.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of an award to The Tennant Company for the purchase of one (1) only Rider-Type Power Sweeper as bid in the amount of \$3972.15 including tax.

15. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1970 - AWARD OF CONTRACT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to B.E. Taylor and all other bids be rejected.

16. STORM DRAIN at Earl Street and Little Company of Mary Hospital Entrance.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$7,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for construction of subject storm drain.

18. CLAIM of Margaret L. Cartwright and James Butler Johnson for personal injuries and property damage.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #13,14,15,16, and 18. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

17. RETENTION OF ENGINEER - IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD FROM SARTORI AVENUE TO RAILROAD UNDERPASS. (JOB #64030)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement with Lampman & Associates for engineering services on the subject project be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAMPMAN AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD FROM THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD UNDERPASS TO SARTORI AVENUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-38. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Torrance in memory of James Howard Burchett.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN MEMORY OF JAMES HOWARD BURCHETT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-39. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

10. RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Torrance commending the Torrance Junior Woman's Club for their presentation of a memorial plaque in memory of Torrance servicemen who lost their lives in VietNam.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE TORRANCE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB FOR THEIR PRESENTATION OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF TORRANCE SERVICE MEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN VIETNAM.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-40. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

11. RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Torrance supporting the "Survey and Analysis of Citizen Attitudes regarding Community Services and Future Needs in Torrance" being conducted by the League of Women Voters of Torrance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE "SURVEY AND ANALYSIS OF CITIZEN ATTITUDES REGARDING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FUTURE NEEDS IN TORRANCE" BEING CONDUCTED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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Mayor Isen referred to Information Item B - a communication from Mrs. Genevieve Burchfield, Corresponding Secretary, SETHA, requesting that the date of January 1, 1971 remain a firm date in Ordinance No. 2060 re: oil tanks - and requested that this request be made a matter of formal record.

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HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

19. CUP 69-51, BAYCO ENTERPRISES (Robert Collins and Francis P. Torino) CONTINUED HEARING ON APPEAL: Request for approval of a conditional use permit to allow the construction of an apartment house in the C-2 zone on property located on the east side of Ocean Avenue midway between 226th and 230th Streets and described as a portion of Lots 21 and 22 of the Meadow Park Tract. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

This item withdrawn from the agenda.

Discussion followed on the appropriate action to be taken by the Council, and the following resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that CUP 69-51 be postponed until March 31, 1970, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

The need for readvertising was pointed out by Assistant City Manager Scharfman; Councilman Beasley asked that the proponent be notified of this Council action, and, if this meets with their approval, that they pay for the readvertising. Planning Director Shartle explained that the requested postponement and the fact that the matter would not be heard at this meeting had been advertised -- further, that letters had been sent out and the property had been posted as well.

Councilman Uerkwitz requested that there be clarification from Staff before March 31st as to the status of this matter.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that his "no" vote is for the reason that he feels the matter should have been heard tonight, and ought to be heard, in any event, before March 31st.

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- 19A. ZC 69-4.

Mr. Clark Leonard, Lanco Engineering, representing owners of the property at Madrona and Del Amo, requested withdrawal of their case, a similar case, (scheduled for two weeks from this date) without prejudice (or to continue also). Mr. Leonard explained that his client had just recently acquired the property, with many problems yet to be resolved.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above request, extending the matter, without prejudice, to May 26, 1970, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley,

but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Discussion followed. A MOTION FOR DENIAL was recommended by Mayor Isen which would save considerable time and effort. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED FOR DENIAL. City Attorney Remelmeyer ruled that the case is not now before the Council; he added that Mr. Leonard could withdraw the case entirely which has the effect of permitting him to return in six months -- otherwise it is necessary to wait the two weeks until this item is regularly on the agenda since the Council has no jurisdiction at this time. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Leonard asked that he be permitted to talk to his client; if he desires to withdraw the matter a letter will be sent to that effect on Wednesday. It was noted by Mr. Remelmeyer that he could withdraw without Council action.

PLANNING MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION approving a Variance to permit the use of an existing vacant commercial building as an artist's studio - Planning Commission Case V69-8, Connor Everts.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE R-3 ZONE TO PERMIT THE USE OF AN EXISTING VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AS AN ARTIST'S STUDIO, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V69-8 - CONNOR EVERTS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-42. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. Class specifications for Police Communications Operator and Fire Communications Operator with report from Personnel Director and recommendation of City Manager.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 69-183 BY DELETING THEREFROM THE CLASS OF

COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR AND ADDING THERETO
THE CLASSES OF FIRE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR
AND POLICE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-43. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

22. Revised class specification for Fire Captain with classification report.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission for approval of revised class specifications for Fire Captain. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

23. TOPICS PROGRAM.
(Traffic Operations Program to Increase Capacity and Safety)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the District Engineer, California State Division of Highways District 7, be designated as Coordinating Agent for the City of Torrance with respect to the TOPICS Program.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously approved (Councilman Wilson absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

24. RESOLUTION authorizing an Agreement for the purchase of Parcel No. 5 required for the widening of Del Amo Boulevard - Crenshaw to Van Ness (Pedro P. and Esther D. Alonzo).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT
CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF
PARCEL NO. 5 REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF
DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

(Alonzo, Pedro P. and Esther D.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-44. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

25. RESOLUTION authorizing an Agreement for the purchase of Parcel No. 3 required for the widening of Del Amo Boulevard - Crenshaw to Van Ness (Alejo and Herminia Alcala).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 3 REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

(Alejo and Herminia Alcalá)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-45. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

(Items #26 and #27 considered together.)

26. Request from City Librarian to extend lease at 1265 Sartori for a period of one year; leasing agent, George Binder.
27. Resolution authorizing a lease between the City and Henry Binder and George Binder for lease of certain premises for Library Storage Space (March 13, 1970 to March 12, 1971).

The 40% increase in rent was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta -- further noted by the Council was the fact that there is no provision in the lease relative to termination of the lease by the City.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Librarian for approval of a one-year lease agreement with George Binder. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Renegotiation was deemed appropriate, with much optimism expressed by Mayor Isen as to an attitude of cooperation by Mr. Binder.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

28. Resolution re: Spur Track requested by Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that extra conditions have been recommended by Staff; it was agreed that the resolution containing such conditions be placed on the March 3rd agenda.

PARK AND RECREATION:

29. DELEGATE TO CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST PARK AND RECREATION CONFERENCE IN ANAHEIM.

REQUEST OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN that City Council authorize expenditure of \$150 to send a

delegate to the Conference, with note from Recreation Director recommending approval. Funds available in Park and Recreation Commission budget for field trips.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Park and Recreation Commission Chairman and the Recreation Director, with the proper appropriation of funds. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

30. EL RETIRO PARK TENNIS COURT COMPLAINT.

Report of Director of Recreation on complaint concerning the use of El Retiro Park Tennis Courts by an organized group, as requested by the City Council on February 3, 1970.

Mr. Richard Kenny, 520 Paseo de los Reyes, was present to express his appreciation of the extensive report prepared by the Director of Recreation, but that there is a need for positive, decisive action.

Tennis courts atop the Walteria Reservoir were discussed. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that a coordinated study of the matter is underway for presentation to the Park and Recreation Commission.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that the subject Item #30 be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission for study and suggestions, the El Segundo plan inquired into, with Mr. Kenny to be notified when this is to be discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Johnson reiterated his earlier suggestion that the School District be contacted regarding cooperation in opening up some of their tennis courts for night games with an agreement arrangement.

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At 7:50 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 recess followed at 7:51 P.M.

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On resumption of the meeting, Mr. Lou Sismondo, SETHA, introduced the officers of their organization, as well as the members in attendance. Mr. Sismondo expressed the gratitude of SETHA for the cooperation of the Council in the problems encountered by this relatively new group. It is hoped that they will have an area worthy of the name of Torrance.

31. DONATION OF HANDBALL WALL FOR ENTRADERO PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That Council accept the generous donation of \$628 from Del Amo Rotary Club, and that Council authorize this sum to be expended for the purchase and installation of the handball

wall at Entradero Park in accordance with their wishes.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Director of Recreation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that a permaplaque resolution of thanks be given the Del Amo Rotary Club in acknowledgment of their contribution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

32. ORDINANCE regarding noise abatement and report with recommendations.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager to adopt the report in principle, and refer to the City Manager and budget sessions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Airport Manager Egan reported that the Committee feels a degree of urgency, and, with Council permission, would like to move up on the inventory of ambient noise levels by asking for proposals from the consultants, and at the same time make investigations into the specifications for the trucks -- these only to be exploratory, an invitation for proposals, and upon receipt of them come back to Council with the information. This met with the approval of the Council.

Further noted by Mr. Egan was discussion relative to the name of the committee -- the name "Environmental Qualities Committee" being recommended as a more appropriate name. This too met with the approval of the Council.

Councilman Uerkwitz commented that, in his opinion, it is time the Council went on record as making 1970 the anti-pollution year, pulling out all the stops in this regard. The obvious need for such support was reviewed by the Council -- Mayor Isen stated his gratitude for the public awareness of the problem, and that he would gladly proclaim 1970 as the year we got started on ecology and pollution in the City of Torrance.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. ORDINANCE A AND ORDINANCE NO. 2062 (ORD. B) amending provisions of Section 35.1.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code concerning permit fees and deposits for card rooms and card schools.

Following discussion of the matter of two days vs. seven days per week, and the \$35 fee, it was unanimously agreed that Ordinance B (the original ordinance presented) would be the more appropriate one.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil reread title to Ordinance No. 2062 (Ord. B):

ORDINANCE NO. 2062

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING PERMIT FEES AND DEPOSITS FOR CARD ROOMS AND CARD SCHOOLS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2062 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

34. RESOLUTION of record destruction (all records microfilmed) authorizing the City Clerk to destroy certain City records, pursuant to Sections 34090, 34090.5 and 34090.7 of the Government Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-46. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

35. ORDINANCE NO. 2060 amending Section 97.9.13 of the Torrance Municipal Code to provide for the relocation or removal of oil storage tanks which violate Section 15.202 of the Uniform Fire Code.

It was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer that a rerevised Ordinance No. 2060 will be necessary -- a correction is required on page 2, section (b), third line, which should state "to the nearest line of adjoining property" (rather than "to the nearest line to the adjoining structure").

It was further clarified by Mr. Remelmeyer that the Uniform Fire Code, 1967, has not yet been formally adopted, hence the reference to 1961 Edition in the ordinance, it being the intent to return later with an amendment to incorporate in the Oil Code certain provisions of the 1967 Code which may be relevant here, revising the ordinance accordingly.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented Ordinance No. 2060 for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2060

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.9.13 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELOCATION OR REMOVAL OF OIL STORAGE TANKS WHICH VIOLATE SECTION 15.202 OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2060. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Prior to roll call vote, it was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that Ordinance No. 2060 be returned for a third reading so that there will be no question regarding the action taken.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2060 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

At this point Mrs. Arnold Johnson came forward to question the necessity for a third reading. City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that because of excess caution, and the problems that have occurred in this matter, it is preferable that the ordinance be read again so that there will be no question of anyone attacking the ordinance on the grounds there hadn't been two readings, in view of the above amendment. It was the suggestion of Mrs. Johnson that the City Attorney make very sure there are no errors in the ordinance at the next reading thereof.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. Building and Safety Director McKinnon announced that the abandoned structure at Hawthorne and Newton has been abated and the property has been cleaned up. It was noted by Mayor Isen that considerable credit is due Councilman Uerkwitz for his efforts in this accomplishment.

37. Problems confronted in making an evaluation of oil tanks to ascertain their structural compliance to the Fire Code of the City were reported by Building and Safety Director McKinnon. Mr. McKinnon advised that certain experts will be required, as will special equipment -- the cost was estimated at approximately \$5000.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the above request of the Building and Safety Director, and that \$5000 be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

38. The forthcoming Award of Service Pins to employees was reported by City Clerk Coil; the date selected was March 17, 1970.

39. Councilman Johnson referred to the "Little Hoover Commission"- now named "Advisory Committee on Government Operations"- manned by seven very prominent men to review City departments with an eye to improving operations. Mr. Johnson recommended that the Council adopt a resolution recognizing the Committee formally, and request the cooperation of all City personnel.

Councilman Johnson then MOVED that an appropriate resolution be prepared and returned to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

It was the comment of Councilman Beasley that he would vote for such a resolution upon receipt of their qualifications to conduct such a survey.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

40. Referring to SETHA, it was the comment of Councilman Johnson that he has generally compared their approach and methods to other groups that have formed out of problem circumstances, and they certainly should be complimented for the orderly and systematic manner in which they have conducted themselves before this Council.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta requested that the City Attorney ascertain whether or not it is legal to have limitations on the hours of take-off from the Airport -- do any cities have such limitations?

and water lines

42. Mayor Isen inquired as to the status of the paving/on 232nd Street between Arlington and Pennsylvania -- based on an illustrated request from Mrs. Betty Ponsford. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that the work is scheduled to be done concurrently, noting that the water line goes in the parkway, the date being on or about March 1st.

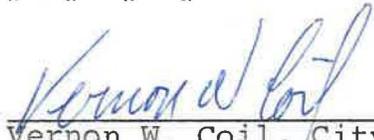
43. Possible disqualification of himself as an Appeal Board on a License Review Board matter was reported by Mayor Isen, who advised that an application from "The Toy Box" will be heard by the License Review Board on March 5th -- the Mayor is an adjacent property owner and objects to same, both as a property owner and in his official capacity. This beer bar, if approved, would be right across from the Pussycat Theatre, and, in Mayor Isen's opinion, a public nuisance will result. Further, there should not be any entertainment permits or conditional use permits in that location for this purpose.

44. Mrs. Mary Lou Cushman, 4806 Carmelynn Street, reported on her difficulties in obtaining a copy of the Police Dept. Annual Report and her desire for same. The circumstances were reviewed, and the following action resulted: Mayor Isen MOVED, subject to City Attorney Remelmeyer's determination that it is a public record, the 1968-1969 Annual Reports of the Police Department be made available and delivered to Mrs. Cushman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

45. Mr. Andy Meyer, 19607 Darien Place, (telephone: 371-8438) advised the Council of a hazardous condition on Western Avenue and Corwin Street, in the vicinity of 182nd Street, in the manner in which the street narrows down. Traffic Engineer Horkay was directed to investigate this matter and report back to the Council.

At 8:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to 5:00 P.M., March 3, 1970. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance



Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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