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Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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March 4, 1969

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1969, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

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Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Lester Foster, Mrs. Foster, and their daughter, Miss Jane Foster -- and, from Thailand, making her home with the Foster's, Miss Amata Navamarat.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Miss Jane Foster, at the request of Mayor Isen, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Charles Neigh, Walteria Community Methodist Church, who will serve as Minister of the Month of March, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of February 18, 1969 and February 25, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, 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 Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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PRESENTATIONS:

8. Presentation of Permaplaque Resolution congratulating the DEL AMO FINANCIAL CENTER on 1968-69 Sweepstakes Award for commercial landscaping.

The presentation of the permaplaque, with appropriate congratulations, was made to Mr. Harry Gorman by Councilman Sciarrotta on behalf of the Council. Mr. Gorman expressed his gratitude and pledged that all future landscaping would be of equal caliber.

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(Taken out of order:)

PROCLAMATION:

35. PROCLAMATION OF "AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE DAY" designating Sunday, March 16, 1969 as the day to honor American Field Service International Scholarship.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed, outlining their worthwhile efforts as well.

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A brief explanation of Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen, along with the announcement that it will be necessary for him to leave the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Item #14 considered separately.)

9. CLAIM of Clifton and Sherrill Slotsue for property damages on January 20, 1969, on Maple Avenue near Monterey Street, Torrance, California. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
10. CLAIM of CNA Insurance for Marshall Industries for flood damage on January 20, 1969, at 2426 Amsler Street, Torrance, California. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Demolition and Site Clearance, Reference Bid #69-3.

Recommendation of Finance Director that Council accept the low bid and approve of the awarding of a contract to the low bidder, the Horgan Company, in the total amount of \$2035.00.

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Copper Water Tubing, Ref. Bid #69-4.

Recommendation of Finance Director that Council accept the low bid and approve of an award to the Kennan Pipe and Supply Company in the amount of \$10,763.55, including tax.

13. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$525.29 to Chain Drives, Inc. for 50 feet of roller chain and 36 self-aligning bearings requested by the City Garage for repair stock "as needed".
2. \$326.45 to Dearth Machinery Company for emergency repair parts for a downed Wayne Sweeper requested by the City Garage.
3. \$1645.88 to Centerline Products Company for 550 gallons of white, yellow, and red street striping paint requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

15. Request for approval to hold April meeting of Library Commission at Walteria Library, submitted by City Librarian.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with recommendations submitted on Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15. 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.

14. RESOLUTION voicing appreciation to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County and concurring with their proposed action to reestablish the boundary of the Southwest Superior Court Judicial District.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE VOICING ITS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CONCURRING WITH THE BOARD'S PROPOSED ACTION TO REESTABLISH THE BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHWEST SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-40. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen requested that City Clerk Coil furnish each Supervisor with a copy of this Resolution, along with the comment that this represents a tremendous forward step for this community in the reestablishment of such boundaries.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. Communication from the Planning Director re: maximum number of garage spaces and size of garage for single-family residences.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission (that garages be increased to 1000 sq. ft. in toto, amending Section 91.4.1, and that the three-car restriction be removed, eliminating Section 93.2.1), and that the City Attorney prepare the proper ordinance therefor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

17. Communication from the Planning Director re: Planning and Utilization of excess parcels created by freeways.

Recommendation: That the City Council, prior to entering any freeway agreement for future freeways, plan for the cooperative utilization of anticipated excess parcels for open space and recreational areas.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Department, concurred in by the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

18. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE extending the moratorium on the area north of the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project for an additional 90 days.

Of concern to Councilman Uerkwitz was the need for some sort of time limit in this matter, it being his feeling that Staff can so expedite.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1953

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD ON THE WEST, MADISON STREET ON THE EAST, 234TH STREET ON THE NORTH, 236TH STREET ON THE SOUTH, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 1953 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. APPEAL OF S 69-3, BOB'S BIG BOY, INC: Request for an oversize pole sign on a restaurant located at 24021 Hawthorne Boulevard. Denied by the Planning Commission.

Mr. John Barringer, Director of Property Development for Bob's, 1001 East Colorado, Glendale, described their proposed, standard signing, and presented a picture of signing at another location for study by the Council. At Councilman Miller's question as to whether or not the sign had been rejected in any other cities, Mr. Barringer advised that only in one instance; it was necessary to redesign in the City of San Jose.

Councilman Uerkwitz inquired if the boy statue were included in the sign area -- Planning Director Shartle advised that it is not included, adding that it is an attraction and could be considered a sign.

The proposed sign ordinance, now being prepared in final form by the City Attorney's office, and its effect on the subject request, in view of some of the more lenient aspects of the new ordinance, were discussed.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that the subject request for an oversize sign for Bob's Big Boy be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Barringer advised, at Councilman Beasley's question, that they will not be requesting additional signing for Neece Avenue. Past exceptions on oversize signs were outlined for Councilman Wilson. Councilman Sciarrotta recommended that consideration be given cases involving standard signs and the financial considerations therefor. Councilman Uerkwitz was concerned that the statue would be added thereby increasing the signing; Mayor Isen stated that this would be a matter of enforcement. Councilman Miller was in agreement that large organizations with standard signing of a trademark nature should be afforded special consideration, otherwise the Council would not be acting in a manner which other communities recognize as part of a policy; he would, however, want similar equitable treatment of smaller enterprises.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz at the time of his "yes" vote that he so voted on the sign only.

20. ORDINANCE AMENDING the provisions of Chapter 7 (the Oil Code), Division 9, of the Torrance Municipal Code relating to definition of oil well site, enclosure of site, fence spacing, debris, and landscaping required.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1954

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 7, (THE OIL CODE), DIVISION 9, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DEFINITION OF OIL WELL SITE, ENCLOSURE OF SITE, FENCE SPACING, DEBRIS, AND LANDSCAPING REQUIRED.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1954 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30596: Robert Dunn, subdivider; Denn Engineering, Engineers. This is a 4-lot tract located between 231st Street and future 232nd Street approximately 140 feet easterly of Pennsylvania Avenue. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Director, subject to conditions. Additional requirement recommended by the Engineering Department.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Johnson that Planning Commission condition #10 be amended to read: "That the proponent be required to participate in the street opening district for 232nd Street, and that this condition also be binding upon all successors."

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Planning Commission and Engineering recommendations, including the above amendment, and all other conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to record condition #10.

22. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 21070, PARK VISTA SOUTH
Don Wilson, Subdivider; Lanco Engineering, Engineers. This is a 5-lot tract located between 170th and 171st Streets, easterly of Yukon Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to conditions.

The adjacent zoning was questioned by Councilman Miller, it being his recommendation that consideration be given to rezoning any R-2 property to R-1, in view of the residential development of the subject request.

Mr. Don Wilson, Jr. was present, and described the neighborhood, as well as his proposed R-1 development.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommendations for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 21070. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further action was taken in a MOTION offered by Councilman Beasley that the Planning Commission study the subject area and furnish a recommendation as to compatible zoning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:23. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - TRACT NO. 29103.

Subdivider: Dan E. Butcher
 Bonding Co.: Pacific Indemnity Company
 Bond No. 259539- Amount \$22,000.

Subdivider: Pacific Shores Construction Co.
 Bonding Co.: Great American Insurance Co.
 Bond No. 223-89-78 - Amount \$8200.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer that the above subdivision bonds be released; seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote unanimously favorable.

24. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 21205:

Withdrawn.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

25. REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF \$913.72 for relocating their facilities in conflict with the construction of the proposed Main Torrance Library by Southern California Edison. Recommendation for approval by Director of Building and Safety and City Librarian, with concurrence of City Manager.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendations of the Building and Safety Director and the City Librarian, and that payment be authorized from the library building project fund. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

26. ALTA LOMA PARK. Recommendation of City Manager that City acquire property which will provide access to Alta Loma Park.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that purchase of subject property be authorized, for the price of \$32,000 plus proper escrow costs, and that the City Manager and City Attorney be authorized to execute all necessary legal documents in connection therewith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RESOLUTION objecting to the sale by the County Tax Collector of property within the City of Torrance and against which the City of Torrance has levied taxes, to wit: Parcel 254, advertised in Auction Sale No. 91-A of Los Angeles County, described as the southerly two feet of the westerly 77.50 feet of Lot 186 of Tract 19108, located at 226th Street and Ladeene Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, OBJECTING TO THE SALE BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PURSUANT TO DIVISION 1, PART 6, CHAPTER 7, OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE, A PARCEL OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AGAINST WHICH THE CITY OF TORRANCE HAS LEVIED TAXES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

28. GUIDELINES FOR AIRPORT PLANNING, report resubmitted by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Beasley recommended that the subject report be referred to committee -- the contents of same having been discussed many times.

In defense of his report, Councilman Johnson stated that he strongly believes that a Master Plan for the Airport is needed, the evolvment of which is a time-consuming task, with professional consultant assistance the last stage of the plan. Councilman Johnson thereupon MOVED that the Council adopt the plan as outlined and declare its intent to have a professionally prepared Master Plan for the Airport, prepared in accordance with the outline. The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion followed. Councilman Uerkwitz acknowledged that a study must be done, but felt that there are issues with which he is not in agreement, and issues which, in many cases, have already been settled, and the problem is nonexistent. It was further felt by Councilman Uerkwitz that there was a need for a financial breakdown, aircraft size and weight -- all requiring in-depth study.

The background of the Airport and its present status was related by Councilman Beasley, who MOVED that the subject Guidelines be referred to a Council Committee, with reports to be furnished from time to time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller following his comment that there appears to be a conflict in what is desired, what is existing, with certain policies already set. Councilman Miller further stated that he feels the study is fine, as well as the referral to a committee so long as it is not just filed, but there are many considerations, including financial, to weigh before undertaking a Master Plan.

Mayor Isen expressed his pride in what the Council has done in regard to the Airport, and he does not intend to deviate in any manner therefrom, it being his feeling that the majority of the people want what is being given them, and that human values are

the important considerations. Mayor Isen reiterated that it is his intent to follow through with past policies, and retain a simple, executive-type Airport, with some auxiliary businesses; the increase of the dollar volume should not be the guiding factor for the development of the Torrance Airport. Mayor Isen added that he has no objection to the Committee referral, but, in his opinion, the Committee should simply rewrite and reiterate past policies of past Councils.

Concurrence with Mayor Isen's comments was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz who also urged that the Airport Commissioners and management be influenced to recognize that this is the very firm direction of the Council, with no need for frequent repetition.

Councilman Johnson stated that there is no presumption in the presentation of these Guidelines that a radical policy change is recommended -- Councilman Johnson does not believe that there is a sufficiently well defined plan in existence that can serve as good guidelines for the Commission to use, for the general public to see, etc., and to develop some of the statistics coming out of the Airport. The statement "No Jets", with which he is in accord, is not a Master Plan that can define what the Airport is and where it is going.

Councilman Wilson was in agreement on the need for a plan, and is in disagreement with some of the positions that the Airport will stay as it is, deeming it impossible -- regardless of what the Council wants this Airport to be, it will be dictated to the City by different agencies which will preempt the City, without its own plan, but rather a plan imposed upon us. Councilman Wilson added that there are studies in progress by various groups, while Torrance sits back and lets other people do its planning -- this is very erroneous, in his opinion, and there is a drastic need for further study, review of recommendations from other agencies, with an attitude of open-mindedness.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That Item #28, Guidelines for Airport Planning, be filed, and that the Council go back to its old policies, rewording them, if necessary. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Discussion preceded the vote on the motion.

Councilman Miller stated that he was not quite for the action suggested in the substitute motion, more somewhere in between -- adding that it is absolutely necessary to maintain some integrity of the Airport for its purpose and use, with far-flung concern for its development and future expectations. Mr. Miller added that, by and large, the progress to date has been quite favorable, and would be in agreement that studies, from time to time, would be appropriate, rather than perhaps creating problems in advance.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion, which carried by a 4-3 vote, was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Wilson.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, relative to his "no" vote, that, per the discussion, there has been no departure from stated policies, but the discussion has also revealed that there is sufficient confusion to preclude obtaining the best advantages of the Airport without a plan and represents short-sightedness.

Concurrence to a degree with Councilman Johnson's remarks was expressed by Councilman Miller -- he would not favor filing and forgetting the report, but, rather, that it be a matter for consideration by the future Council Airport Committee; hence his "no" vote.

Mayor Isen stated that he is of the very firm and honest opinion that the City has a plan -- a plan from which there has been no deviation for at least ten years -- and a plan that cannot be improved upon.

29. Permission for an Airport Commissioner to attend the American Association of Airport Executives Annual Business Conference in Denver, Colorado in May, 1969 with appropriate expenses not to exceed \$~~300.~~ \$500.00

Councilman Uerkwitz acknowledged his understanding of the deviation from Council travel policy represented by the subject request; however, he feels this is an important conference, and the Airport Manager will not be in attendance, and that it is appropriate for Airport Commission Chairman Blaisdell to attend, taking the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Airport Commission Chairman Blaisdell be permitted to attend the subject conference, with appropriate material on the conference activities furnished the Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Isen commented that this appears a logical exception to him, in view of the interstate aspect and jet aircraft concern.

In the interest of clarification, Councilman Miller expressed his assumption that Chairman Blaisdell would be in attendance in lieu of the Airport Manager. Airport Manager Egan responded that it is his expectation that the Assistant Airport Manager, Bill Critchfield, will attend the Denver conference in his stead, due to a later conference requiring his presence. Councilman Miller could not then condone deviating from the policy since Chairman Blaisdell would not actually be doing the Airport Manager's job.

The motion carried, as follows:

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

BUS SYSTEM:30. PROGRESS REPORT #6 - Torrance Transit System.

It was the consensus of the Council that the report was of the highest caliber, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, that he be authorized to contact the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association in an effort to obtain their cooperation in making a survey of the area ^{which} would be affected were the subject loop discontinued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation that the Torrance Transit System establish a route between the Torrance Municipal Airport and the Los Angeles International Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. WITHDRAWN.

32. RESOLUTION of Record Destruction authorizing the City Clerk to destroy certain City records, pursuant to Section 34090.7 of the Government Code. (Duplicate records less than 5 years old).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-42

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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-42. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

33. ELECTRONIC VOTING AND SIGNALING SYSTEMS FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager relative to the Electronic Voting System. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Attention was then directed to the Signaling System. Communications Electrician Crockett described what would be accomplished with these Systems.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the Signaling System be approved, leaving the technical details to Staff. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further action was taken in a MOTION offered by Councilman Johnson that the sum of \$2000 be appropriated from the General Fund unappropriated surplus for the subject Systems. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. RESOLUTION to authorize City Librarian to apply for State Grant re: construction of Southeast Torrance branch library.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY LIBRARIAN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A BRANCH LIBRARY TO BE LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION IN THIS BEHALF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-43. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was pointed out by City Manager Ferraro that, if approved, this library will be in excess of the 5000 sq. ft. policy established by the Council. Mayor Isen commented that there is no question that this policy should be changed.

It was confirmed by Councilman Uerkwitz that a Southeast branch library has priority whether or not the grant succeeds.

35. PROCLAMATION.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

36. RESOLUTION re: Support of Senate Bill 4

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 4 INTRODUCED IN THE 1969 SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE BY SENATOR H.L. RICHARDSON.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-44. His motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. Mr. David Halstead, 374 Palos Verdes Boulevard, Torrance, (Riviera Section) reported his observance of light standards being installed on Palos Verdes Boulevard and his having learned that these standards will be serviced by overhead wires; remedial action is requested of the Council. As a Planning Commissioner, Mr. Halstead is acquainted with the Council policy that new tracts and new developments be serviced underground wherever possible. Councilman Beasley noted that there is a cost of approximately \$250 per individual 50 ft. lot for such undergrounding -- Mr. Halstead confirmed the neighborhood's understanding of this cost and their willingness to pay same. Specifically requested by Mr. Halstead was that a moratorium be placed on the light standard installations insofar as the overhead portion is concerned, and that an attempt be made to put the wiring underground.

In order to initiate Mr. Halstead's request, City Traffic Engineer Horkay requested instruction from the Council to proceed with a 1911 Act Assessment District on that area. Councilman Beasley so moved; further, that all wiring above the ground cease and desist in the meantime. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council, reconvene as Redevelopment Agency, which was followed by a general 10-minute recess at 6:51 P.M.

Mayor Isen left the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

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Chairmanship of the meeting was assumed by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller on its resumption.

38. Water Systems Manager Borgwat extended an invitation to the Council to visit the Walteria Reservoir on March 13th.

39. City Manager Ferraro called attention to a forthcoming communication to the Council in reference to a policy decision involving review of a conditional use permit for a proposed Senior Citizens' high-rise development.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Beasley on conditional use appeals that the proponents be instructed to make their reasons for appealing known.

40. Councilman Beasley referred to time-consuming cases before the Civil Service Commission, both at the present time and in the past, involving many people who cannot spare such time, as well as the effect on morale of City employees and others involved in such proceedings, and it is his recommendation that the City

Attorney draft an ordinance whereby the Civil Service Commission could, with the Council's consent, hire a Hearing Officer and thereby expedite such matters. City Attorney Remelmeyer will furnish such an ordinance, along with his recommendation.

41. Councilman Johnson requested that Information Item A, communication from District Attorney Younger re: legislative proposals, be returned to the agenda with a Staff analysis for possible Council action.

42. The dissatisfaction of theatre talents in Pasadena was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta, which he thought might be of interest to Director of Recreation Van Bellehem.

43. The tremendous interest and concern regarding the narcotic problem was referred to by Councilman Sciarrotta, who outlined efforts to bring culprits to justice and obtain convictions -- the cost of such needed services were noted as well. However, Councilman Sciarrotta does not believe this is the answer, but only a part of it -- the real answer lies in instituting preventative measures and not wait for youngsters to become addicts before taking action, with the law being overly suspicious and parents dangerously blind to the problem. It is Councilman Sciarrotta's belief that an understanding and recognition of the symptoms by parents and school officials should help ferret out the young culprits at a very early stage before addiction takes place. Through adult education, parents and teachers of teenage children could be given a series of three or four lectures on the behaviour and signs to look for in young users of narcotics, with such lectures running continuously and offered to as many parents as are willing to learn. The cost would be insignificant, Councilman Sciarrotta concluded, when compared to the cost of apprehending, convicting, and sentencing, as well as rehabilitation, of the culprits, and coordination between parent, school, and the Police Department were strongly urged by him.

It was requested by Councilman Sciarrotta that both the Youth Welfare Commission and the Torrance Youth Council study his proposal, and provide some recommendation as to how it can be implemented.

44. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that minutes of Commission meetings be expanded to make clear the action taken and the vote recorded, particularly on items of issue and opposition that might be expressed. City Clerk Coil will so advise the Minute Secretaries.

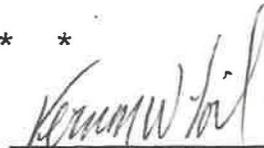
45. Reporting on the South Bay Councilmen's Association meeting, Councilman Uerkwitz advised that no answer was reached on the oil slick problem but an answer is still being actively sought.

46. Councilman Uerkwitz urged that consideration be given Assemblyman Thomas' recommendations regarding the disengagement of the Harbor area communities (Information Item F). Acting Mayor Miller requested City Manager Ferraro return this as an agenda item for consideration of the full Council.

47. Councilman Wilson referred to his comments on February 4 as to the establishment of a Cultural Commission for Torrance, and his conversation with the Chairman of the Southwest Los Angeles County Arts Council, noting that it has been referred back to Staff. Councilman Wilson feels there is need for such a Commission at the present time. Discussion ensued as to possible integration of Commission assignments to incorporate a Cultural Commission, and it was agreed that an analysis would be furnished by Staff in two weeks.
48. At Acting Mayor Miller's question pertaining to the status of the Regional Park in relation to the County, Director of Recreation Van Bellehem advised that the application has been approved by SCAG and is now pending with HUD.
49. The incorporation of a Children's Zoo, housing small animals, in the framework of the proposed park was suggested by Acting Mayor Miller -- such a zoo would serve elementary school programs as well as the public pleasure that would be afforded. Background material on such a zoo, originally suggested a few years ago, will be furnished by the City Manager.
50. Mr. David Bouey (?), 2302 - 229th Place, representing the newly formed Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, announced their intent to have a member present at every meeting in order to establish better communication.
51. City Clerk Coil advised that complete Council agendas are now being placed in all the libraries, and that there will be a press release to this effect.
52. Councilman Beasley inquired about the newsletter proposed sometime ago. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that Volume #1, edition #1, will go to press approximately April 1st.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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