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Adjourned at 8:05 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 Thursday, September 11, 1969, at 5:00 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, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Ruben Ordaz, at Mayor Isen's request, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of August 19, August 26, and September 2nd 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, 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

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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.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Noted.

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Mayor Isen outlined Council procedure, as is the usual custom, to those at a Council meeting for the first time.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT - TO EXCAVATE AND INSTALL WATER MAIN.  
REF. BID B 69-49 (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ID NO. W10 VAN NESS-190TH TO DEL AMO).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR AND WATER SYSTEM MANAGER.

1. That Council accept the low bid submitted by U.H. Harter in the amount of \$48,611.00, including tax, and approve of the award of the contract to him.

2. That there be an appropriation of an additional \$45,000.00 from the Water Revenue Fund to complete the project (Capital Improvement Project W10).

13. PURCHASE OF TWO AUTOMATIC MACHINE TRAFFIC COUNTERS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

1. That the amount of \$997 be appropriated from General Fund Unappropriated Surplus for two replacement traffic counter units. (The full price of \$997 must be appropriated because the \$444 settlement was refunded to the General Fund Surplus in the 1968-69 budget).

2. That the quotation obtained by the Purchasing Division from Streeter Amet Company, a division of Mangood Corporation, Grayslake, Illinois, be accepted for two traffic counter recorder "Traficounter" transistorized Model RCT, including accessories, in the amount of \$996.50. This is a direct purchase from the manufacturer as there are no dealers for this unit in the Los Angeles area.

14. CLAIM of Miss Diane Hinds for personal injuries.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

15. CLAIM of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

16. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$469.04 to Zumar Industry for 24 traffic signs and 1,000 sets of sign mounting hardware as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for stock "as needed".
2. \$315.00 to Western Highway Products for 24 school zone warning traffic signs as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department.
3. \$1378.65 to the J.J. Cress Company for one high fire ceramic kiln and one electric jewelry kiln as requested by the Recreation Department as equipment replacement items.
4. \$315.00 to Stieny Mitchell for ten used street lighting poles with luminaires and ballasts as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department. These poles are to be used as part of a Council approved program to upgrade lighting in District #9. The cost of these units new would approximate \$3,000.00.
5. \$1223.25 to Wardlaw Fire Equipment Company for two complete E & J Resuscitator units with spare tanks as requested by the Fire Department as replacement items.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

6. \$2352.00 to Don Renner Company for two pieces of "childrens play on" equipment which included: one "Moon House" and eight "Play Walls" as requested by the Recreation Department for installation near Joslyn Center. The City will be reimbursed for this expenditure from fees collected from the various other Recreation programs.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

7. \$567.88 to Van Lingen Body Shop for the repair of a Rubbish Truck #9022 which was involved in an accident.
8. \$678.00 to Institute for Business Planning, Inc. for annual subscriptions to: (1) Corporate Tax Planning, (2) Mutual Funds Programs, and (3) Real Estate Programs. Requested from the office of the City Library.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of agenda items #12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, as recommended. 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Airport Commission Report regarding JET NOISE.

Airport Commission Chairman John Blaisdell provided a most enlightening report, graphically illustrated, on matters pertaining to the Airport -- legislation, noise and traffic control, possible solutions to Airport problems, etc.

A further, equally enlightening, report was furnished by Airport Commissioner Brian Bell, incorporating the following recommendations:

1. That the City of Torrance draft a statement requesting the FAA give urgent and immediate consideration to the establishment of a noise ceiling (at a point 3.5 miles from start to roll...the FAA's point of determination) of 93 EPNdb maximum for all aircraft, regardless of weight.

2. That the City of Torrance draft a statement requesting the FAA give urgent and immediate consideration to changing its departure pattern for eastbound aircraft from LAI so that the noise levels within the City boundaries do not exceed 70dba during the hours of 0700 to 2200 and 50dba during the hours of 2200 to 0700. An alternate request would be for the FAA to raise the minimum reversal altitude from 2,000 feet to an unknown, but determinable, altitude to bring the jet aircraft across Torrance (South Bay) at an altitude of not less than 20,000 feet.

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

Mr. Gerald King, 200 Via Los Altos, Redondo Beach, who engaged in considerable research in the preparation of the above reports, was introduced and commended by Mayor Isen for his efforts.

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Beasley that the subject matter be referred to the Council Transportation Committee, and that management be instructed to set up a meeting with interested parties as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

## 10. OPERATION PUEBLO Report.

The status of OPERATION PUEBLO was outlined by Messrs. Ruben Ordaz and Robert Flora, with introductions of the many volunteers for this project. It was requested that there be a Proclamation prepared for this event, as well as a Resolution of Support; the Council concurred, happily, with the request, and directed the City Attorney to prepare same.

The presentation concluded with the entrance of seven very young ladies from the Pueblo area bearing gifts for the Councilmen, a token for the Fiesta Days celebration to serve as their invitation to this event.

(Taken out of regular agenda order:)

BUS SYSTEM.

## 32. Victoria Knolls Passenger Count.

Mr. Charles A. Clary, Sr., 26001 Calmhill Drive, was present to restate his plea (as lengthily outlined in his letter of September 10th) that the Victoria Knolls bus service not be discontinued.

The Council Committee recommendation to discontinue the subject line, following detailed discussion and review of the matter; the like recommendation of management; along with the September 4th report of the Bus Superintendent as to the small use of this bus service were all pointed out by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to reaffirm the above recommendations, that bus service to the Victoria Knolls area be discontinued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

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At 6:00 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:02 P.M. to consider Item #11.

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PRESENTATIONS:11. RESOLUTION commending Melody Howe as NATIONAL HULA HOOP CHAMPION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING MISS MELODY HOWE UPON HER VICTORY IN THE NATIONAL HULA HOOP

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HER PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-223. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 6:08 P.M., Mayor Isen ordered a ten-minute recess.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

17. PROPOSED REVISION IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR VICTOR PRECINCT. Consideration of a proposed revision to change the use from industrial to residential on property located on the northeast corner of Earl and Spencer Streets and described as Lot 30 and a portion of Lot 29, Tract 2895.
19. ZC 69-16, LAURENCE A. WAGNER, JACK M. ROTH, GORDON J. IRVINE AND SALIAS R. ARIAS. Change of zone from M-1 to R-3 or R-4 or R-5 on property located on the northeast corner of Earl and Spencer Streets and described as Lot 30 and a portion of Lot 29, Tract 2895.

Planning Director Shartle requested that agenda items #17 and #19 be referred back to the Planning Commission. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to concur with the request of the Planning Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen then inquired if there were anyone present to speak on either of these items; there was no response.

Councilman Uerkwitz' motion was unanimously approved.

18. ZC 69-21, JOHN F. DOUGHERTY. Change of zone from R-3 and R-1 to R-P on property located easterly of Crenshaw Boulevard between Dalemead Street and Crest Road, and described as Lot 114 and Lot 115, Tract 18416. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

A representative for the proponent (the proponent unable to be present because of a personal emergency) advised that he desires this matter to be postponed for two weeks. Mayor Isen inquired how many people, favoring denial, were present; a large number of hands were raised. In view of this, it was the Mayor's recommendation that the Council take action at this time, should the proponent desire reconsideration he could write a letter requesting same.

Councilman Miller moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation for DENIAL. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Uerkwitz.

It was the comment of Councilman Miller that while he is opposed to the zone change, he feels that the proponent should be heard -- an emergency apparently having developed -- and it is unfair, even with the inconvenience to the other people, that he not be heard, and that compromise might be possible.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that his "no" vote is for the reasons expressed by Councilman Miller -- he still desires to hear the proponent's arguments; he is entitled to present his case. Mr. Uerkwitz added that, based on the written material, it does not look like a good position, but he would still like to hear what the proponent has to say.

Mayor Isen requested that the spokesman for the opposition please come forward. Mr. Herman Wilson, 2614 Brian, (telephone: 326-7396), did so. Mayor Isen then requested that the City Clerk and/or the Planning Director notify Mr. Wilson by telephone and letter should reconsideration be requested by the proponent.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that the Planning Commission will be holding hearings for rezoning to R-1 for the subject area; Planning Director Shartle confirmed that this is the case.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

20. ORDINANCE giving the License Review Board, rather than the Planning Commission, the authority to renew conditional use permits for the transfer (and impliedly for the exchange) of on-sale liquor licenses.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 95.3.3 AND 31.7.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE PROVISIONS THEREOF REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ON-SALE LIQUOR SALES ESTABLISHMENTS.

Councilman Miller moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2021 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

21. ORDINANCE regarding a modification in the Code to allow an extension of time to file appeals of Planning Commission action with the City Council.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022

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

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2022 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 69-8, C.N. Cake.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2023 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

23. Request of Kissel Homes for one-year extension in which to complete Public Works Improvements in Tract No. 30035.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the request be approved.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Beasley that the Acting City Engineer report on the status of sidewalks from Newton Street to Via Lado, on the east side of Vista Montana and the long standing bond for this work.

24. Improvement of 182nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Doty Avenue. (B69-53) Job #69027 - Rejection of Bid.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the bid be rejected; and
2. That the project be readvertised.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

25. CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN IN TRACT NO. 30602  
 (Developer: Gall-O-Reto Design).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That subject storm drain be considered eligible for future reimbursement of drainage fees; and
2. That bid of PARKER-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, in the amount of \$10,637.13, be accepted as the low bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Acting City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

26. A. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE providing for the same regulation of billboards as previously contained in the City Code.  
 B. REGULAR ORDINANCE providing for the same regulation of billboards as previously contained in the City Code.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that this item be held for two weeks, to permit study by Building and Safety Director McKinnon. There were no objections.

27. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE declaring a moratorium on the construction and demolition of buildings on property located on Cypress Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and 229th Street.  
 (Resubmitted).

Representing the property owner, Mr. Dudley Gray, 2424 Torrance Boulevard, stated that a meeting has been held with the homeowners in reference to this situation and a compromise has been attempted, with no response forthcoming from the homeowners. Mayor Isen noted that the Emergency Ordinance merely represents a moratorium until October 1st, 1969 -- Mr. Gray stated that they feel they are now in a position where they can no longer agree to such action. Mayor Isen then inquired, noting that no homeowner representatives were present, if Mr. Gray would stipulate to continuing this matter until Sept. 16th, with notification to be made to the homeowners? Mr. Gray evidenced his reluctance in this regard, noting their past cooperation without any progress; however, following further discussion, Mr. Gray stipulated to the Sept. 16th continuance, under the past conditions, with the understanding that it is without the waivering of any rights.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the subject Emergency Ordinance to the Council meeting of September 16, 1969, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections. (Councilman Miller abstained.)

REAL PROPERTY:

28. Letter from City Manager recommending Appraiser for property on Ocean Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

That Howard S. Martin & Associates be engaged to make this appraisal for a maximum fee of \$400. Mr. Martin is on the list of appraisers approved by the City Council for assignments of this type.

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

29. Letter from City Manager regarding Columbia Park Appraisers.

A Personnel Session is necessary for this item; scheduled for later in the meeting.

30. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement providing for the acquisition of Parcel 7 required for the widening of Sepulveda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-224

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. 7 FOR THE WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-224. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute extension of lease between City and American Standard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-225

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 EXTENSION TO A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMERICAN STANDARD FOR LEASE OF AMERICAN STANDARD PROPERTY BY THE CITY FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-225. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. Victoria Knolls Bus Passenger Count - heard earlier in meeting.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

33. ORDINANCE 2019.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019

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

EASTERLY SIDE OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD  
SOUTHERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, AND  
DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-18.  
(E. Arnold Oppenheim and Crown  
Savings and Loan Association.)

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. ORDINANCE NO. 2020.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 88.6.6,  
ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8, DIVISION 8 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REAL  
ESTATE SIGNS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2020 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

35. Request for Minute Secretary for monthly Water Commission meetings.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Johnson that Minute Secretary services be provided the Water Commission in view of forthcoming, highly technical reports to be presented the Commission by Chairman Lowell O'Brien. It was Mayor Isen's suggestion that a secretary be made available in the daytime to assist in the compilation of such reports, such arrangement to be worked out by the City Manager, with a tape recorder to be provided if desired.

Mr. O'Brien was in attendance to elaborate on the secretarial needs of the Water Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to refer the subject request to the City Manager who will provide Chairman O'Brien with the necessary secretarial help in the preparation of his report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen; there were no objections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. Mr. Dale Liston, 2158 West 230th, representing Mr. Dan Butcher, requested relief from the problem posed by the location of an oil tank adjacent to his subdivision at 235th and Cabrillo and the Fire Department restriction re: the required distance between structure and oil tank. The complicated aspects of this situation were reviewed at some length; it was agreed to proceed with the meeting to permit research of the ordinance, with a report to follow later in the meeting.

37. Ray Vane Lease.

City Attorney Remelmeyer outlined the terms of a proposed lease with Ray Vane for property to the east of his present operation, as did Airport Manager Egan, which will result in Mr. Vane combining the two properties, which will go until 1994 with the parcels combined but no readjustment on the new lease, but can Mr. Vane not agree with the City on the readjustment figure in 1994, then he will terminate. Of profit to the City, Mr. Egan further advised, is that the lease date has been changed from 2003 down to 1994 -- financial statistics were displayed on the easel for the enlightenment of the Council.

Discussion followed on the recomputation clause of the lease (i.e. rent to be based on the market value of the property), the completely satisfactory status of the existing lease, the sales tax contribution of this company, and the need for immediate action by the Council. Specifically noted was the three year period where the lot will remain vacant to accomodate used cars, with buildings proposed after that period of time -- it was the consensus of the Council that the clause in this regard be deleted.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney and Airport Manager on the Ray Vane lease, with deletion of the above noted clause. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:15 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for a personnel session in reference to agenda item #29. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections. The Council returned at 7:35 P.M.

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29. Columbia Park Appraisers.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to continue agenda item #29, with further personnel session, to September 23, 1969, at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

The Council now returned to:

36. Re: Oil Tanks. Fire Chief Lucas confirmed the wording in the Code relative to the location of oil tanks wherein the wording is: "to the property line". The matter was further debated at some length, with no solution to the problem; City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested that a possible remedy might be removal or undergrounding of tanks affecting adjacent residential property. It was agreed to postpone this matter until the meeting of September 23rd, to permit the City Attorney to give some thought as to how the problem might be resolved to the satisfaction of all interested parties; this was agreeable with Mr. Liston.

38. Councilman Beasley deplored the abundant, garish, illegal signing at Mark C. Bloome's tire shop. Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that this company has been given 30 days to take the offending signs down, as is the customary procedure.

39. A written report from Staff as to the status of the land acquisition and oil wells in reference to the Southeast Torrance Park was requested by Councilman Johnson.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta alluded to the Raphael property on 232nd Street and the escrow therefor, specifically requesting that the property owners be apprised of the progress of the escrow. City Attorney Remelmeyer will do so.

41. The continued increase in accidents involving City vehicles was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, and he is looking forward to the City Manager's report on this subject.

42. Councilman Wilson referred to the presentation earlier in the meeting relative to the Airport, and the proposed study, and his hope that the Council Committee will consider the future of the Airport and that any recommendations will not hinder the future development, that the study be an objective one. Mayor Isen reiterated his strong opposition to jets and increased traffic at the Airport, adding that the Committee study will be concerned with present problems - noise, heights, etc. - not the Airport's future. Councilman Wilson is of the opinion that these considerations are interrelated.

43. The effective signing at Herky's Restaurant, Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw, was pointed out by Mayor Isen -- a sterling example of an oversize sign which is beautiful.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Albert Ison  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

