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Adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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October 7, 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, October 7, 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, Sr. Deputy City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Torrance High School student Bill Linehan led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by the Minister for the Month of October, Reverend Elmer Christiansen, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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

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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As secretary of the Torrance Ministerial Alliance, Reverend Christensen extended an invitation to the Mayor, Councilmen, and City of Torrance department heads, to attend the 11th annual Ministerial Breakfast, to be held on November 12th at 7:30 A.M. at the First Baptist Church, 2118 West Carson.

The further tradition of Junior Citizens' Day was noted by Mayor Isen who recommended that preparations should be underway for this event. City Manager Ferraro advised that a tentative date of December 16th has been set.

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44. Mayor Isen referred to a communication from Mr. John Kirby asking for an appeal from a License Review Board ruling, and an appropriate date was discussed with Mr. Kirby who urged that the matter be expedited. It was agreed that this matter be considered by the Council on Tuesday, October 21st, with the Council meeting to start at 5:00 P.M., with Mr. Kirby to be the number one item following the Noncontroversial Items; Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mr. Kirby acknowledged that this action would serve as sufficient notice and that he finds the date and time acceptable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

22. DISMISSAL OF FIREMAN RICHARD G. FAREN.

The request by Mr. Faren for a 60-day postponement was discussed by the Council -- Mr. Faren was present and affirmed his desire for a 60-day postponement -- and it was agreed by the Council that he be accommodated, with prejudice to any rights of restoration or any money as a result of the delay, in the event the Council should restore him to duty. Mr. Faren confirmed that this is entirely satisfactory.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Richard Faren matter be postponed, at the request of Mr. Faren, to Thursday, December 18, 1969 at 4:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

20. UNIFORM ALLOWANCE FOR SAFETY EMPLOYEES.

After clarification to Lieutenant Charles Oates, representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, that this matter pertained only to Fire Department personnel, it was agreed to schedule the requested personnel session for the October 14th meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council meeting of October 14th commence at 6:30 P.M. and proceed immediately into personnel

session on agenda item #20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

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Information Items:

The resignations of Mr. Ted Baciu from the Citizens' Advisory Committee and Mr. Nate Winer, Torrance Beautiful Commission, were regretfully noted by Mayor Isen.

The requests from Mrs. Sunny Sciarrotta and Chairman Bill Burchfield of the Torrance Beautiful Commission that the vacancy created by Mr. Winer's resignation be filled by Mr. George Allison, 23138 Galva (telephone: 373-4508) were deemed worthy of note by Mayor Isen who recommended the appointment of Mr. Allison. Councilman Uerkwitz was of the opinion that other applicants should be given consideration, acknowledging the most likely merit to this choice.

Mayor Isen thereupon nominated Mr. George Allison to the Citizens' Advisory Commission; City Clerk Coil polled the Council, with the vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (not because of the person,
but because of the procedure).

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PROCLAMATIONS:

39. "NATIONAL NEWSPAPER BOY WEEK" - October 6-11, 1969.
40. "PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT WEEK" - October 13-17, 1969.
41. "DeMOLAY TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEK" - October 20-26, 1969.

So proclaimed by Mayor Isen.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Items 10 and 13 considered separately.)

9. 232ND STREET FROM ARLINGTON AVENUE TO PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE -
INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER (B69-52).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Chet Kohler Construction Company, Inc., and all other bids be rejected.

(This project is financed by \$10,000 appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund on August 19, 1969.)

11. A. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 4-WHEEL STREET SWEEPER (B69-46)RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by the Dearth Machinery Company and award them the contract for the specified equipment in the amount of \$13,172.25 including tax.

B. AWARD OF CONTRACT - ASPHALT PAVING MACHINE (B69-56)RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bid from Layton Sales Company for the Layton Model S-100 and approve of the awarding of the contract to them for the equipment specified. (\$2,955.75.)

12. CLAIM of Barbara Phillips, Carrie Walker, a minor, for personal injuries.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of agenda items #9, #11, and #12, as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT - IMPROVEMENT OF ANZA AVENUE FROM 238TH STREET TO NEWTON STREET (B69-55).RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Sully-Miller Contracting Company and all other bids be rejected.

Mayor Isen expressed his special pleasure at this item and the not too distant opening of Anza Avenue; hopefully, with normal working conditions and no unforeseen complications, by Christmas, according to Acting City Engineer Weaver. (Before the election, in any event, was Councilman Beasley's added comment.)

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved to approve the bid of Sully-Miller Contracting Company in the amount of \$205,498.20, rejecting all other bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

Item #5 re: bus driver uniforms was questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz - Transit Operations Supervisor Marvin Anderson clarified that these uniforms are for new drivers recently employed.

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1291.50 to Centerline Products for 300 gallons of yellow and 200 gallons of white street marking paint as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for stock "as needed". Centerline (Bauer Paint) was selected as the City's street striping paint based on street tests conducted this year.
2. \$808.08 to Gar Wood Truck Equipment Company for two packer body cylinder assemblies as requested by the City Garage as replacement-repair parts.
3. \$1417.50 to George F. Cake Company for one only Stephenson Breathalyzer and 1,000 test kits as requested by the Police Department for use in the prosecution of drunk driving charges.
4. \$417.29 to Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation for various special offset printing supplies as requested by the Central Services Division.
5. \$1395.45 to Harris & Frank for ten sets of bus driver uniforms (jackets, shirts, trousers and ties) as requested by the Bus Department as part of a continuing program to uniform bus drivers initiated by Council.
6. \$1512.00 to A&J Typewriter Center for four electric typewriters as requested by the Library Department for use by new employees.
7. \$420.00 to Coy Chandler Roof Company of Torrance for labor and materials needed to reroof the H. Tillam Center as requested by the Building Maintenance Department.
8. \$1228.08 to Brooks Products, Inc. for 189 water meter boxes as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
9. \$446.25 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 100 water angle valves as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
10. \$924.53 to Park Son, Inc. for twelve water valves as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
11. \$419.50 to Kirst Pump and Machine Works for emergency motor repairs as requested by the Water Department for a pumping station. This was the sole bidder because the motor had to be completely disassembled before a repair bid could be submitted.
12. \$300.00 to Philip Watson, Los Angeles County Assessor, for one complete set of maps for the 1969 Secured Assessment Rolls, including index maps and page index as requested by the Planning Department.

13. \$317.84 to Business Forms Printing Company for 8,800 "Time and Cost Report" forms as requested by the Finance Department for stock "as needed".
14. \$449.92 to Joslin Lumber for lumber, screens, locks, and other miscellaneous supplies as requested by the Fire Department for installation of Firemen's lockers.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

15. \$1740.91 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for two 4-inch and one only 2-inch water meters complete with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines complete with bronze cases as requested by the Water Department. These meters are being used for (1) Alter Building Company - Village #1; (2) Torrance Unified School District - Childrens Center. Payment for these services has already been received.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - LIBRARY BOOKS:

16. \$1260.00 to Combined Book Exhibit, Inc. for 310 volumes of Western History reference books.
17. \$481.63 to Bacon Pamphlet Service for 638 pamphlets of various topics.
18. \$4718.25 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 489 adult, 325 juvenile, and 5 reference books.
19. \$1106.65 to West State Books for 200 adult books.
20. \$462.32 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Mr. Joe Grecnik, for 58 adult and 9 juvenile books.
21. \$420.00 to Cowles Education Corporation for 20-years-back issues of Look Magazine on microfilm.
22. \$2041.73 to University Microfilms for 121 various magazine microfilms.
23. \$414.46 to New York Times for one only set of Book Reviews 1907-1916.
24. \$450.00 to West Publishing Company, c/o Mr. Orville V. Larsen for one only subscription each of (1) California Legislative Service (2) California Rules of Court, and (3) U.S. Code Supplements.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation for approval of the above purchases. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

45. The serious situation on Newton Street involving a broken wall, etc., reported to the Council in a communication from Mr. Scotty Finlay, Riviera Homeowners Association, was reviewed by Mayor Isen.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon reported on the situation to date, including a meeting scheduled for October 10th of all interested parties -- a written report will be furnished the Council.

On behalf of the Council, it was the request of Mayor Isen, time being of the essence, that this be recognized as a most dangerous situation, and that there be a comprehensive report on the October 14th Council agenda, with recommendations thereon.

Mr. John D. Haidinger, 4607 Via Corona, (telephone: FR 8-1122) was present on this matter. City Manager Ferraro was directed to furnish both Mr. Haidinger and Mr. Finlay with copies of the above report.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. JOSEPH WEISS - Request for Council reconsideration of appeal denied at September 23, 1969 meeting re: release from financial obligation on Santa Clara Street.

Mr. Weiss was not present. Mayor Isen ordered the request filed; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

(Note: This matter reconsidered later in the meeting on the arrival of Mr. Weiss. See Page 20.)

17. ORDINANCE providing for the payment of application and appeal fees for a RESTRICTED MANUFACTURING PERMIT APPLICATION, as directed by the City Council on Sept. 2, 1969.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 94.3.7 AND 94.3.9 OF ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF APPLICATION AND APPEAL FEES FOR A RESTRICTED MANUFACTURING PERMIT APPLICATION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2031 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. Request for Medical Leave of Absence for two months for Rosetta E. Johnston, Account Clerk in Customer Service Division.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject request be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, directed management to revise the rules to authorize the Civil Service Commission to grant leaves of absence, with right of appeal to the City Council.

21. Request of D. Murray - Accrual of Benefits during Industrial Injury Leave.

Mayor Isen referred this matter to Staff for study and recommendation; there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

23. GRAMERCY PLACE NORTHERLY OF 177TH STREET ADJACENT TO GUERNSEY PARK. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing execution of a temporary entry permit by and between the City and Southern California Edison Company for construction of Gramercy Place northerly of 177th Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the Council approve and adopt the subject Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF THAT TEMPORARY ENTRY PERMIT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF GRAMERCY PLACE NORTHERLY OF 177TH STREET.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-242. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

24. STORM DRAINS IN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN 235TH STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (B69-50). REJECTION OF BID.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the bid be rejected; and
2. That this storm drain work be integrated with the overall improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. to be advertised in the Spring.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Two gentlemen were present on this matter -- one of whom identified himself as Robert McMichael, president, Valor Instruments, 2430 Amsler -- to protest any delay in storm drain work, having experienced severe storm damage during the last rainy season. Mayor Isen decreed this a matter to be discussed with Staff, being administrative in nature.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion was unanimously favorable.

25. RESOLUTION re: construction of 1964 Storm Drain Bond Issue Project #1104.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That subject resolution be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-243

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1964 BOND ISSUE PROJECT 1104 (UNIT 1) AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAINS WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-243. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER.

That \$1,400 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of additional sewer mainline in 236th Place east of Arlington Avenue.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that \$1,400 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund, as above recommended by the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

27. RESOLUTION authorizing Agreement between the City and Lampman and Associates for preparation of plans and specifications for restoration of downtown City-owned street lighting system.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

1. Approval of subject resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the subject Agreement between the City of Torrance and Lampman & Associates for the

restoration of the Downtown Torrance City-owned street lighting system;

2. Authorize the Finance Director to reserve all surplus monies in Street Lighting District #9 in the District #9 fund until the completion of this work.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-244

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LAMPMAN & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CITY-OWNED STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM AS INDICATED ON THE MAP OF LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-244. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. COMMUNICATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT RE: ZONING STUDY OF "TOM CAT" AND ADJOINING PROPERTY - Vicinity of 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Mr. Nick Drale, 1960 Torrance Blvd., was present on this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the existing commercial zoning be left as it is and high-quality commercial development which would compliment the commercial activities to the north be encouraged -- further, that a determination be made as soon as possible on the future design of 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard' intersection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

Councilman Uerkwitz called the attention of the Council to a just-distributed by him communication from Glenn Anderson relative to the subject area, and the need for study with the future in mind.

Mayor Isen then noted that on September 17th Mr. Drale appeared before the Planning Commission requesting a vacation of City-owned property on Hawthorne Avenue, this request being tabled for six weeks for further Engineering report -- continuing, Mayor Isen commented that with this state of affairs, and not knowing where the relocation is going to be, it does not seem reasonable that either Staff or the Planning Commission should be burdened with going into it at this time. Accordingly, Mayor Isen MOVED that the Planning Commission defer any consideration for vacation of City property in this location until an undetermined future date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Drale came forward to state that he has supplied the Planning Commission with a letter from the State saying that there will be absolutely no changes as far as the State Highway System is concerned with 190th and Hawthorne Boulevard. Mr. Drale further stated that if the City endeavors to put 190th Street through underneath the underpass, this would prove to be a very costly operation. It is the intent of the owner of this property to upgrade the area, and they have an escrow; it is Mr. Drale's proposition that if the City cannot vacate a portion of the street, the property is too small for any tremendous type of upgrading, merchandising establishment -- a general drive-in restaurant corporation is the purchaser.

It was also recalled by Mayor Isen in painful memory, aside from the subject consideration, the great lengths of the Council in another vacation - at Monterey and Crenshaw - involving Mr. Drale and an equally distraught situation wherein the Council has been left uninformed to this date. Mr. Drale explained the somewhat extenuating circumstances -- financing and a disagreement between the partners -- completely beyond his control.

Mr. Drale further commented, returning to the agenda item, that the case is being prejudged, and requested the right to have a hearing, eventually returning to the Council. Councilman Miller stated that, in his opinion, Mr. Drale is entitled to have a hearing before the Planning Commission, with the determination by Council to follow; the Council concurred with this, and Mayor Isen WITHDREW HIS MOTION above, as did Councilman Uerkwitz his second.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

14. ZC 69-20, ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY (Al Levitt and J. Bower). Change of zone from C-3 to M-1 on property located approximately 200 feet east of Crenshaw Boulevard and 400 feet north of Pacific Coast Highway, Lot 1, Tract 9765. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO A PRECISE PLAN (Continued from September 2, 1969 meeting).

Representing the proponents, Mr. Alvin Howard stated that there are problems of a dual nature. It was agreed that these arguments best be presented to the appropriate Council Committee; Mr. Howard thought it an excellent suggestion, and it was so ordered. The date selected was Tuesday, October 21st, at 9:00 A.M., in Conference Room.

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The hour being 6:25 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections. A general 10-minute recess followed at 6:26 P.M.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. Recommendation of Civil Service Commission of promotional basis of examination for POLICE CHIEF.

Clarification in reference to the material recommending psychiatric evaluation of successful candidates was requested by Mayor Isen, it being requested that the City Attorney advise the Council's

jurisdiction in acting on this phase of the testing process. It is his personal feeling, Mayor Isen continued, that anyone who has been on the Police force long enough to qualify for this examination, and has been scrutinized, would not need expensive psychological observation. Councilman Beasley concurred.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson re: the recommended Promotional examination by the Civil Service Commission that it is his feeling that the examination should be Open -- the City is sufficiently large to seek and find the most qualified person. It well could be, Councilman Wilson continued, that Torrance police personnel will qualify and receive the appointment, but he does favor strictly Promotional, closed to the outside, in a day and age when the most capable people possible are needed to operate successfully in today's society.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission, that the examination for Police Chief be given on a promotional basis, with all candidates with the permanent rank of Captain or Lieutenant to compete in the examination (to the exclusion of Police Sergeants). The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to taking the vote, the following comments were made:
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Councilman Sciarrotta/that it has long been the practice for the State to give such Promotional examinations in the Police and Fire classification.

Recalling that he voted in favor of going on the outside prior to the hiring of Chief Koenig, Councilman Miller stated that times and conditions have changed -- at that time there were only two men qualified to take the Civil Service examination -- further, there have been many training programs instituted by Chief Koenig in the Police Department subsequently, there now being some 15 people qualified to take the examination. Councilman Miller would favor the Promotional examination. Councilman Sciarrotta concurred in these remarks, adding that there are now many highly qualified people who could serve as Police Chief -- in cases where there is a good department, functioning properly, it is better that the selection be made from the ranks.

Councilman Beasley stated that, in his opinion, the City of Torrance has one of the best trained Police departments in the State -- it is not necessary to look outside for a better Chief than can be found right here in the department, with some 15 excellently trained people with many years of seniority and knowledge of the City of Torrance. Specifically noted by Councilman Beasley was that his motion does not include the requirement of a psychiatric examination.

It is the feeling of Mayor Isen that there can be a very fine Chief within the 15 applicants -- the men are well known to all, and a psychiatric examination would be without value. It was recalled as well by Mayor Isen that six years ago there were virtually no qualified applicants; with all the upgrading that has taken place since that time, there surely must be a qualified Chief to head what will prove

to be the best department in California; he is opposed to going outside at this time.

Councilman Johnson stated that he would only echo the comments already made -- certainly there are qualified people in the department, the circumstances for this test are different, and he has no doubt that out of those taking the examination a very well qualified Chief will be selected.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion concurring with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission carried as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson regarding his "no" vote that it is due to the fact that he feels the City is missing a wonderful opportunity to scrutinize the field -- not with the thought of selecting someone from a small town, but, rather, to find someone who has done a tremendous job in a comparable city, or, Dr. Wilson reiterated, finding someone within the City ranks, but with the assurance that the best possible person will be selected.

A further MOTION was offered by Mayor Isen: That the Civil Service Commission be instructed that in connection with the giving of the Civil Service examination for Chief of Police that there be no requirement for a psychiatric examination of the top three candidates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Officer Philip Joseph stated that he would favor the giving of psychiatric examinations, adding that such examinations were started approximately ten years ago for entering police officers, and some of the people now eligible for the Chief's examination have never been psychoanalyzed -- and a successful candidate in this exam might not be equal to today's pressures which would be revealed in a psychiatric examination.

Discussion followed, and it was agreed to await a ruling from the City Attorney's office regarding Council's jurisdiction in the matter of psychiatric examinations. Mayor Isen WITHDREW HIS MOTION, as did Councilman Beasley his second. Mayor Isen directed Sr. Deputy City Attorney Smith to furnish a report within the next three weeks.

REAL PROPERTY:

28. Abandon proposed 1911 Act for the installation of a decorative pole street lighting system with underground wiring along Palos Verdes Boulevard and complete the existing system with overhead wiring. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of approval by the City Traffic Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

29. RESOLUTION authorizing the establishment of a THROUGH STREET ON 171ST STREET FROM YUKON AVENUE TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-245

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-245. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. (1) RESOLUTION establishing a 35 MPH prima facie speed limit on Vista Montana between Newton Street and Paseo de las Tortugas.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 61-157, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES 35 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-246. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- (2) RESOLUTION establishing Vista Montana as a through street between Newton Street and Paseo de las Tortugas. (Riviera Master Traffic Plan - Part 1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-35 WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS IN THE CITY BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-247; his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

In the interest of agenda efficiency re: traffic matters, Mayor Isen noted that they are most generally routine, and suggested that considerations of time limits for parking, boulevard stop signs, or speed limit signs be reviewed by the Traffic Commission, make a minute order of their recommendation, and that the same become final after an appropriate period of time, subject to the right of complete appeal on the matters to the Council, with no cost for such appeal. City Manager Ferraro will explore this suggestion, and return with a report to Council.

FISCAL MATTERS:

31. CLAIM of Torrance Police Officers Association for back compensation.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Lieutenant Charles Oates advised that now that his organization is officially recognized and formally registered, they will go back to the ordinance that the Council adopted and go to negotiations with the representatives re: this matter, and it is hoped that the problem can be resolved.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that the Police Department has a wonderful stature with the people of Torrance, which they have rightfully earned, and he would hate to see this changed as a result of a \$1,140,500. claim filed here inasmuch as that would have to come out of the taxpayer's pocket, with every source of taxation already exhausted in order to provide a deserved pension for safety personnel.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

32. UNITED ARTISTS THEATRE - INTEREST IN BUILDING SECOND THEATRE.

Councilman Sciarrotta advised that a further report will be forthcoming from the City Council Finance Committee on this matter.

PARK AND RECREATION:

33. RESOLUTION approving a contract for grant to acquire and/or develop land for open space purposes, Number California OSA-370(G) between the City and the United States of America, and authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR GRANT TO ACQUIRE AND/OR DEVELOP LAND FOR OPEN-SPACE PURPOSES, NUMBER CALIFORNIA OSA-370(G) BY AND BETWEEN THE

CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAID CONTRACT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-248. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen, prior to roll call vote, who indicated that he would be voting "yes" on the subject resolution, that he is not being inconsistent -- when this matter first came up, he was alarmed about several things, one being the monetary problem, the cost to be borne by Torrance was staggering, plus an equivalent cost of several million dollars for the improvement of the park, plus a \$140,000 per year maintenance of the park cost -- it did not seem feasible, Mayor Isen continued, to put a load of this magnitude on the taxpayers. When it became possible that the County would take over the entire burden, and the park became virtually free to the City as a Regional Park, and the further assistance of Supervisor Hahn in the \$300,000 towards the acquisition of the property -- all added together, Mayor Isen concluded, is a bargain that no one could ever have conceived could happen in the preservation of open space; hence the reason for his change of vote.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (for reasons previously stated);
Uerkwitz.

In reference to his "no" vote, Councilman Uerkwitz commented that the same reasons still prevail for him -- it is the worst location in the world for a Regional Park, the restrictions on the use of the property preclude its use from the fullest extent; further, the condemnation of homes involved in this particular piece of property just to make it big enough to match a Federal grant is completely improper, and it is not free under any stretch of the imagination.

Mayor Isen reiterated that for reasons given above his vote has been changed to "yes"; it has further occurred to him that there is now a Republican administration and President Nixon has okayed this.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

34. ORDINANCE providing that wagering or betting and permitting wagering and betting on certain games shall be a misdemeanor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 45.5.8 AND 45.5.9 TO ARTICLE 5 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EXHIBITIONS, CONTESTS, AMUSEMENT AND GAMBLING DEVICES TO PROVIDE THAT WAGERING OR

BETTING AND PERMITTING WAGERING OR BETTING
ON CERTAIN GAMES SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2034 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

36. ORDINANCE 2027.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2027

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO SOUTHERN PACIFIC PIPE
LINES, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE
TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR
THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2027 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

37. ORDINANCE 2029.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2029

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 36 TO CHAPTER 4,
DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO SICK LEAVE AND REPEALING SECTIONS
7 AND 8 OF RULE XIII OF THE CIVIL SERVICE
RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SAME
MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2029 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

38. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, approving participation in this project. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

42. APPEAL OF JAMES J. LYNCH of Civil Service Commission decision on September 8, 1969, re: employment with the City of Torrance. (Information Item A on agenda).

Councilman Johnson referred to as "Discussion Paper" furnished the Council on this matter, elaborating on the fact that there seemed to be no way to bring back an employee who would like to return to his employment and one wanted by Staff to return. Specifically noted in this paper, prepared by the City Manager for Councilman Johnson, was the recommendation: "The City Manager's office should be directed to investigate the possibility of allocating one position of Emergency Repairman to the Water Department in lieu of one position of Water Serviceman." In Councilman Johnson's opinion, this would resolve Mr. Lynch's problem, adding that Mr. Lynch did leave the City of his own volition, in good stead with the City, and that he now desires to return to the City, which has the approval of the Water Superintendent, the City Manager, etc.

In Councilman Johnson's opinion, this is a case where an employee ought to be returned to City employment, if he so desires, with a minimum loss of benefits that he had when he left, having left by mistake.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager: That the City Manager's office be directed to investigate the possibility of allocating one position of Emergency Repairman to the Water Department in lieu of one position of Water Serviceman.

The role of the Civil Service Commission in this matter was questioned by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Johnson advised that the Civil Service Commission has simply said that as a result of the City Attorney's findings and conclusions, they will not go further.

The right of this matter before the Council was of concern to Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Johnson acknowledged the lack of clarity in these respects, but stated that he has undertaken this presentation because he would like to see two things done: (1) To find a way, properly, to reinstate this particular employee because he has been a good employee, and (2) To establish a system which will enable the City to return a Civil Service employee who has left in good standing.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Councilman Johnson outlined his proposal for such a system, as stated in the Discussion Paper:

1. That no more than 90 days have elapsed from the date of resignation.
2. That approval is given by the City Manager and the appointing authority.
3. That the position has not been filled; or, if filled, that a position in a lower classification within the department for which the employee has been previously qualified has not been filled.

4. It is believed such a rule would provide for an equitable means of restoring such employees to their previous status with the the City. Such a rule should also provide that such an employee would, however, lose all seniority and be treated in all ways, except in the area of retirement, as a new employee.
5. If such an employee had removed his contributions from the PERS, he would be required under the rules and regulations of PERS to pay back this withdrawn contribution.

At Councilman Miller's question, Water System Manager Borgwat stated that he would like to see Mr. Lynch reinstated; denying, at Councilman Beasley's question, that any pressure had been put on him in this matter.

Following discussion of the proposed system, with Councilman Johnson pointing out that this would be a "meet and confer" item, Mr. Johnson then restated his earlier motion: That the City Manager's office be directed to investigate the possibility of allocating one position of Emergency Repairman to the Water Department in lieu of one position of Water Serviceman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, at Councilman Sciarrotta's query, it was clarified that an examination would be given.

Further clarification in this matter was given by Mayor Isen to the effect that Mr. Lynch, as a result of doctor's advice, could not take any more out-in-the-sun work -- at the time Mr. Lynch offered his resignation, in good standing, he did not know that thereafter the Water Department would recommend that the midnight shift, from 4 P.M. to 12 Midnight, be a separate classification to be filled in order to save overtime -- hence it is a brand new position, a position that saves money for the City; it is not made for any special person since it is under Civil Service and will be a job that will continue the same as all other jobs in the City in the future. It was further clarified by City Manager Ferraro that Mr. Lynch will not be blanketed into this job; the Civil Service Commission must approve the classification, and there will be an examination in the routine manner.

Added by Mayor Isen was the comment that had Mr. Lynch known there was night work, so that he would not be exposed to the rays of the sun, he would never have resigned.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to refer the above outlined items 1,2,3,4, and 5 (the recommended system) to the City Manager and Civil Service Commission for study and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. REQUEST OF JOSEPH WEISS for reconsideration of appeal denied at September 23, 1969 meeting re: release from financial obligation on Santa Clara Street.

With the arrival of Mr. Weiss at the meeting, Councilman Uerkwitz moved to reconsider agenda item #15. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

Mr. Weiss advised that the sum of money involved is \$825.00, it being a matter of principle and logic, that he is good for the money.

It was learned from Acting City Engineer Weaver that the subject funds likely will be called on within a year; reviewed as well was the precedent-setting aspect of granting such a request with countless similar situations existing.

Mr. Weiss graciously withdrew his request.

A further problem was presented by Mr. Weiss, however, in that he has an office building on Ocean near Sepulveda, and nearby City-owned property loaded with fertilizer plays havoc with his property, necessitating cleaning some three times per day. Assistant City Manager Scharfman was recognized as a fertilizer expert and requested by Mayor Isen to furnish a report to the Council.

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The hour being 7:35 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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- 37A. ORDINANCE 2028.

Withheld, at the request of the City Attorney.

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On resumption of the meeting, Mayor Isen pointed out that Veteran's Day, November 11th, falls on a Tuesday, and suggested that a motion would be in order that Council meet on Thursday, November 13th, at 5:30 P.M. in lieu of the legal holiday. Mayor Isen so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

- 35A. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE &
35. REGULAR ORDINANCE amending the UNIFORM FIRE CODE, providing for fire fighting protection.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2032

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 85.2.18 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND SECTION 13.50, ARTICLE XIII, DIVISION III, OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE PROVIDING FOR FIRE FIGHTING PROTECTION AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2032 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Discussion followed before roll call vote on the motion.

Mr. George Kurtz, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, stated that the Council is now considering an Ordinance "C", Ordinances "A" and "B" having already been discussed, and it appears that there is an attempt to do piecemeal what really should have been done as a whole, and, in his opinion, this is a type of "special legislation". The whole matter has come up, Mr. Kurtz continued, because one particular developer was "red tagged" on a structure which was in violation of the Fire Code because it was too close to an existing tank.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen at this point that his concern is most serious after having listened to Fire Chief Lucas on three different occasions relate the serious hazards represented, with people living absolutely next to these oil tanks, and it is imperative that something be done -- the circumstances of the above referred to structure only served to bring this serious problem to the attention of the Council.

Councilman Miller then inquired of Mr. Kurtz would it not be better to live with conditions represented by this ordinance which will allow more development to take place which, in the final analysis, removes some of the pressure from the oil people by allowing more lots to be built upon? Mr. Kurtz responded that he is not in disagreement with Mr. Miller's comments, but he is in disagreement with the method by which the Council is trying to create the relief referred to.

Mr. Kurtz then recalled his appearance before this Council almost one year ago -- at that time discussion pertained to safety, fences, landscaping, etc. -- oil committee meetings were held to review the proposed ordinances; as a result, certain ordinances were obtained, with which the oil men have complied and are living with.

It was stated by Councilman Beasley that he feels the time has come when the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the Southeast Torrance oil field area is primary over that of the oil operator and his crude methods of operating, with the method of operation being exactly as it was in 1910, the reason for their existence in many cases being the depletion allowance. Mr. Kurtz stated that their reason for being there is like that of any other business -- they are making a profit and they want to stay in business; the fact that Councilman Beasley as a person may not like the way they operate does not necessarily mean they are wrong in their operation; they have a right to continue in business just like any other businessman.

Continuing, Mr. Kurtz stated that it is his feeling that the time has come when the problem of the oil operator, the land developer, and

the Council as directors of the City should get together and solve the problem as a whole -- this piecemeal attempt at solution only creates more of a problem than the Council realizes; it creates an animosity, and a slowing-up process. Mayor Isen noted that the ordinance now proposed does not foreclose Mr. Kurtz' clients meeting with other interested parties and City Administration to work out these matters. Mayor Isen then likened the proposed legislation to the annual check of office fire extinguishers by the Fire Department, a situation hardly in comparison with the genuine hazard to life represented by the oil tanks next to homes without even a fire extinguisher. Fire Chief Lucas confirmed that he considers the oil tanks a major hazard in the City.

Next to speak was Mr. George Peckham, 1933 West 233rd Street, who stated that much of this controversy has come about because of the property adjacent to his tank, adding that if the Council passes the subject ordinance, this still will not give Mr. Butcher relief under the City Fire Code -- the diameter of the tank is 22 ft. and the distance from the base of the tank to the corner of the property line is 39 ft., 5 inches. To give Mr. Butcher permission to build on this lot would be in violation of the Fire Code, even with adoption of this new ordinance.

Action was now directed to Emergency Ordinance No. 2032:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2032. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley then restated his MOTION for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2032 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that his "yes" vote is in compliance with discussion and consideration at the September 25th Council meeting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2033

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 85.2.18 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND SECTION 13.50, ARTICLE XIII, DIVISION III, OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE PROVIDING FOR FIRE FIGHTING PROTECTION AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2032.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2033. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2033 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (It was noted by Councilman Johnson that his comment above would apply in this case as well.)

Mayor Isen stated that the emergency ordinance and the regular ordinance represent a step in the right direction; he is at a loss to understand how this hazard and the attendant danger, exists, with any type of fire protection ignored. This is only the beginning of a very serious problem, Mayor Isen continued, and several other things are necessary: the Mayor then requested that information be furnished regarding the liability to the City re: the many homes and apartment houses located within 10 or 15 feet from tanks containing crude oil which are a tremendous hazard, a danger to life, limb, and property as indicated by Fire Chief Lucas. Further requested by Mayor Isen was an inventory with a statement of addresses and the improvement as to dwelling units (homes, apartments, duplexes, etc.) which got in violation of the Fire Code.

The ordinance just approved, Mayor Isen continued, has been a long time coming, but provides only immediate relief -- there is the bigger matter of the great hazard represented by these tanks, which is not a matter of going after the oil industry -- if some companies can do without them and go underground into a common area, certainly others can, either by a community effort on their part or singly. There have been other problems, not nearly so important to human life and injury to person when the City had the pig farms, when the City had the dairies -- the subject situation is just as much a non-conforming use as either of the above instances cited, but certainly much more dangerous which would be noted by the courts.

Mayor Isen then MOVED that the same procedures be adopted, as with the dairies; that the matter go to the Planning Commission for processing as a non-conforming use; that the Planning Commission, after proper hearings, determine the length of time that would be legal and equitable and proper for the existence of these tanks as they do today, and that at the expiration of that time that they be abated, if not removed, under a proper ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Wilson's "yes" vote followed assurance that such action did not represent prejudgment, and that the open hearing procedure would be followed.)

It was the comment of Mr. Kurtz that when it is presumed that these oil operations are a non-conforming use, this is an incorrect presumption; they are conforming uses; they are zoned properly; there is the "O" zone overlay, and these operations are within the zoning rights of these people who operate within these areas. The point is constantly being returned to about the poor property owner whose rights are being violated, Mr. Kurtz continued, whose property is being jeopardized, and yet in each instance the tank and oil operation was there first; everyone had eyes; these people bought next to the tank -- what came first?

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With the arrival of the DeMolay representatives, and their introduction by Mr. Rohrman, formal presentation of the Proclamation - DeMOLAY TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEK - October 20-26, 1969 - was made by Mayor Isen. (Agenda Item #41).

43. IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BLVD. BETWEEN DEL AMO & 190TH:RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the extra work described herein be authorized, and
2. That an additional \$15,000 in 2106 Gas Tax Funds be appropriated.

City Manager Ferraro advised the Council of the emergency nature of the subject request, with further clarification of his October 7th memo furnished by Acting City Engineer Weaver.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Acting City Engineer, and that the necessary funds be appropriated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

46. City Manager Ferraro introduced the newly appointed Transit Operations Supervisor Marvin Anderson.
47. Councilman Johnson expressed concern about the large earthen oil storage tank on Lomita Boulevard and Crenshaw, and requested that the City Manager investigate the possibility of getting it removed.
48. A suitable name for their park is of concern to some of the Pueblo residents, Councilman Sciarrotta reported, as are the types of games to be played; it was recommended that the Park and Recreation Commission work with these people, and there were no objections.
49. Requested from the City Attorney by Councilman Uerkwitz was the report to the ad hoc committee on the charter revisions on the sections preempted by Federal and State laws and the obsolete material, along with recommendations from the City Attorney's office as to how to handle these.
50. Councilman Wilson referred to a hazardous condition on Crenshaw Boulevard between 190th and Del Amo involving the construction work there and the barricades; in his opinion additional lighting might be in order. The City Traffic Engineer will check this out.
51. Need for the already approved temporary sidewalk on 182nd Street between Prairie and Yukon was pointed out by Councilman Wilson; Acting City Engineer Weaver advised that bids on this project will be opened on October 14th.
52. Councilman Wilson referred to a communication received by the Council and the City Manager from Mr. Gil Hupman, a member of the Los Angeles Beautiful Association, and similar groups, containing several excellent suggestions. It was recommended that this be referred to the Torrance Beautiful Commission for study.
53. Mayor Isen reported on his shock at reading that Tormed had sold out to an Eastern insurance company and the statement that high-rise development is proposed for this property. It was requested by Mayor Isen that the record be checked as to stipulations made at the time of consideration of this property for hospital/medical use, as well as consideration of making this a hospital zone. Planning

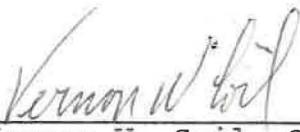
Director Shartle advised that Staff is presently working on a hospital zone, and they will expedite the matter, further pointing out the Precise Plan requirement on the property. Mayor Isen asked that this matter be given urgency attention.

54. Miss Wilma Schreiber, 2550 Pacific Coast Highway, advised that the "water" tank, on 233rd Street, is run by the oil operators, and recommended that it be checked out, this being how the oil men get the salt water into the sewer lines. City Manager Ferraro agreed to check this out, and report back to the Council.

Further reported by Miss Schreiber was the piling of dirt in a vacant lot adjacent to his apartment building by Mr. Cecil Alter which most likely will present problems this winter in view of the fact that the land has been raised up so high. This matter likewise was referred to City Manager Ferraro to be checked into, with assistance from the proper departments.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:50 P.M

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

25. Council Minutes
 October 7, 1969