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October 14, 1969

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The Torrance City Council convened at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 14, 1969, per formal action taken at the October 7th meeting, for the purpose of commencing the meeting with a Personnel Session re: Uniform Allowance for Safety Employees.

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
Absent: Councilman Beasley.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Clerk Coil, and Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved, at 6:31 P.M., that the Council recess at this time for the purpose of holding a Personnel Session relative to Uniform Allowance for Safety Employees. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

With the completion of the Personnel Session at 6:35 P.M. Mayor Isen returned to the regular Council agenda, and in the interest of expediting the lengthy agenda, directed that noncontroversial matters only be considered at this time.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT - REBUILT MILITARY TRUCK WITH A NEW 2,500 GALLON WATER TANK - Reference Bid B69-47.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve of the awarding of a contract for the purchase of the rebuilt water truck to the Paramount Equipment Rental and Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$7612.50, including tax.

11. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$384.99 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 12 3/4-inch water pipe repair saddles as requested by the Water Department for use when repairing water lines.
2. \$506.27 to Park Son, Inc. for eight 6-inch water valves as requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".

- 3. \$446.25 from SCM Walton Printing Corporation for 75,000 IBM Data Processing Forms as requested by the Data Processing Department for use in their operations.
- 4. \$393.75 to Graham Magnetics, Inc. for 25 reels of 1/2" by 2400 ft. Computer Magnetic Tape as requested by the Library Department to be used in accordance with contract for computer service with the Computer Planning Corp.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

- 5. \$5159.79 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 432 adult books, 1 reference book, and 505 juvenile books.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendations for approval on agenda items #10 and #11. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

35. ORDINANCE 2031.

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

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2031 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

36. ORDINANCE 2033.

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

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  
NO. 2032.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2033 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

37. ORDINANCE 2034.

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 Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2034 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

34. RESOLUTION OF DESTRUCTION - Combined Water and Waste Collection Stubs and Water Collection Only Stubs, January through June, 1967.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-249

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 Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-249. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

20. IMPROVEMENT OF MADRONA AVENUE FROM CARSON STREET TO SEPULVEDA BLVD.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That \$105,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced improvement.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Beasley).

PARK AND RECREATION:

32. TOUR OF RECREATION FACILITIES:

The invitation of Chairman McVey to tour recreation facilities was noted by the Council. The date of November 8th proved to be the most convenient date for the Council.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

33. RESOLUTION authorizing Computer Planning Corporation to begin programming for Library book catalog.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-250

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 OF TORRANCE AND COMPUTER PLANNING CORPORATION FOR PROGRAMMING THE LIBRARY CATALOG SYSTEM.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-250. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. RESOLUTION approving a variance from the provisions of the Fencing Requirements of the Oil Well Ordinance as applied for in Planning Commission Case No. V 69-2 - KNOLLS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE FENCING REQUIREMENTS OF THE OIL WELL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 69-2 - KNOLLS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-251. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Beasley).

14. RESOLUTION approving an exemption from the CUP requirements to allow the expansion of an existing sales and service facility for automobiles in the C-3 zone, Hawthorne Boulevard and Spencer Street (CUP 69-28E - RUSS THOR, INC.); submitted by City Attorney.

Assistant City Manger Scharfman noted that Section 2, paragraph 3, of the resolution should read: "That a complete signing program shall be presented to the Sign Review Committee for their approval." (instead of Planning Commission).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING SALES AND SERVICE FACILITY FOR AUTOMOBILES IN THE C-3 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET NORTH OF SPENCER STREET.  
(CUP 69-28E - RUSS THOR, INC.)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-252. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION NO. 11 - EMERGENCY REPAIRMAN, WATER DEPARTMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That a new class of Emergency Water Repairman be established, pursuant to Civil Service Rules and Regulations; that one position be allocated to this new classification in lieu of one position of Water Serviceman; and that this new position be filled in accordance with the Civil Service rules and regulations.

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

16. HEALTH INSURANCE - TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the subject matter to the Council Finance Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

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The hour being 6:55 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen.

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OPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council reconvened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 1969, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Beasley.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. City Manager Ferraro and City Treasurer Rupert out of town.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Torrance High School student Nancy Davies, at the request of Mayor Isen, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Elmer Christiansen, Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 1969 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Beasley).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - None.

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Council Minutes  
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An explanation of Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen, along with the further explanation of the action taken on noncontroversial matters between 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. noting that anyone who wished clarification or reconsideration would be afforded same.

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The generosity of the Waka Ta Campfire Girls, in attendance at this meeting, in turning over funds made at their bake sale to the cause of Miss Pam Fischer (publicized in Parents Magazine) was related by Mayor Isen and deemed a beautiful demonstration of thoughtfulness and unselfishness by him and very worthy of the award bestowed on them by Parents Magazine. A radiant Pam and Mrs. Fischer, her mother, were present and introduced by Mayor Isen as well, along with the Waka Ta Girls and their troop leader, Mrs. Fisher.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. RESOLUTION approving a precise plan as applied for by Lu Wheeler and Fay O'Bitz (Gulf Oil Company) in Planning Commission Case No. PP 69-10, submitted by City Attorney.

Consideration of this case was undertaken by the Council.

(Interrupting at this point, Daily Breeze Reporter Dave Polis from behind the Mayor's chair questioned the propriety of the agenda items considered between 6:30 and 7:00 P.M. Mayor Isen outlined the action taken at the October 7th meeting which commenced this meeting at 6:30 P.M.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN REQUIRED PURSUANT TO DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY LU WHEELER AND FAYE O'BITZ IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PP 69-10.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-253. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

(Following the above action, Mayor Isen returned to the agenda to review Council action taken at the early hour, for the benefit of Mr. Polis and interested parties.)

PERSONNEL MATTERS:17. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR ACCOUNTANT AND SENIOR ACCOUNTANT.

Clarification of the revised class specifications for Accountant and Senior Accountant, following queries from the Council, was furnished by Personnel Director Donovan who stated that this will upgrade the positions to professional standing; Finance Director Dundore who outlined the need for trained people in these positions; and Assistant City Manager Scharfman who described CPA requirements.

Councilman Uerkwitz was of the opinion that this would preclude the promotion of long-service employees. Councilman Sciarrotta felt there was a "watering down" quality to the specifications.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission for approval of the subject revised class specifications for Accountant and Senior Accountant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

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

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PRESENTATIONS:

## 9. Presentation of Permaplaque Resolution to Melody Howe, National Hula Hoop Champion.

Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, extended congratulations to Miss Howe on her noteworthy achievement, in making this presentation.

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18. RESOLUTION amending salary and class specification for TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 69-183 BY DELETING THEREFROM THE CLASS OF BUS SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDING THERETO THE CLASS OF TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-254; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

There was discussion, prior to roll call vote on the motion. Councilman Wilson stated that this is a very responsible position, and he questioned the degree of attention it has been afforded -- the area of establishing good public relations seems to have been overlooked; there is a further need for a requirement for supervisory and administrative experience -- the achievements of the bus system are of considerable concern to Dr. Wilson. Assistant City Manager Scharfman noted that the specifications require: "Supervise the work of others"; and "meeting with public groups to explain and publicize transit system facilities"; it may be assumed that some of the examination questions would stress these areas.

The area of responsibility now assumed by the City Manager was also questioned by Councilman Wilson.

The bus system deficit and the many publicity attempts and promotion efforts were reviewed, as well as the decision to reduce the responsibility of the position, and, in turn, the salary. Noted by Councilman Sciarrotta was the fact that some of the better suggestions have actually come from within the organization -- the people who do the job are the ones who have made the most valuable contributions.

Councilman Sciarrotta's motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-254 carried as follows:

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

19. INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT LEAVE - BENEFIT ACCRUAL

Communication from "Engineers" requesting that Section 14.36.7(a) of the City Code be revised to provide full pay for up to one year in industrial accident cases for all City employees.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be held until salary discussions for 1970.

John Kirkpatrick suggested that either an ordinance be prepared or that the communication be filed, reviewing as well the "equal treatment" philosophy of the Council and a general discussion on Police and Fire benefits, Workmen's Compensation, etc.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed, in line with Mr. Kirkpatrick's suggestion and comment that he will again bring up the matter at budget sessions. There were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

21. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29086.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject final tract map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer that Final Tract No. 29086 be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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The hour being 7:55 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, <sup>and</sup> reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections. A general 10-minute recess followed at 7:56 P.M.

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On resumption of the meeting, and on the advice of City Attorney Remelmeyer, Mayor Isen announced that Council action on Item #36 would be reaffirmed at this time:

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

36. ORDINANCE 2033.

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

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 NO. 2032.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2033. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2033 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

22. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND (CASH \$2100) - TRACT NO. 23099 (Subdivider: Mrs. Gertrude Schreiber).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bond be released with \$60 retained to guarantee future planting of two parkway trees.

Miss Wilma Schreiber was present to reiterate the request in their letter of September 16th that the \$60 be returned as well,

indicating their willingness to put the trees in now, and assuring the Council that they would be maintained.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subdivision bond for Tract No. 23099 be released, it being noted that the Schreibers are to be allowed to put in the trees forthwith in lieu of holding the \$60, and that upon approval by the Park Department that the \$60 be refunded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM HENRIETTA STREET TO PROSPECT AVENUE (B69-42) JOB 65036.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Nelson & Belding and other bids rejected; and
2. That an additional \$40,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer, with the appropriation of \$40,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

24. STORM DRAINS

RESOLUTION approving the 1964 BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 8101. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL by Acting City Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1964 BOND ISSUE PROJECT 8101 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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-255. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

39. (INFORMATION ITEM A) REPORT - SLOPE REPAIR IN TRACT NO. 30301.

The October 10th report of Acting City Engineer Weaver was noted by the Council, and the anticipated meeting of the minds of all concerned.

Mrs. Carol Gordon, 20021 Wayne Avenue, urged that the Council give this matter their most serious attention -- a similar problem in her neighborhood was eloquently described by Mrs. Gordon; Acting City Engineer Weaver was requested to investigate the situation post-haste.

Mayor Isen elaborated on the slippage circumstances at this location, and stated that the Council will await a further report from Engineering on the status of this matter -- the Mayor further noted that there are other areas in the City with similar slopes (his street, Vista Largo, for one) and similar erosion and the need for care and protection for properties below slippage-prone slopes with dire threats posed by any heavy rains that may come.

It has been learned by Mayor Isen that Building and Safety Director McKinnon has been working on an ordinance to offer a solution to these problems; the time for such an ordinance has come, in Mayor Isen's opinion, before the rainy season, etc. Mr. McKinnon added that the problem is Citywide, with many other cities preparing slope maintenance ordinances; hearings have been held as to the value of including this in the State housing laws -- there is much merit in such legislation, according to Mr. McKinnon, and it is deserving of serious consideration. Continuing, Mr. McKinnon stated that such an ordinance would put the burden on property owners to maintain certain water courses, certain culverts, drainage canals, etc. -- it might further require the trimming of ice plant, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that an appropriate ordinance, as above discussed, be drawn up for study. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

Councilman Miller recalled a like situation several years ago in the vicinity of Crest Road and Crenshaw, and requested that Building and Safety Director McKinnon furnish an up-to-date report on this area as well.

REAL PROPERTY:

25. AIRPORT T-HANGAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.  
Report and Additional Recommendations.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Airport Manager dated September 8, 1969 on Airport T-Hangar Development Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

26. SECOND AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT PLAZA LEASE ADDING REAL ESTATE SCHOOL TO USE CLAUSE.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER/COMMISSION:

That the enabling resolution be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST "SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE" BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND A.B. McCOLLUM, COVERING A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED ON THE 8.4 ACRE AIRPORT LEASEHOLD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A REAL ESTATE SCHOOL.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-256. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

27. RESOLUTION directing City Attorney to proceed with an eminent domain action to condemn the Pivovaroff property needed for the opening of 232nd Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.  
(232nd Street.)

Prior to taking action on the Resolution, Mrs. Betty Ponsford, 2306 West 231st Street, expressed the property owners' concern that only 27 ft. of the Pivovaroff property is to be condemned; further, there has been no appraisal of the fair market value of 27 ft., it being their understanding that the City was to purchase the entire Pivovaroff property. Clarification was furnished by City Attorney Remelmeyer in that negotiations undertaken by Sr. Deputy Attorney Smith have revealed that it appears it would be cheaper to go this way -- should it be found otherwise then he will return to the original proposition to acquire the whole lot, noting that this is only a preliminary step and that there will be reports back to the Council. Mayor Isen requested that the homeowners likewise be kept advised of the progress on this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-257. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

28. RESOLUTION regarding Frudenfled Insurance Release; submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-258

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 RELEASE AGREEMENT REGARDING DR. KARL FRUDENFELD'S CLAIM (INDUSTRIAL AIRPORT LESSEE) AGAINST HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-258. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

29. RESOLUTION authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with the condemnation of certain property required for improvement of 182nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Doty Avenue; submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-259

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

(182nd Street)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-259. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

The need for an appraiser was pointed out by Assistant City Manager Scharfman; Mayor Isen advised that the usual routine should be followed, and there were no objections.

30. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Lease Agreement with Torrance Unified School District for portion of Crenshaw Elementary School site.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL by Acting City Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-260

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR ACCESS STREET PURPOSES OVER A PORTION OF THE CRENSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-260. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

31. RESOLUTION authorizing renewal of license agreement between the City of Torrance and Southern California Edison Company for use of the Lomita Substation site for recreation purposes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-261

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 RENEWAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR USE OF THE LOMITA SUBSTATION SITE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-261. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

38. RESOLUTION authorizing a Town Hall Meeting on November 13, 1969.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-262

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING A TOWN HALL MEETING ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ON NOVEMBER 13, 1969 TO FORMALLY INITIATE THE TORRANCE GOALS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC MEETINGS CONCERNING THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-262. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that a report has been prepared for the Council regarding Halloween Recreation programs.

41. Specifically noted by Assistant City Manager Scharfman was Information Item G re: the Riviera Park Dedication scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, at 2:00 P.M. The date was satisfactory with the Council.

42. Councilman Johnson reminded the Council of the Independent Cities convention in San Diego on Friday, October 24th.

43. At the request of Councilman Miller, City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified the obsolete Charter items as outlined in a memo prepared by him on this subject.

Mayor Isen expanded on this subject commenting on the "good housekeeping" fallacy -- in the case where there is a provision for a City Judge which went out when the Municipal Court system was adopted -- what if this were placed on the ballot and the people voted yes? It's a nullity; a nothing.

It was the Mayor's recommendation that the experience of other cities in the matter of obsolete Charter provisions be researched; City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed to do so.

44. Support of the passage of the school bond by this Council was urged by Councilman Sciarrotta, for the reasons that the enrollment, especially in high schools, is growing by leaps and bounds, facilities which would ordinarily accommodate 2000 students must now accommodate up to 3000 or more -- it is Mr. Sciarrotta's understanding that the taxes will not be increased -- and, in conclusion, defeat of this bond will complicate matters and it is important that the young people are not short-changed.

Councilman Sciarrotta, therefore, MOVED that the Council support the bond issue, for the reasons given above. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

45. The "death trap" aspects at 182nd Street and the San Diego Freeway were described by Councilman Uerkwitz; City Traffic Engineer Horkay will furnish a report on this matter.

46. Noted by Councilman Wilson was Information Item F re: Arts Programs, and the possibility of forming charter clubs for special interest groups, recommending that this be referred to the Arts Committee which will be meeting on October 27th.

At Mayor Isen's question pertaining to the Arts Committee vs the Council Committee on Cultural Arts, Dr. Wilson clarified that this committee was established prior to the permanent Council Committees, with Council-appointed representatives from the Planning Commission, Library Commission, etc. Mayor Isen stated that this long ago formed ad hoc committee was merely for the purpose of determining whether or not there should be a Commission for Cultural Arts -- matters of the nature of Information Item F should properly come to the Council Committee on Cultural Arts, according to the Mayor.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Council Committee on Cultural Arts, following reiteration by Councilman Wilson that he feels this a completely appropriate matter to be presented to the ad hoc committee on October 27th.

47. Mr. Bob Flora, 2529 Date Circle, reported on the overwhelming success of the Pueblo Fiesta, and expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council, Administration, and all who assisted in making this such a noteworthy event.

Councilman Wilson MOVED that a Resolution of Commendation be prepared for Messrs. Flora and Ordaz for piloting such a successful operation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the comment that these gentlemen did indeed do a wonderful job and that it should be noted that the affair was initiated by Councilman Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved (Councilman Beasley absent).

48. Mrs. Carol Gordon, 20021 Wayne Avenue, protested the building of a road, inquired about a long promised park and urged removal of the Little League in her area. Management will investigate and report.

At 9:35 P.M., Councilman Johnson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, October 21, 1969, at 5:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert Isaac  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

