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Adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 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: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Clerk Coil, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Bob Abbey, representing the Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association, was present, and, at Mayor Isen's request, led in the salute to the flag.

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It was with regret that Mayor Isen announced the passing of former Councilman George Powell, and requested that there be one minute of silence to his memory, following the invocation.

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4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Elmer E. Christiansen, Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation for the meeting, followed by one minute of silence for Mr. Powell.

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The customary 4th Tuesday observance of homeowners night -- Northwest Torrance Homeowners so honored at this meeting -- was noted by Mayor Isen; a word of greeting was conveyed by Mr. Abbey on behalf of his group.

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Need for an Executive Session for the purpose of legal advice regarding a pending law suit, as requested by the City Attorney, was reported by Mayor Isen. Further, at some point in the meeting, there will be need for a Personnel Session, according to Mayor Isen, for an indeterminate length of time.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 1969, be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all properly audited demands be paid. 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.

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. (Councilman Beasley absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Noted.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:9. REJECTION OF BIDS - AIR COMPRESSOR.
(Reference Bid #B69-59)RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council reject all bids and approve of Purchasing rebidding the requirement for the reason that new information has been made available on portable rotary screw compressor units which is desired to incorporate in a new bid specification.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director on agenda item #9. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

10. CLAIM of Robert H. Metz - Withdrawn.11. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

(Item #7 considered separately.)

A. BUDGETED.

1. \$1134.00 to Zumar Industry for 100 "STOP" signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department to be used as needed.
2. \$541.01 to Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company for three each 8-inch and three 12-inch water pipe tee joints as requested by the Water Department for the Van Ness Extension Project.
3. \$1527.75 to Concrete Cutting Equipment Company for one only heavy duty concrete saw as requested by the Water Department, budgeted as a replacement unit.
4. \$1383.64 to I.B.M. for 200,000 water bill notices as requested by Customer Service Division of the Finance Department for use in billing customers.
5. \$625.03 to I.B.M. for 28,000 license renewal notices for seven different license categories, as requested by the License Division.
6. \$679.30 to Smallcomb Electric Company to furnish and install one only replacement electric motor onto an existing catch basin pump as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department.
7. (Considered separately, Page 6) 48 marbelite street lighting poles.

E. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

8. \$403.73 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 2-inch water meter all bronze complete with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines as requested by the Water Department. This meter is being used for the Alter Building Company service for which payment has already been received. Hersey-Sparling is the only company which presently manufactures a meter to this configuration.
9. \$9414.13 to L.F.E. Electronics for one only automatic traffic-signal controller complete with cabinet as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department to be used to upgrade the signal system at Sepulveda and Crenshaw. This is part of a Gas Tax Project that was previously approved by Council on 10/21/69. This is a replacement item and is a manufacturer-direct purchase. This unit is not sold through dealers.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

10. \$3868.54 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 367 adult books, 357 juvenile books and 9 reference volumes.
11. \$451.92 to the John Day Company for 65 adult books.
12. \$833.82 to Doubleday & Company, Inc., c/o Al Packer, for 99 adult and 59 juvenile books.

13. \$640.99 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Mr. Joe Grecnik, for 78 adult and 28 juvenile books.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Items #1 through 13 (with the exception of Item #7) on Agenda Item #11. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

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

HEARINGS:

12. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 69-232 - TORRANCE BOULEVARD STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, SERIES NO. 25 - (Torrance Blvd. between Madrona Avenue and Anza Avenue) - Improvement Act of 1911.

- (1) RESOLUTION finding that the public convenience and necessity require the improvement of certain streets with an electrolier lighting assessment and overruling protests.
- (2) RESOLUTION ordering the work described in the resolution of intention and fixing a time for receiving sealed bids for the construction of the work and improvements.

Mayor Isen announced that the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by resolution of intention, Resolution No. 69-232, for hearing in the matter of proposed Torrance Boulevard Lighting Improvement District, Series No. 25. Any and all persons having any protest or objection to the proposed work or to the extent of the proposed assessment district may, at this time, appear before the City Council and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution. It is also the time and place fixed for the public hearing on whether public convenience and necessity require such improvements, and whether the same should be ordered without application of the Special Assessment Investigation, Limitation and Majority Protest Act of 1931.

At Mayor Isen's request, City Clerk Coil presented the following:

- (a) Affidavit of publication of resolution of intention;
- (b) Certificate of mailing notice of hearing; and
- (c) Certificate of posting of "Notice of Improvement".

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the Affidavit and Certificates be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

An explanation of the hearing was furnished by City Attorney Remelmeyer, this being the proceeding under the 1911 Act which requires that a hearing be held by the City Council at which time anyone

interested in the work may come to protest to the Council. The hearing is for the purpose of making two determinations, the City Attorney continued -- one, whether or not public interest and necessity require that this work be done; secondly, whether or not it is necessary for the Council to receive a Debt Limit Report, which Report would require a considerable amount of time and expenditure of money, thereupon describing such Report.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay then provided testimony concerning the nature of the work and the extent of the assessment district, and stated that, in his opinion, all lots and parcels of land within the proposed assessment district will be benefited by the proposed work.

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The hearing on Item #12 was interrupted at this time (7:20 P.M.) in order that the earlier referred to Executive Session might be held, there being a time pressure involving one of the parties concerned. Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon MOVED that the Council recess into private session for the purpose of legal advice on pending litigation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

The Council returned to Item #12 at 7:40 P.M.

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Next to speak was Mr. Pringle, representing Lampman and Associates, who confirmed the facts presented by the City Attorney and City Traffic Engineer.

At Mayor Isen's question, City Clerk Coil advised that no written protests had been received.

Mayor Isen then inquired if anyone wished to make an oral protest, and there was no response; he next asked if any person present desired to speak in favor of this proceeding or comment upon it any other way, and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that passage of the resolution would automatically waive the Debt Limit Report.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-268

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN TORRANCE,

CALIFORNIA, WITH AN ELECTROLIER LIGHTING ASSESSMENT AS DESCRIBED IN A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, AND OVERRULING PROTESTS TO THE WORK DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION OF INTENTION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-268. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-269

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK DESCRIBED IN A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION CONSISTING OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTROLIER LIGHTING SYSTEM, AND FIXING A TIME FOR RECEIVING SEALED BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS.

TORRANCE BOULEVARD LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SERIES NO. 25

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-269. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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In reference to Agenda Item #11, item #7 - MARBELITE STREET LIGHTING POLES TO UPGRADE THE WALTERIA AREA LIGHTING DISTRICT #9, City Traffic Engineer Horkay made a visual presentation of the colors and textures available for the lighting poles.

Further study was felt in order by Mayor Isen, and he MOVED to postpone the subject agenda item, with notification to be made to the Torrance Beautiful Commission and any other interested parties -- the City Traffic Engineer to make a Yellow Jasper #1 pole available for viewing, to be placed back on the agenda by the City Traffic Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

13. APPEAL OF S69-27, BIG BRAKE, INC.

Mr. Bob Conrad, Director of Construction for Big Brake, 892 West 16th Street, Newport Beach, was present to explain the requested 108 sq. ft. for a pole sign instead of the permitted 87 sq. ft., to be 15 ft. above the roof line for the hardship reasons outlined in his letter of October 15th.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that in travelling the area in both directions, there are certain sign visibility problems.

Signing statistics for surrounding properties were also recited by Mr. Johnson, and, in his opinion, the new sign would be dwarfed by the existing signs; and he does not feel Mr. Conrad's request unreasonable. Councilman Johnson added that he would recommend elimination of the rotation, as did the Sign Review Committee. Mr. Conrad expressed his willingness to concur with waiving of the rotation.

Discussion followed on signing in the area in general. Deputy Attorney Allen called attention of the Council to another Big Brake installation at 3100 East Manchester where the sign is quite yellow, very large, and, in fact, unforgettable. At Councilman Sciarrotta's question, Mr. Allen advised that this is a standard sign; however, there are many cities which will not permit it.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to permit Big Brake, Inc. the 108 sq. ft. and 15 ft. above roof line sign, with no rotation on the sign, subject to all other conditions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent). Elimination of the "bow tie" was specifically noted.

14. APPEAL OF CASE S69-29, MOBIL OIL CORPORATION.

Mr. M.H. Devine, 923 East Arlee Place, Anaheim, was present to request that the Mobil pole sign (1640 Crenshaw Boulevard) be permitted to rotate, to better serve the motoring public.

Councilman Johnson noted the Council's understanding that the matter of rotating signs would have to be considered on individual merit; they were not ruled out per se. A rotating sign would work in the subject case, in Mr. Johnson's opinion. Councilman Miller added that rotating signs are not objectionable so long as they do not distract motorists and create traffic hazards.

The City Traffic Engineer reaffirmed his approval of the pole sign, with no objections to a rotating sign.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved on S69-29, Mobil Oil, to permit the requested rotating sign, subject to all other conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections. (Councilman Beasley absent).

19. TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 1387 - CARSON-MADRONA COMPANY (Harry Gorman), Subdivider; SIKAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, Engineer. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL of a tentative parcel map on 11 parcels for lease and sale purposes for property located at the north-west corner of the intersection of Madrona Avenue and Carson Street. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

City Manager Ferraro clarified that this case is unique in that it is not the usual subdivision process, but, rather, a tentative parcel map; it was confirmed that necessary control will be afforded by the precise plan.

Mayor Isen then inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter, and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

Acting City Engineer Weaver reiterated that this is the first Tentative Parcel Map to be processed in the City, pointing out that the map will not again be before the Council. At Mayor Isen's question, both Mr. Weaver and Planning Director Shartle confirmed their recommendations for approval.

Mr. Harry Gorman was present and expressed his approval of the conditions imposed, adding that they would like to handle all those matters under the Precise Plan approval.

Noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer was a problem with regard to water service on this tract -- Dominguez Water Company and the City of Torrance are both able to serve this property, Dominguez having a line directly through the property, as well as a blanket easement on the property. Mr. Remelmeyer then outlined the problems confronted, and recommended that they be reviewed by the Council Public Works Committee -- specifically noting that the water service is not a condition of the subject parcel map and will not interfere with the progress of the proponent, adding that he and Mr. Gorman have a "gentleman's agreement" to try to work out a satisfactory solution whereby they may pursue their financing and the City can provide the water service, acknowledging that there is no guarantee that this can be done.

Representing Carson-Madrona Company, Mr. Harold Streight referred to their demanding time schedule, with a November 17th deadline -- City Manager Ferraro explained that the conditions imposed will be on the Precise Plan, not on the map.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

It was the comment of Mayor Isen, re: his "yes" vote, and in view of the air of caution in the earlier Staff comments, that he must rely completely on Staff - any mistakes are Administrative mistakes. He is voting affirmatively because he wants to see the advance of the shopping center and the promising prospect of major stores locating here. City Manager Ferraro responded that the emphasis was made because this is a departure from normal procedures.

The Council Public Works Committee was scheduled to meet on Friday, October 31st, at 3:00 P.M. in regard to the water situation.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. REQUESTED LICENSE RELIEF BY MR. JERRY O. ECKBERG.

Mr. Eckberg was present and expressed his understanding that any agricultural-type product does not require a business license.

Mr. Eckberg then explained his business is one of a "Christmas Tree Farm", and that he desired relief from the annual business license fee, preferring a pro-rated business license for the fourth quarter of each year.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that Mr. Eckberg is in business the entire year in producing these Christmas trees -- the fact that he may be selling them in only one month would not indicate that he was in business for only one month.

Discussion followed on Mr. Eckberg's request, resulting in the following action:

A MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz, that the Council concur with the recommendation of the License Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Johnson then made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to file. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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33. Mr. John D. Kirby, 2403 West Carson, referred to the Council direction at the October 21st Council meeting that he should return if he were dissatisfied with the rights of discovery as far as the potential reinstatement of the business license for "Project Prevention". Mr. Kirby stated that he is not satisfied with the status of pertinent material and its location; further, there is a matter pertaining to a bank account belonging to his son -- in view of this, Mr. Kirby requested a 30-day postponement of his case, and cancellation the Special Meeting scheduled for November 3rd.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with Mr. Kirby's request to cancel the Special Meeting of the Council scheduled for November 3, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved, in reference to the Kirby matter, that there be a Special Meeting, for that purpose only, on Friday, November 21, 1969, at 2:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mr. Kirby expressed his understanding of the November 21st date and waived need for any further notification. Mr. Kirby further recommended that the City Attorney be directed to furnish his written opinion in the intervening time relative to the constitutionality of the pertinent section of the ordinance -- adding that he would notify this Council that as of this date he has made a request of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to investigate this case and this hearing to date.

It was the comment of City Attorney Remelmeyer that a written opinion is a time consuming matter, and he reaffirmed his earlier oral statements that the ordinance is constitutional.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. CUP 69-24, PENINSULA MOTORS, INC.
RESOLUTION approving a Conditional Use Permit to establish a new and used automobile sales and service enterprise.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-270

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A NEW AND USED AUTOMOBILE SALES AND SERVICE ENTERPRISE IN THE C-2 ZONE, ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, WEST OF THE INTERSECTION WITH NEWTON STREET.

(CUP 69-24 - PENINSULA MOTORS, INC.)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-270. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

16. CUP 69-17 - J-S REALTY COMPANY.

RESOLUTION approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow the on-premise sale of alcoholic beverages in connection with a bona fide restaurant, located at 2711 Pacific Coast Highway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-271

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONNECTION WITH A BONA FIDE RESTAURANT AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 69-17.
(J-S REALTY COMPANY)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-271. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

17. VICTOR PRECINCT - LADEENE AVENUE

RESOLUTION eliminating Ladeene Avenue between Maricopa and Emerald Streets from the Master Plan for Victor Precinct.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-272

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING MASTER PLAN OF THE VICTOR PRECINCT BY ELIMINATING LADEENE AVENUE BETWEEN MARICOPA AND EMERALD STREETS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-272. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

18. ZC 69-23 - PIONEER THEATRES, INC.

ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 69-23, Pioneer Theatres, Inc. Change of zone from C-R to C-2 PP, on property located on the south side of Redondo Beach Boulevard and on the east side of Wilkie Avenue.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2035

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY

THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF WILKIE AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-23. (PIONEER THEATRES, INC.)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2035 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

20. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE extending a moratorium on construction and demolition of buildings and structures on property located on Cypress Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and 229th Street.

There were no objections to the date of Tuesday, November 25, 1969, at 7:00 P.M. for the rescheduled hearings on this matter, as recommended by Planning Director Shartle.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2036

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Prior to taking action on the above ordinance, Mr. Ray Seltzer, 3847 West 134th Place, Hawthorne, representing property owner Donald Hunt, expressed their opposition to the above emergency ordinance, stating that financial hardships have been imposed up to this date, with many delays. Mr. Seltzer then outlined the many efforts to resolve this matter with the property owners, and described the proposed 28-unit development.

Mayor Isen pointed out that this action has been prompted by an error in the public notice procedure, and the need for readvertising; the merits of the case are not in order at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2036 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (lives in the immediate area).
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:21. WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

RESOLUTION authorizing agreement for purchase of Parcel No. 20 required for the widening of Del Amo Boulevard, easterly of Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-273

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 20 REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-273. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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At 8:55 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections. The Council reconvened at 8:57 P.M. and returned to its regular agenda order.

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22. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION ON TRACT NO. 29143 - HUBERT S. & HOMER I. ROGERS, DEVELOPERS.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That request be approved.

Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

23. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET - PORTION OF 232ND STREET.

RESOLUTION accepting future street (232nd Street) in Tract No. 29143.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY ACTING CITY ENGINEER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-274

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 7, TRACT NO. 29143 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED STREET 232ND STREET.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-274. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

24. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET (234TH STREET)
RESOLUTION accepting and naming the future street.
 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. 69-275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES LOT 12 IN TRACT NO. 28440 AND NAMING SAID LOT "234TH STREET".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-275. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

25. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That \$4,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the installation of sanitary sewer in easements east of Hawthorne Blvd. and north of Lomita Blvd.

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

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing Agreement for Underground Communications Network between the City and Earl Heitschmidt & Associates - Architectural Services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-276

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EARL HEITSCHMIDT AND ASSOCIATES FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR AN UNDERGROUND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-276. His motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the sum of \$3000 be appropriated from the General Fund, Unappropriated Surplus, for the subject architectural services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

27. RESOLUTION authorizing Amendment to Agreement for ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, CITY HALL ADDITION, between City and Earl Heitschmidt and Associates.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-277

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 FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, CITY HALL ADDITION, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EARL HEITSCHMIDT & ASSOCIATES FOR ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL ADDITION PROJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-277. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the sum of \$13,000 be appropriated from the General Fund, Unappropriated Surplus, for the subject architectural services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

28. ORDINANCE replacing the Chief of Police with the License Supervisor as the reviewer of an application for a parade permit.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2037

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 37.2.4 AND SECTION 37.2.5 RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR PARADE PERMITS AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 37.2.4 AND A NEW SECTION 37.2.5 THEREFOR.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2037 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

29. SUR LA BREA PARK: History and recommendation of Director of Recreation that an appraiser be retained to determine value of additional 3-1/2 acres, and recommendation on additional purchases.

Director of Recreation Van Bellehem's report was reviewed at some length. It was the comment of Councilman Miller that the tippers' tax could ideally be used in this particular situation at a later date, pointing out that the money is not presently needed. Mayor Isen stated that it is his opinion that property values have reached their peak insofar as the subject property is concerned, what with oil easements and other impediments to the title, and would warrant review in approximately 3 months, at which time the legality of the tippers' tax would perhaps have been determined.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that the matter of Sur La Brea Park be placed on the Council agenda for the second week in January, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections (Councilman Beasley absent).

It was suggested by Councilman Wilson, and concurred in by Councilman Sciarrotta, that the residents be encouraged to formulate plans, perhaps by way of the Park and Recreation Commission. No formal action was taken.

Mrs. James Pierson, 5620 Bartlett Drive, representing the League of Women Voters, stated that they support Mr. Van Bellehem's recommendation in reference to Sur La Brea Park and commend the Council for their foresight in recognizing the growing need for a park in this area -- it is further felt that Mr. Van Bellehem's recommended special property tax of \$.05 is quite feasible.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

30. RESOLUTION opposing provisions of the tax reform act of 1969 as they relate to the removal of the tax exempt status of municipal bonds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING PROVISIONS OF THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1969 AS THEY RELATE TO THE REMOVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-278. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

32. RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR DEFENSE OF OFFICER DENNIS G. PORTER.

Deputy Attorney Allen explained the urgency of the subject request, prompted by demands of the District Attorney -- further explaining the role of the City in the subject incident and the purpose of the requested \$100.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-279

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFENSE OF DENNIS G. PORTER, AN OFFICER OF THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH OFFICER PORTER MAY BE INVOLVED AS THE RESULT OF A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED WHILE OFFICER PORTER WAS ACTING IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON AUGUST 5, 1969.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-279. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

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

Mayor Isen clarified his "no" vote: the subject resolution and accompanying material have just been received, without any opportunity to study same -- there could be something completely wrong with the whole procedure; he does not desire to make a snap judgment on it. Mayor Isen added, should it be that the man committed a crime, that would certainly not be in the line of duty.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. John D. Kirby Request (Page 10).

34. City Manager Ferraro introduced recently appointed Senior Administrative Assistant Philip Menard.

35. Mrs. William Geissert, 439 Calle de Castellana, representing the League of Women Voters, referred to a requested change of zone, some six months ago, from M-1 to R-3 on 12 acres at the corner of Del Amo and Madrona -- this case was continued, at the request of the proponents, to allow time to study the "social and economic implications of the matter". The League's concern in this area is centered around the total lack of public open space in an area isolated by four major boulevards, with a potential population of approximately 10,000.

Mrs. Geissert further stated that their concern has been heightened in the last six months by the frenzied apartment construction in this area, and they feel it the City's responsibility to provide public open space, noting that the subject zone change case will be before the

Council on November 13th, and it is desired that there be information at that time as to what has been done relative to open space.

Discussion followed on open space, both for the subject area and in general, and the overall accomplishments to date, including removal of the railroad tracks and the 7 acres given for open space at Civic Center.

Mr. Chris Millson, 20335 Madison, representing the homeowners in the Delthorne area, added their interest and concern in the development of their area.

Mayor Isen then recommended that Planning Director Shartle and Director of Recreation Van Bellehem be contacted, with a report back to Council from them as to whether the zone change should again be before the Planning Commission, or the Park and Recreation Commission on any phase of these problems - with the result that the hearing could be postponed from the November 13th date, if deemed desirable, and agreeable with proponents. (*See Page 19.)

36. Mr. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, referred to his now world famous lot adjacent to the oil tank -- unbuildable but possessing both loan and building permit. It has been suggested by Chief Lucas, Mr. Butcher continued, that if 4 ft. were cut from the rear of the lot it would prove satisfactory -- this remedy was reviewed at some length, it being recommended that Mr. Butcher apply for a Lot Split, such request could be heard by the Planning Commission at their November 5th meeting.

37. The happy news that two South Bay cities - Torrance and Inglewood - are among the 44 American cities with the highest potential for economic growth in the next ten years was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta.

38. The status of research on litter laws was questioned by Councilman Sciarrotta -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that this has been undertaken by Sr. Deputy City Attorney McNary.

39. Councilman Uerkwitz commended the Staff Public Works Committee in their action "that Staff meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month" (instead of weekly meetings) which will result in more time on the job.

40. It was pointed out by Councilman Wilson that both a Council meeting and the Town Hall meeting are scheduled for November 13th, and suggested that the Council meeting should perhaps start at an earlier hour. Mayor Isen affirmed that he would conduct the Council meeting with the hour of 7:30 in mind so that there would be no conflict.

41. Mayor Isen referred to a report furnished by Captain Maestri on crime index trends indicating that while the national crime rate is up 9% from January to June, 1969, the Torrance crime rate is down 8% comparative to a year ago for the same period.

42. Recommended by Mayor Isen was the adoption of a "get tough" policy by the Police Department on acts of vandalism. It was also Mayor Isen's request that the City Attorney check State loitering laws, to the end that an appropriate ordinance could be prepared.

* Returning to Item #35 - Oral Communication re: Boise-Cascade property - Planning Director Shartle confirmed that if it appeared that the applicants would desire to have the matter go back to the Planning Commission, this would be agreeable with the Council.

Further noted by Planning Director Shartle was the fact that the November 13th meeting (for which this matter has been scheduled) is a 5:30 P.M. meeting requiring a brief agenda because of the Town Hall meeting that date. Mr. Shartle was directed to reschedule the hearing to a 7:00 P.M. meeting, at his discretion.

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At 9:55 P.M. Mayor Isen ordered a five-minute recess, to be followed by the Personnel Session, as announced earlier.

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The Council returned at 11:30 P.M.

Present were: Councilmen Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. (Absent for entire meeting: Councilman Beasley).

43. POLICE CHIEF EXAMINATION:

Pursuant to legal advice from City Attorney Remelmeyer, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the Council request the Civil Service Commission to have Cooperative Personnel Services directly perform all phases of the examination process for selection of the Chief of Police -- including, but not limited to, preparing the written test, selection of members of the Oral Board, issuance of bulletins and notices, recommending to the Commission the cut-off point for passage of the examination and for preparing the examination, the place of examination, and proctoring the examination; and that the selection of the Oral Board be kept confidential until the oral examination is given. Further, in the event that the Civil Service Commission concurs with the Council's request that the aforesaid information concerning the conduct of this examination be communicated to them via the City Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that the above motion reiterates the policy of this Council to stay "hands off" on this -- it was thought this had been communicated to the Civil Service Commission, but there appears to be a great deal of misunderstanding, and it is hoped that this will clarify the matter in all details.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance

