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Adjourned at 6:40 P.M. to Friday, November 21, 1969,
at 2:30 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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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, November 18, 1969, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk ^{DEPUTY} ~~Coil~~ ^{MOSS} were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. (It was necessary for Councilman Johnson to leave the meeting at 6:15 P.M.)

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, Deputy City Clerk Möss, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Red Lee led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Louis C. Smith, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 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

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guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Noted.

A further meeting was announced by Councilman Sciarrotta - that of the Council Finance Committee on November 24th at 10:30 A.M. in the Council Conference Room.

Councilman Wilson also announced that the Community Development Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 25th, at 6:00 P.M.

A brief committee meeting following this meeting was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz for the purpose of distributing a report by the City Attorney re: Charter revisions.

Requested by Councilman Johnson was a Personnel Session re: the Police Chief exam at the November 25th meeting. Mayor Isen requested that he renew his request at that time.

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An enlightening explanation of Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen, followed by two announcements of note:

(1) Planning Commissioner Gerald Alter has been named "Realtor of the Year" by the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board;

(2) Councilman Johnson was named "Salesman of the Year".

Mayor Isen extended the congratulations of all to these gentlemen.

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The Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 4th, because of the San Diego Convention on December 2nd, was reviewed at some length since it has developed that some of the Councilmen and the Mayor cannot attend the convention. It was agreed that this matter again be reviewed on November 25th.

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NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

9. REFUND OF DRAINAGE FEES:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That Robert W. Grimes be refunded \$470.60 in Drainage District 7-B fees due to abandonment of plans to develop property.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT - SANITARY SEWER IN EASEMENTS NORTH OF LOMITA BOULEVARD AND EAST OF HAWTHORNE BLVD. B69-68) JOB NO. 70018.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Chet Kohler Construction, Inc., and the other bid be rejected.

(This project is financed by \$4,000 appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund on October 28, 1969.)

11. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$722.66 to J. Jones Company for 25 - 2-inch water angle valves and 300 - 3/4-inch water meter couplings as requested by the Water Department for stock.
2. \$685.13 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 25 - 2-inch water pipe corporation stops as requested by the Water Department for stock.
3. \$1418.76 to Magnasync-Moviola Corporation for 80 reels of magnetic tape as requested by the Fire Department for use on their logging recorder in their Communications Office. (This item was previously awarded by Council on September 16, 1969 to Griffey Electric and on October 21, 1969 to Magnetic Recorders. Both of these companies have since notified the City that because of the very special nature of this magnetic tape they could not meet price previously quoted. Therefore, it is recommended that Council approve this purchase to the manufacturer of the equipment involved to the Magnasync-Moviola Company who has guaranteed delivery at price quoted.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

4. \$1411.20 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one each 2-inch and 4-inch water meter with bronze case and check valve on main and intermediate flow lines as requested by the Water Department for use at the Torrance Medical and K.D. Fechner services. Payment has already been received.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS:

5. \$587.01 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson for 52 adult and 7 juvenile books.

6. \$756.00 to Oscar B. Stiskin for 144 adult books.
7. \$1392.30 to H.W. Wilson for subscription to Current Biographies.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations outlined on agenda items #9, 10 and 11. 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.

(Considered, out of order, at this time:)

ADDENDA ITEM:

19. BID FOR MEDICAL PLAN - MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

Mr. Duane J. Dwyer, president, Medical Services, Inc., was present to explain the circumstances of their 15-minute-late bid, submitted on November 10, 1969 at 1:45 P.M. -- the tardiness having been caused by Crenshaw Boulevard traffic. It was the request of Mr. Dwyer that his bid be considered by the Council since it is lower than others submitted.

Mayor Isen ascertained that City Clerk Coil had returned the bid, unopened, to Mr. Dwyer. City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out the problem represented by the fact that the bid had not been left sealed with the City Clerk and remained in his custody.

The "new concept" aspect of his insurance was described by Mr. Dwyer, and it was recommended that his program be reviewed by Staff.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk, that the Council deny consideration of this bid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. PROPOSED HOSPITAL-MEDICAL-DENTAL (HMD) ZONE, submitted by Planning Director.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the Hospital-Medical-Dental (HMD) zone be approved, and that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for preparation of the necessary ordinance.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. AMENDMENT TO TIME LIMITATION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1626,
submitted by Planning Director.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the City Council extend the time limit on Ordinance 1626 for a period not to exceed six months.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR ACCOUNT CLERK.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/CITY MANAGER:

That the Revised Class Specification, Account Clerk, be approved, and that the reallocation of the two existing positions of Cashier Clerk to the revised class of Account Clerk be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Civil Service Commission and the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

15. POLICY REGARDING COST OF RELOCATING TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT, FIRE HYDRANTS AND STREET LIGHTS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEMS

MANAGER: That Council approve the following policy:

1. If the relocation is in a lateral direction (movement perpendicular to the curbline because of street widening or increase of curb return radius), the cost of relocation will be borne by the City;
2. If the relocation is in a longitudinal direction (parallel to the curbline due to construction of a driveway, etc.), the cost of relocation will be borne by the developer or contractor.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendation #1 and #2 as above outlined. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Prior to a vote on the motion, City Manager Ferraro pointed out that both recommendations pertain to City-owned fire hydrants, traffic signal equipment, and street lights.

The motion was unanimously approved.

REAL PROPERTY:16. COLUMBIA PARK.

RESOLUTION approving and ratifying the execution of a License Agreement dated October 20, 1969 between Southern California Edison Company and the City, and authorizing the payment of monies therefor; and repealing Resolution No. 69-171 (re: Columbia Park, approximately 10 acres); and License Agreement dated October 20, 1969.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-288

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 20, 1969 BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MONIES THEREFOR; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 69-171.

(COLUMBIA PARK - APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-288. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson, regarding his "yes" vote, that, in any event, this would have been included in the Columbia Park plan advocated by him, that of the 37 acre park, etc.

Councilman Sciarrotta commented that he has been consistent in this matter; his one regret is that the City will not have control of the park, but open space is open space and it will be in the City of Torrance.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:17. ORDINANCE authorizing the City Traffic Engineer to install stop signs.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay outlined the procedure represented by the subject ordinance. It was noted by City Manager Ferraro that signs installed under this ordinance will be reported to the Council as "information only" items.

Councilman Miller inquired about the removal of "No Parking" signs on Sepulveda near Crenshaw and the authority therefor - specifically, in the vicinity of the Franciscan Restaurant - and requested a copy of the minutes regarding this matter, to reaffirm that the proper procedure has been followed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2038

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.4.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ERECTION OF STOP SIGNS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2038 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. TORRANCE BOULEVARD 1911 ACT.

RESOLUTION changing the date for opening bids for the Torrance Boulevard 1911 Act from November 25, 1969 to December 17, 1969

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER.

Discussion of appropriate street lighting poles, in evidence at recent meetings, was resumed, but the following action finally resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer re: the installation of a residential pipe-type pole of a yellow jasper color; and with the recommendation of the Finance Director that an additional \$501.48 be approved for this change in Walteria area Lighting District #9 street lighting poles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, and Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (had not had opportunity to view proposed pole; hence unprepared
Mayor Isen (on general principles).

City Traffic Engineer Horkay explained that the subject resolution pertains to Torrance Boulevard, and clarified that the intent of the Council is that the street lighting poles at this location be of the same gray color as is now displayed in front of City Hall and on Torrance Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-289

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ITS RESOLUTION 69-269 INVOLVING ORDERING OF WORK FOR TORRANCE BOULEVARD LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SERIES NO. 25 BY CHANGING THE DATE FOR OPENING BIDS FROM NOVEMBER 25, 1969, TO DECEMBER 17, 1969.

TORRANCE BLVD. LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SERIES NO. 25

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-289. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 6:10 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

The Council returned to its agenda at 6:11 P.M.

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ADDENDA ITEMS:

20. RESOLUTION commending Navy Lieutenant Robert F. Frishman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-290

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING NAVY LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. FRISHMAN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND HEROISM WHILE A PRISONER OF WAR IN NORTH VIETNAM AND FOR HIS EFFORTS TO HELP PRESERVE OUR FREEDOMS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-290, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-291

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ASSEMBLYMAN VINCENT THOMAS FOR HIS EXCELLENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-291. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Councilman Johnson left the meeting at this time - 6:15 P.M.)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22. Councilman Sciarrotta commented on the seven-man moratorium demonstration staged at the Civic Center on November 14th -- no hits, no runs, no errors.

23. Requested of Staff by Councilman Wilson, as an outgrowth of the Town Hall meeting, was a report on the number of building permits which have been issued for apartment buildings -- it appears that some 7000 units are proposed and approved at this point, and Dr. Wilson would like to know the effect of such development on traffic, schools, open space, etc. Councilman Wilson deemed this a situation needing careful study, and perhaps a revision in R-3 standards, or whatever is necessary, to avert some serious problems.

24. Mayor Isen read aloud a communication received by him from Mrs. David Rappella, 21613 Ladeene Avenue, reporting a dangerous situation in the parking area at the Del Amo Medical Center wherein two trash bins contain^{ing}/discarded medications in pill or vial form, syringes with needles attached, etc. are easily available.

It was the request of Mayor Isen that the City Manager arrange for the Sanitation Department to call at this location to see that they adequately lock this type of rubbish container, and, secondly, that a proper ordinance making it a misdemeanor to permit refuse containers to include medical refuse such as hypodermic needles, medication, etc. be prepared by the City Attorney.

25. Airport Noise was discussed by Mayor Isen, starting with the reading of a letter appearing in the Daily Breeze on November 17th deploring jet noise emanating from the Torrance Airport, written by a Rolling Hills resident.

Mayor Isen requested that a letter go forward to Mayor Howlett of Rolling Hills Estates advising him that it is against all policies of the Torrance City Council to permit any jets on Torrance Airport, and that every effort is being made to prevent same. Mayor Isen so MOVED, in the interest of good neighborliness. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz who emphasized that there are no jets based at Torrance Airport. The motion was unanimously approved (Councilman Johnson absent).

Next referred to was the letter sent to Mr. Baseknight Director of Federal Aviation Administration by City Manager Ferraro. Mr. Ferraro advised that a reply had been received this date in a positive vein indicating that FAA would soon adopt standards of noise for airports throughout the United States, it now being requested that planes make a longer run over the ocean with some problems yet to be resolved.

Councilman Uerkwitz reported on the efforts of the South Bay Councilman's Association in the matter of jet noise and that a resolution for adoption by South Bay cities will soon be introduced for a united attempt in this area.

Also discussed by Mayor Isen was Airport Manager Egan's communication of October 24th relative to the regulation of Airport noise, with the Mayor urging action for the control of noise if within the purview of the Council. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that an ordinance on such control has been prepared, but the noise levels must be determined by the Airport Manager and Airport Commission. Airport Manager Egan then outlined the difficulties surrounding such legislation; Mayor Isen reiterated his opinion that an ordinance would serve as a deterrent to these problems.

26. As to the John Kirby matter, Mayor Isen advised that it is the opinion of the City Attorney that there are no exceptions in the Brown Act and the Council's deliberations at the conclusion of the matter will be made in open meeting in reaching a decision -- the date for this matter being Friday, November 21st, at 2:30 P.M.

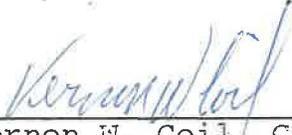
27. Mr. John Kirby, 2403 West Carson, reported on difficulties in obtaining a free license for an organization - California League of Men Voters. It was noted by Mayor Isen that there is a State organization with the identical name; Mr. Kirby indicated his willingness to change the name if this be the case.

Councilman Miller recommended that this matter be presented to the Council in an orderly manner through Staff, and requested that it be referred back to the License Supervisor and come back to Council on November 25th. There were no objections.

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At 6:40 P.M. Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn to Friday, November 21, 1969, at 2:30 P.M. for consideration of the John Kirby matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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

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