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Adjourned at 6:05 P.M. to Thursday, December 4, 1969, at 5:30 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

November 26, 1969

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Wednesday, November 26, 1969 at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Beasley. (It was necessary for Councilman Sciarrotta to leave the meeting at 6:00 P.M.)

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

The Council returned to the unfinished business of the November 25th meeting:

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Sandy Norman for his faithful and diligent service to the City as a member of the Youth Welfare Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-292

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO SANDY NORMAN FOR HIS FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-292, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

22. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Scott Albright for his faithful and diligent service to the City as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-293

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO SCOTT

ALBRIGHT FOR HIS FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-293, said resolution to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

23. RESOLUTION amending present salary resolution and class specifications for Sprinkler Repairman and Emergency Water Repairman.

Councilman Johnson referred to the class of Emergency/Repairman Water understanding that residence will be waived -- it is his feeling that the only time residence should be waived is when there are recruiting difficulties. Further noted by Councilman Johnson was the absence of any reference to the fact that this is a night shift only assignment.

Councilman Johnson thereupon MOVED that residence be required and that the specifications indicate "night shift only".

The residence requirement was discussed. It was the comment of Personnel Director Donovan that for purposes of recruitment it was felt wise to waive the residence. Mayor Isen pointed out the policy that where there are jobs which can be filled by local people, it is a mistake to go on the outside. City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the Council take the desired action, and he will check it out.

Councilman Wilson questioned the constitutionality of limiting employment just to the residents within Torrance. City Attorney Remelmeyer has advised that this can be done.

Personnel Director Donovan stated that he would make the wishes of the Council known to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Donovan also indicated that this information (residence and shift work) would not be a part of the specification but, rather, of the bulletin.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, with the comment that if there are problems that it come back to the Council. Councilman Johnson added that his motion would apply to the specifications or the bulletin, whichever appropriate.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that his "no" vote is for the reason that he does not believe that the residence requirement should be limited to citizens of Torrance.

It was the comment of City Attorney Remelmeyer, in reference to Dr. Wilson's remarks, that this is a rather unusual class specification in that the emergency nature requires the employee to be a resident in order to perform his duties. Dr. Wilson stated that he is just opposed to the principle, and since it is included in the motion he is against it.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-294

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 69-183 TO ADD THE CLASSES OF SPRINKLER REPAIRMAN AND EMERGENCY WATER REPAIRMAN TO THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-294. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Johnson to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that Council approve the allocation of one position of Sprinkler Repairman and the reallocation of one position of Water Serviceman to one position of Emergency Water Repairman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

24. RESOLUTION regarding construction of 1964 Bond Issue Project 1105, Unit 2. RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY ACTING CITY ENGINEER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-295

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1964 BOND ISSUE PROJECT 1105 UNIT 2 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 Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-295. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

25. ORDINANCE regarding Special Certificate of Occupancy.

Questioned by Mayor Isen were situations where an error might be made by the searcher of the records and result in lawsuits and legal liability for the City, and recommended that the requests be in writing with a complete waiver by the demanding party as to any responsibility as to the liability of the City, it being noted that this is merely for information with no guarantee made as to the contents.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon thought the Mayor's point well taken, and agreed that this should be incorporated in the proposed Special Certificate of Occupancy.

There was further discussion regarding possible law suits, it being Mayor Isen's opinion that the person who requests and pays for the information would be the only one who could file suit.

It was agreed to refer the subject ordinance back to the City Attorney for further research relative to the above discussed suggestions, to be returned to the agenda when research completed.

Further suggested by Councilman Miller was that a reference to "honest interest" by the person requesting the inspection might have merit, to prevent malicious activity by neighbors, etc.

REAL PROPERTY:

27. T-HANGAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

A. Airport T-Hangar Development (1) Project Finding, and (2) contract ward - East T-Hangar area at Torrance Municipal Airport (B69-57).

B. (Withdrawn by direction of the City Council at their meeting of November 13, 1969.)

C. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of a line extension agreement with Southern California Edison Company on the Torrance Airport.

D. RESOLUTION and lease for H.T. Halibrand in the T-Hangar Development Area.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with above items A,C, & D. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-296

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT

FOR EXTENSION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINE TO SERVE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-296. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Further action was taken in a MOTION by Councilman Sciarrotta to concur with the recommendations of the Airport Manager and Acting City Engineer re: Item A:

1. That the City Council authorize a cash loan of $70,000 from the Sewer Revolving Fund to the Airport Fund for a period not to exceed one year.
2. That the City Council appropriate an additional $161,000 from the Airport Fund for funding of the T-Hangar Development Project.
3. That the low qualified bid (primary proposal) of Sully-Miller Contracting Company in the amount of $142,624.65 be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-297

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1969, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND H.T. HALIBRAND AND EMMA E. HALIBRAND.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-297. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Re: Item C, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the following recommendations of the Airport Manager:

1. That the City Council adopt the enabling resolution;
2. That the City Council authorize payment to the Edison Company of $9,267.94 from the funds appropriated for the T-Hangar Development Project.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried:

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

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28. DEL AMO BOULEVARD.
RESOLUTION finding and determining that the public interest and necessity require the construction, completion, and maintenance by the City of certain public improvements to wit: The widening of Del Amo Boulevard in the City; and directing the City Attorney to bring and prosecute an action in the Superior Court for the condemnation (Del Amo Boulevard between Crenshaw and Van Ness).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-298

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO WIT: THE WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION.
(Del Amo Boulevard between Crenshaw and Van Ness).

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-298. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

City Manager Ferraro requested Council permission to waive the waiver fee of $25.00 on properties in this area. Councilman Johnson MOVED that the $25.00 Waiver fee be waived in the subject area only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. COMMUNICATION from the Noise Committee regarding Noise Pollution.

The November 25th communication from the Planning Director, Building and Safety Director, Airport Manager, and City Attorney was reviewed by the Council.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Isen that, instead of referring this matter to only the Planning Commission, a special committee be appointed consisting of three Airport Commission members, two Planning Commissioners, and 2 Citizens Advisory Committee members, with responsibility directly to the Council. It is the feeling of Mayor Isen that a diversified committee can best resolve the matter of Noise Pollution, and at the same time avoid burdening the Planning Commission with a further workload.

Mayor Isen thereupon MOVED that a committee on Noise Pollution be formed -- to consist of two Planning Commissioners, three Airport Commissioners, and two Citizens Advisory Committee

members. After its formation the following desired goals to be referred to the Committee:

1. Local regulations governing noise emissions of businesses and other activities so as to assure a reasonable degree of compatibility between noisy operations and those uses requiring a relative degree of quiet;
2. To formulate a workable plan for the application of reasonable regulations for the acoustical treatment of structures; and
3. Active pursuit of a program to influence State and Federal Legislators to enact and enforce laws regulating noise emissions from sources beyond the control of the City.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that the South Bay Councilmen's Association passed a Resolution of Intent prepared by the Airport group to bring all 14 cities into this consideration, and it will soon be presented to this Council.

REAL PROPERTY:

30. Duwayne Meyer and Philip Dolim (DBA BENBOW AVIATION MAINTENANCE) request for approval to operate a flight shool.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Council Transportation Committee in their communication of November 19, 1969. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

FISCAL MATTERS:

31. A. SPECIAL TWO-WAY RADIO TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:
That Council approve an appropriation in the amount of $900.00 from the Water Revenue Fund for the purchase and installation of a special two-way radio transmitter and receiver for mounting in a Water Department vehicle used by the Emergency Water Repairman.

B. PURCHASE OF BUDGETED MOBILE RADIOS.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR, PURCHASING SUPERVISOR, AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.
That Council approve the purchase and awarding of a contract for 22 mobile radios for City Departments from the Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. The requested expenditure for these budgeted radios amounts to $19,729.71 including sales tax.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendations on items A and B, as above outlined. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

32. EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH AND DENTAL AND PAYROLL PROTECTION INSURANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:
That Stanton Ruland be retained to make the analysis of the bids at a fee of $35.00 an hour, and that an amount not to exceed $500 be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus for this purpose.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk, including the appropriation of $500 as noted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried, as follows:

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

ELECTION MATTERS:

33. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 14, 1970 - CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT MAP.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:
That the precinct map comprising 68 consolidated precincts for the General Municipal Election to be held April 14, 1970 be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 14, 1970.

Mr. John Kirby, 2403 Carson Street, suggested that the School Board Bond Issue election, slated for February 17, 1970, be combined with the April 14th Municipal election, in the interest of economy. It was suggested that Mr. Kirby present his request to the School Board, in view of the absence of success in this regard in the past. It was also noted that it is not legally possible for the City to change its date.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Clerk as outlined in his letter of November 18, 1969. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PARKS AND RECREATION:

35. CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL.

It was agreed that Director of Recreation Van Bellehem's communication of November 7th, with recommendations by the Cultural Arts Council; be referred to the Council Cultural Arts Committee.

36. RIVIERA PARK DEDICATION.
RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and attest the acceptance of the conditions for use of the Los Angeles County Bandwagon, December 6, 1969.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-299

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CERTAIN LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR USE OF THE COUNTY BANDWAGON.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-299. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

38. RESOLUTION commending Co-chairmen Bob Flora and Ruben Ordaz for their contribution to the success of the Pueblo Fiesta.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-300

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING CO-CHAIRMEN BOB FLORA AND RUBEN ORDAZ FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PUEBLO FIESTA.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-300, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Beasley).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

39. ORDINANCE NO. 2038.

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

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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 Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2038 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. Councilman Johnson referred to agenda item #26 re: Dan Butcher, considered at the November 25th meeting, that the record may be abundantly clear that he has already stipulated that he will not handle the listing nor the sale of the subject property.

41. In view of the keen interest and varied comments on the pending Police Chief examination, and possible concern as to the Council's confidence in the Civil Service Commission, Councilman Johnson felt clarification in order, and he offered the following comments: The situation has resulted because of the Council's insistence that the examination be given on the fairest, and most equal opportunity, basis for all candidates, and to reduce to an absolute minimum the direct participation in the examination by members and organizations of the Torrance official family.

Councilman Johnson then voiced his personal complete confidence in the ability and integrity of the Civil Service Commission, both as to its body and its members - the members being high caliber, outstanding, dedicated businessmen in the community who work long and hard and do a commendable job. There has never been an attempt, Mr. Johnson continued, to remove any delegated authority or responsibility of the Commission or to reduce its autonomy.

Continuing, Councilman Johnson pointed out that Council has delegated certain authority and responsibility to the Commission, and it will be specifically noted that all of Council's official comments have been in the form of recommendations and not direction. The Civil Service Commission, in their wisdom, has not seen fit to accept all the recommendations, which is not unusual, and applies to other Commissions as well -- Councilman Johnson favors keeping it this way.

Referring to the City Attorney's paper on the subject of the Police Chief examination dated November 13, 1969, and the verbatim minutes of the Civil Service Commission meeting of November 10, 1969, there is no question in Councilman Johnson's mind that the Commission has ostensibly followed Council's recommendations -- the Commission has heard and accepted the idea that Council has not wished this to be a "business as usual situation", but, rather, a special situation; their comments and actions bear this out.

Councilman Johnson has also studied and discussed the duties and responsibilities chart prepared by the City Attorney, and signed by both the City Manager and the Personnel Director, included in the paper, and finds it generally satisfactory as to procedure, and if

there is strict adherence to the responsibilities delineated there, a workable situation can be achieved. Councilman Johnson added that he expects them both to do so.

His main concern is based upon the open break between the City Manager and the Personnel Director -- any lack of confidence in the Civil Service Commission should be immediately and unequivocally dispelled. In conclusion, Councilman Johnson insisted that neither perform any more than the purely technical and clerical duties of their respective offices as it concerns the Police Chief examination.

Mayor Isen expressed his concurrence with Councilman Johnson's comments, adding that the general interested public does not understand the Civil Service-City Manager involvement in this matter and the complete lack of involvement by the City Council. It has been agreed by the Council, without equivocation, that there will be a "hands off" policy, which it has been up to now, and what it is going to be all the way through. As to the clerical work should any "monkey business" develop anywhere down the line, proper action would be taken -- Mayor Isen stressed that the circumstances are extremely remote that this would happen.

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Of further interest/to the general public, according to Mayor Isen, is the fact that the City Council has nothing to do with the selection of the Chief of Police - or for that matter, nothing to do with personnel or appointments; the appointment is made through the Civil Service process.

Mayor Isen then thanked Councilman Johnson for clearing the air on this matter.

Councilman Miller recommended that the subject now be dropped, adding that the Council generally has had a rather balancing effect on the situation, and that the normal procedure should prevail.

Councilman Johnson requested that the foregoing remarks be made available to the Civil Service Commission.

42. The composition of the License Review Board was introduced by Councilman Miller, with the request that the City Manager's office furnish the full background material for review by the Council. Like membership on the Sign Review Committee, Traffic Committee, etc. was pointed out by Mr. Miller.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that this matter be referred to Administration for study and recommendation as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta reported that Los Angeles Councilman Bernardi has just returned from a tour of commercial aircraft operations at European airports and recommends immediate adoption of stiff, enforceable noise level standards, banning of overnight jet flights and run-ups, forced installation of sound suppressors with a time limit to comply, monitoring devices to check on compliance and establishment of noise decibel minimums on all new

aircraft, head tax on all passengers to pay for these improvements, and less use of the Los Angeles International Airport and greater utilization of the airport at Palmdale and future airports in the desert. The last recommendation is of concern to Councilman Sciarrotta for it will mean that small community airports are to be used for commuter service, which will no doubt encompass the use of small jets -- he definitely opposes such a plan for the Torrance Airport, and it is hoped that Council representatives (Dr. Wilson to big SCAG, Mr. Uerkwitz to.. South Bay Councilmen's Association) will make the Council's sentiments known.

44. Councilman Uerkwitz reported on his understanding that there is a need for unmarked patrol cars in the Police Department, and suggested that Acting Chief Nash furnish a report on same, for between budget action, if necessary.

45. The new officers for the Youth Council were reported by Councilman Uerkwitz, with Lenny Schapira reelected president -- all schools are represented and there is a very energetic and progressive group for this year's activities. Congratulations by the Council were in order.

46. In further reference to the subject of noise, Councilman Uerkwitz advised that the South Bay Councilmen's Resolution of Intent indicates that there will be arequirement for all cities involved to spend some funds, which will be in the realm of monitoring gear and the establishment of enforceable operations within a city once the ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Uerkwitz then complimented Airport Manager Egan who put together the majority of the material that the South Bay Councilmen's Association is using to arrive at this noise ordinance.

47. Referring to the Cordary Avenue barricades, Councilman Wilson advised that it appears a compromise has been reached, which will result in the barricades being removed after the plans have been worked out -- in the meantime there is considerable inconvenience to the customers, as well as a safety hazard, with possible litigation to the City involved as well. Dr. Wilson advised that a representative from the shopping center was present to speak on this matter.

Mayor Isen interrupted at this point to suggest that this matter should be a regular agenda item, accompanied by a Staff recommendation, with proper notification to all interested parties -- certainly not as an oral communication at the tail end of a Council meeting in its second day.

A vigorous discussion followed on the pros and cons of the Cordary Avenue barricades, with City Traffic Engineer Horkay outlining the circumstances to date, including the meeting of the Traffic Commission with all affected parties in attendance, and the efforts to achieve a compromise.

Mr. Howard Friedman, 9348 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, was present and advised that they are most anxious to have the barricades removed and have every intention of cooperating with the City in working out some method of controlling the problem once it has been defined.

Discussion returned to continuing this matter to the December 4th Council meeting; Mr. Friedman reluctantly agreed to the postponement. Specifically requested by Mayor Isen was information from Staff as to that street being posted "No Trucks", as well as an "Entrance Only" sign to eliminate a lot of traffic on the residential street, in the spirit of compromise.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter be placed on the Council agenda for December 4th.

48. Mayor Isen referred to Information Item D, Income and Expense Statements for the Torrance Transit System and the depressing figures represented therein -- in his opinion, an internal bus system is needed, as it was before the big expansion; it is now time to go back, pull in the old belt, phase out the new routes and big ideas, and return to the internal system of old.

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that the Council Transportation Committee will shortly furnish a recommendation on this subject to the Council.

49. Mr. John D. Kirby referred to agenda item #37, the Special Oral Police Report, and requested clarification of the reference to the reduction of drug abuse problem by young people in the City of Torrance. It was clarified that the reference was to "major crimes".

(Councilman Sciarrotta left the meeting at this time - 6:00 P.M.)

Mr. Kirby questioned certain other statistics, and he was referred to the Police Department for such information.

Also noted by Mr. Kirby was a recommendation made by him some two years ago that a Torrance Narcotics Commission be formed. Mayor Isen outlined the satisfactory role of the Youth Welfare Commission in this regard.

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MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz, at 6:05 P.M., moved to adjourn to Thursday, December 4, 1969, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta).

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Vernon W. Coil

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

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance