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Adjourned at 7:30 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, February 3, 1970, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Scott Albright led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

In the absence of Reverend Lloyd Newlin, the invocation for the meeting was given by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 1970 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to

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

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Noted by Mayor Isen was the fact that a representative from the Division Engineer's office of the District's Refuse Disposal section will discuss rubbish disposal and the work of the County Sanitation District at 6:30 P.M. on February 10th.

The Goals Committee will meet on Monday, February 16th, at 7:30 P.M.

A further Committee meeting: the Council Finance Committee on Wednesday, February 11th, at 10:00 A.M. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that the "Little Hoover" Commission be notified of this meeting by way of Mr. Clinton Cooke.

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An explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen for those in attendance at at Council meeting for the first time.

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COMMENDATIONS:

9. RESOLUTION NO. 70-15 commending J. Walker Owens for his leadership in the City of Torrance and for his dedication and service to the California Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives as President during the year 1969.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING J. WALKER OWENS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES AS PRESIDENT DURING THE YEAR 1969.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-15. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Presentation of the permaplaque, on behalf of the Council, was made by Mayor Isen, with their congratulations, to Mr. J. Walker Owens.

PRESENTATIONS:

10. Award of permaplaque to Scott Albright for his faithful and diligent service to the City of Torrance as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Scott Albright was present, and presentation of the permaplaque was made by Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, along with their gratitude for his community contribution in serving on the Civil Service Commission.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. ACTIVE 20-30 WEEK - February 8 through 14, 1970.
12. NATIONAL BEAUTY SALON WEEK - Week of February 8, 1970.
13. TORRANCE REGISTRATION WEEK - Week of February 12-19, 1970.

So proclaimed by Mayor Isen.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

14. REQUEST FOR A REFUND of \$873.25 for Tipplers Tax paid under protest by John J. Traver, owner of the Rendezvous Cocktail Lounge.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

15. CLAIM of Gayle Arlene Gandee for property damage.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

16. CLAIM of Carol Kimsey for property damage.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

17. CLAIM of Ethel Sommers for property damage.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

- \*\*\* 18. CLAIM of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for property damage. (Considered separately)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

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

19. Demolition and Site Clearance at 2215-17 Del Amo Boulevard.  
Job #67051, Informal Bid)

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

1. That Council accept the work; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor.

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

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$315.00 to Alex Thompson for 10,000 rounds of reloaded .45 caliber practice ammunition as requested by the Police Department for use on the target range.
2. \$457.12 to Brooks Products, Inc. for sixteen water meter boxes and extensions as requested by the Water Department for stock as needed.
3. \$844.78 to H.L. Swift Company for 200 feet of 4" 125 lb. test water hose complete with couplings as requested by the Street Department to be used with the sump pump at the 190th Street sump.
4. \$390.10 to Industrial Electronics for 720 only 6000-hour rated 100-watt traffic signal lamps as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
5. \$307.13 to Van Vorst Company for ten replacement mattresses as requested by the Fire Department.
6. \$836.85 to Carmel Architectural Products for a self-contained kitchen unit (Dwyer unit) as requested by the Police Department for use on the second floor addition of the Police Building.
7. \$2741.64 to Addressograph-Multigraph to establish an annual contract for offset printing supplies based on the State of California negotiated price schedule for these supplies.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

8. \$455.52 to Simon & Schuster Incorporated for 147 assorted titles.
9. \$995.24 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 154 adult books.

\*\*\* (Item #18 considered separately).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items 14, 15, 17, 19, and 20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, with roll call vote as follows:

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

- \*\*\* 18. CLAIM of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for property damage.

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that he would abstain in this matter because it involves his employer, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk that the subject claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

21. Request for cancellation of contract - Power Sweeper Reference Bid #B69-48, R.J. Lison Company.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR: That Council cancel the contract we now have with the R.J. Lison Company and approve of Purchasing rebidding this requirement.

Councilman Uerkwitz inquired as to the merits of using the new sweeper for the regular street sweeping operation and transferring one of the available three-wheelers to the Airport. Airport Manager Egan explained that the need is for a low profile sweeper to get under the parked aircraft, hence the three wheelers cannot be used.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director and Purchasing Supervisor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered, out of order, at this time:

ADDENDUM ITEM:

36. CUP 69-53, HARRY KISSEL.

The Planning Director's recommendations re: the scheduling of a hearing on this matter were noted; the date ultimately selected was March 10th at 7:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing on CUP 69-53 be held on March 10, 1970, at 7:00 P.M., with proper notification to be given by the Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. SCHOOL BOND

Mr. Stanley Dunn, Torrance Board of Education, was present to solicit Council support of the School Bond Election on February 10th in urging a "yes" vote by the citizens at this election.

Unanimous approval of the request was indicated by the Council, and the following Resolution resulted:

City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING THE FEBRUARY 1970 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE IN THE AMOUNT OF 5½ MILLION DOLLARS, AND URGING ALL CITIZENS OF TORRANCE TO VOTE IN SAID ELECTION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

22. Social Security Coverage for Mayor and Councilmen.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

To provide Social Security coverage for Council members on a "divided" basis, it is recommended:

1. That Council establish an effective date for those members that elect to be so covered. (Such effective date, however, may not be prior to January 1, 1965, and, of course, would not be effective before the date of election to office of any individual Councilman.)
2. That the subject resolution be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO INCLUDE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN UNDER FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ON A DIVIDED BASIS AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE THEREFOR.

Councilman Johnson MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-21, the effective date to be January 1, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. Report from Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee of City Council regarding Assistant Police Chief.

Discussion was introduced by Mayor Isen who stated that the ordinance clearly provides for an Assistant Police Chief and it is a position long unfilled -- however, the statement in the Committee report - "whether or not to abolish the position of Assistant Police Chief be referred to the City Manager for review and recommendation; that if the City Manager decides to recommend abolishment of the class of Assistant Police Chief, the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance...." was questioned by Mayor Isen -- does the Committee realize that this would be turning over a purely Council policy matter to management?

It was Mayor Isen's recommendation that the necessary steps be taken to order the examination and put the wheels into motion for an Assistant Police Chief -- Torrance is sufficiently large, the problem likewise is sufficiently large, as is the department, and it would be good for the morale of the department to have one man responsible to act as Chief when the Chief is away, rather than the present system of choosing one of the Captains. The Mayor deems such a procedure traditionally successful, and fails to understand the reluctance or objections to such an arrangement.

Councilman Uerkwitz did not agree that policy was involved in this case -- the Charter specifically states that there shall be an Assistant Police Chief. Further, the Council would not be preempting the City Manager either filling it, or if not filling it for some reason, to bring it back through normal channels for determination by the Council as to whether he is right or wrong. Mayor Isen labelled this "double talk" -- if the Charter so states, there is nothing to debate, rather, live by the Charter; further, there is no analogy between a Judge, as noted in the Charter, and this situation.

Noted by Councilman Miller was the fact that the Committee did not recommend for or against an Assistant Police Chief -- it was merely referred to the City Manager in the event abolishment is recommended that it go to the Civil Service Commission, then back to the City Council under due process. Mayor Isen reiterated his objection to any such recommendation by the City Manager when it is strictly a policy matter, and policy matters belong to the City Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that if that be the case then the Council should direct the City Manager to fill the position, and MOVED that an examination be held for Assistant Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. (Later withdrawn).

Prior to vote on the motion, Councilman Sciarrotta reaffirmed his favoring the filling of the Assistant Police Chief position, but he would prefer the course recommended by the Committee; the above motion was offered for what it might be worth in view of the above comments.

Discussion returned to the Committee-recommended action. City Manager Ferraro related his understanding of the City Attorney's instructions to the Council Committee: (a) the City Manager should

be allowed to decide whether or not he is going to fill the existing position. The Attorney having ruled that it, in fact, legally exists; or (b) if the City Manager decides not to fill the position, then a recommendation be made to the Civil Service Commission, with return to the Council relative to the policy aspect of the matter and for final determination.

Mayor Isen, unconvinced, restated that it is a policy matter; no Council would turn a question of this nature over to the City Manager.

Withdrawing his earlier motion, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the Council concur with the recommendations of the Council Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the opinion of Councilman Johnson that this is strictly a policy matter -- it is not the business of the City Manager to tell the Council whether or not there should be an Assistant Police Chief, or any other particular position, and is a determination to be made only by Council -- the "round robin" proposed by the Committee is without merit.

Councilman Uerkwitz pointed out the need for complete information before making any decision, noting lack of agreement in the Police Department itself relative to this matter.

Added by Councilman Johnson was the recommendation that the title be changed to "Deputy Police Chief" -- "Assistant" does not have the same connotation as "Deputy".

Representing Torrance Police Officers Association, Phillip Joseph recalled that this matter was referred, in April 1969, to the City Manager for review of the Assistant Police Chief position, with a report back to Council. Further referral will only result in further delays -- it is the opinion of the City Attorney that the Assistant Police Chief position does exist, and it was the request of Mr. Joseph that the position be filled, or legal action may result.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Beasley: That the City Manager be requested to institute proceedings for holding an examination for the Assistant Police Chief immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Beasley elaborated on the past history of the position -- the retirement some years ago of the Assistant Police Chief, the delay in filling the position while seeking a new Chief, etc. -- this situation no longer exists, with the appointment of a new Chief imminent, and Mr. Beasley feels the Assistant Police Chief position will enhance the department.

The apparent feeling in this matter, according to Councilman Miller, serves to support the need for hearing all sides of the issue before making a decision -- he is not necessarily opposed to an Assistant Police Chief, but cannot see how going through the Civil Service Commission can be eliminated, reiterating the need for complete review.

Discussion, with feeling, followed on the procedural pros and cons. City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out his 7-page opinion on this matter, and advised that he had nothing to add.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION (to order the Assistant Police Chief examination) FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta restated his support of the Assistant Police Chief position, but he desires that legal procedures be followed.

The MAIN MOTION was restated by Councilman Sciarrotta: That the Council concur with the Committee recommendations. The motion was re-seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

His "no" vote, per Mayor Isen, is for the reasons outlined in the foregoing discussion -- the Council is giving over its policy-making authority to the City Manager.

A time limit was considered -- City Manager Ferraro advised that 30 days would afford sufficient time to make a decision, and there were no objections.

The possibility, and its impact, in the event the City Manager decided to abolish the job was next reviewed. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the Charter specifically states that the City Manager may recommend the abolition of any position in the City; the correct procedure is for the City Manager to make a recommendation, and because, in this particular case, the Council cannot act by ordinance without consideration by the Civil Service Commission of the ordinance prior to the time they did act, it would be necessary to get the concurrence of the Commission. It is the City Attorney's recommendation that if it be the City Manager's recommendation that the position be abolished, that he route it through the Civil Service Commission to the Council for final action.

It was clarified by Councilman Johnson that if the decision is to fill the position, that the City Manager can go ahead and order the examination. The following MOTION was then made by Mr. Johnson: "That if and when the City Manager decides to fill the position, with or without Council knowledge and/or consent, the same procedure in the examination for the Assistant Chief be used as just recently used for the Police Chief." Mayor Isen ruled the motion irrelevant, ambiguous, unintelligible, uncertain, and out of order because it is premature.

Phillip Joseph referred to the move-up arrangement for an Assistant Police Chief (following appointment of the Chief) until such time as an examination can be given -- disagreement regarding this matter does not change the law, adding that this has previously been brought before the Council and other groups, with meeting and conferring recommended, but nothing having been done. City Manager

Ferraro noted that this is not a "meet and confer" item. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that it is not such an item because the structure of the Police Department is not a "meet and confer" matter but a matter of administrative policy -- Mayor Isen interrupted, deeming it policy of the City Council inasmuch as the Council sets up the positions and the salaries therefor. Mr. Remelmeyer responded that the Council can, if it so desires, order the City Manager to fill this position; on the other hand, the Charter clearly provides that the City Manager has the right to recommend to the Council the abolition of a position.

Dissent was again voiced by some members of the Council, but the exercise of the gavel by Mayor Isen concluded the discussion.

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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

24. Communication from Cramer Realtors regarding access to Crenshaw Boulevard from south of 250th Street and east of Crenshaw Boulevard in the City of Lomita.

The January 27th communication was noted; no one<sup>was</sup> present. Councilman Uerkwitz moved that it be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

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The hour being 6:20 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections. A ten-minute recess followed at 6:25 P.M.

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TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

25. CLOSING OF SEPULVEDA AT OCEAN.

Held for later in the meeting when all interested parties are present.

26. ORDINANCE authorizing the City Traffic Engineer to determine necessary limiting or prohibiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on City street.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay confirmed that any action taken by him in the area of limiting, or prohibiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on City streets will be reported to the Council by way of an Information Only item.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2057

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.6.1 OF THE

TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO STOPPING,  
STANDING, AND PARKING.

Councilman Miller moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2057 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

27. GUENSER PARK IMPROVEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

That Council appropriate \$2,500 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund for an asphaltic sidewalk and a small game court project at Guenser Park.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Director of Recreation, with the appropriation as noted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. LOS ARBOLES PARK FENCE.

Recommendation to City Council from Park and Recreation Commission that no fence be constructed at Los Arboles Park at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to file the subject communication. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

29. SUR LA BREA ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Park and Recreation Commission commends City Council for condemnation for additional acres for Sur La Brea park and recommends that a plan for developing the total area be drawn and development started as soon as possible.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

WATER SYSTEM:

30. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest that certain water license and agreement and letter stipulating pertinent items and conditions regarding the leasing of water rights from Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-22

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 WATER LICENSE AND AGREEMENT  
AND LETTER STIPULATING PERTINENT TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS RE: THE LEASING OF WATER RIGHTS  
FROM COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-22. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

31. RESOLUTION regarding Independent Cities of Los Angeles County requesting correction of Tax Assessments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONDUCT A COMPRE-  
HENSIVE INQUIRY INTO THE COST OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES SUPPLIED BY THE LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO  
CONTRACT CITIES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-23. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. RESOLUTION requesting State to adjust compensation for condemnation costs.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE  
TO MAKE MORE EQUITABLE THE LAW RELATIVE TO  
COMPENSATION IN CASES OF EMINENT DOMAIN.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-24. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Chief of Police to destroy certain City records and documents pursuant to the Government Code of the State of California.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. RESOLUTION of record destruction, (Duplicates and Microfilmed records) authorizing the City Clerk to destroy certain City records, pursuant to Section 34090, 34090.5 and 34090.7 of the Government Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

35. ORDINANCE NO. 2056.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2056

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 77.3.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR WAIVERS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITY WIRES AND CABLES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2056 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon noted the need for approval of operation of the Underground Utilities Committee (Section 77.3.6.a,b) immediately. In view of the above approval of the ordinance, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that it would be in order for the Committee to operate immediately, rather than waiting the 30 days -- Mayor Isen thereupon moved to approve and adopt the appropriate language therefor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

ADDENDA ITEMS:36. CUP 69-53, HARRY KISSEL.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

37. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT - TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF RESOLUTION NO. 69-70 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR REMOVAL AND UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES IN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT #1.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-27. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. SCHOOL BONDS.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

39. ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-26, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Director of Building and Safety McKinnon stated that items - #39 and #40 - will serve to approve ZC 69-26 and to extend a moratorium on the construction and demolition of buildings and structures within the subject area, noting that it will take 30 days for the ordinance approving the zone change to take effect.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2058

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 EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD SOUTH OF DALEMEAD STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-26.  
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2058 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

40. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2059

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.

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2059. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Miller abstaining.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2059 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

41. REQUEST OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER FOR REINSTATEMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT FOR PROPERTY AT 5858 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

Speaking on behalf of Mr. Christopher, Building and Safety Director McKinnon outlined the circumstances of the subject request, per Mr. Christopher's January 31st communication, further explaining that a death in the family made it impossible for Mr. Christopher to be present. Mr. McKinnon indicated his approval of the request for reinstatement of the building permit.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the subject request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to:

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

25. Petition of 98 residents of Torrance in the area of Sepulveda and Ocean asking that the north side of Sepulveda at Ocean Avenue be closed to all through traffic.

Spokesman for these residents, Mr. Lester Alexander, 22034 Ocean Avenue, (telephone: 371-6289) outlined their desire that the north side of Sepulveda be closed to all through traffic.

Discussion followed on the original cul-de-sac arrangements, and the apparent revision thereto -- it was the consensus of the Council that a committee be formed, such committee to be composed of approximately five residents, the City Traffic Engineer, and the City Manager to clarify this situation.

It was recommended by City Attorney Remelmeyer, and for the information of the above committee, that the City should obtain waivers of compensation from all the property owners, which will be part of the process before final decision by the Council. Rather than a waiver, it was the suggestion of Mayor Isen that a petition would be preferable, stating that the cul-de-sac is desired and that no claims will be made against the City for damages because of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Alexander indicated his opinion that the waiver would be preferable, but he will get with the City Attorney on this matter.

A get-together after the meeting with the interested parties was requested by City Manager Ferraro.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to go on record at this time of favoring the same procedure being used for the examination of the Assistant Police Chief as was just completed for the Police Chief, in the event such an examination is ordered.
43. A recommended policy by Councilman Sciarrotta was that in cases where it is desired that a Commission or Committee do a specific thing that it should be voted on by the entire Council before the assignment is made official -- otherwise the Commissions and Committees could be burdened with items that may or may not meet with the approval of the Council.
44. Mayor Isen read a communication from a resident complaining about the use of El Retiro Park tennis courts by organized outsiders. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem will reply to the letter, and furnish a report to Council on the tennis court as well as other recreational facilities used by outsiders; a brief verbal report was furnished by Mr. Van Bellehem generally outlining the problems in this regard.
45. Mr. G.W. Webb, 22624 Nadine Circle, representing New Horizons, inquired as to the status of certain civic projects -- the City Hall fountain and the City Hall addition, as well as the Torrance Freeway -- a detailed response was furnished by City Manager Ferraro and Councilman Beasley.
46. It was recommended by Mr. Bill Roberts, 3937 West 188th Street, that this Council place a ballot measure on the April 14th ballot as to whether or not the voters of Torrance would like to have their Councilmen elected by district rather than at large.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

*Vernon W. Coil*

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the City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

*Albert J. Jones*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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