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Torrance, California
October 24, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 1967, adjourned from October 10, 1967, there having been no meeting on the intervening Tuesday because of the League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico was absent because of a death in his family. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, Deputy City Clerk Moss and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bert Shelbourn led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Hugh R. Percy, St. Andrew Episcopal Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 10, 1967, as written, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the 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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen announced that the Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Redden has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at the Junior Citizens' Day luncheon on November 28th.

After a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience, Mayor Isen mentioned two items on the agenda, No. 11 and No. 32 on which many citizens are present and asked that they be heard

out of regular order.

Mayor Isen said Councilman Vico's aunt had passed away and that was the reason for his absence this evening. On behalf of himself and the balance of the Council he extended condolences to Mr. Vico and his family.

11. PROPOSED REVISION OF MASTER PLAN NO. 2 re alignment of 232nd Street between Pennsylvania and Arlington Avenues.

Mr. Ed Raphael, a businessman, 1321 Sartori Avenue, reported that Mr. Kurtz would not be at this meeting but that he had informed him that a new plan is being devised to purchase the property based on an independent appraisal. The property referred to belongs to Mr. Raphael and there is also one other parcel which creates a problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold S. Johnson, 2277 West 233rd Street, represented the neighborhood committee and Mrs. Johnson told of the contacts she had made with the Legal Department and Senior Administrative Assistant de Llamas. She had told them that the interior owners of the property feel very strongly that the two Arlington owners should dedicate just as those in the interior are doing because they too stand to gain by opening the street straight through. They hope some written agreement can be reached.

A second proposition would be that if Mr. Raphael and the Pivovaroffs do not wish to dedicate under those terms that the committee would ask the City to take a land acquisition program such as was used with respect to 230th Place. The preference is for the first alternative, she said, so no one would have to put out any money now and the profit, if any, should go to the Pivovaroffs and Mr. Raphael.

Mr. Kurtz has said that his client is interested in the first proposition, but Mr. Raphael would require an independent appraisal of his property. She felt that the County Assessor's figures could be used with an appropriate mark-up. Evidently there is a difference of opinion as to the percentage of mark-up. A second condition mentioned to her by Mr. Kurtz was a continuance of this hearing. Because two years have been spent in trying to establish the location of a block-long street, the interested people do not wish to wait any longer than is absolutely necessary.

Councilman Miller pointed out that the only alternative if Mr. Raphael refuses to dedicate, is condemnation. Under the second proposal the lots would be developed but it would still be necessary for someone to pay back toward the cost of condemnation. Alternative No. 1 does not seem possible unless Mr. Raphael consents.

Mayor Isen said there can be no meeting of minds tonight and he feels it will be necessary to continue this for two weeks. He also feels that to take one-third of a man's property without compensation would be taking property without due process of law and completely illegal. City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed it would probably be necessary to pay for such a large portion of Mr. Raphael's parcel of land. Mayor Isen pointed out several reasons it would be better to go along with arbitration and a little leniency.

Councilman Beasley said he knows the people who are involved and he believes they can be dealt with successfully, and that committee should contact them personally, or perhaps the City officials should do so.

As a matter of policy at this time, Councilman Miller moved that the pattern of the street be on a straight line directly through from Pennsylvania Avenue to Arlington Avenue. Councilman Beasley seconded.

Mr. Jack Gregorio of 11051 Stanley Road, Whittier, representing his mother-in-law, who is one of the property owners, asked for clarification regarding the two weeks' postponement and it was explained as a time within which the interested persons can get together on a price for the necessary land. The negotiation is to be between the interested persons, and the notification of any meeting on the subject will be from those persons, not the City.

There was no objection to Mr. Miller's motion and it carried.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved that Item 11 be postponed for two weeks. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

Mr. George Brotherton of 2613 Dalemead, criticized Councilman Beasley for not personally making some of these contacts, but this was not a pertinent matter. Mr. Johnson said he had the names and addresses of all the interested property owners and will follow through as he has in the past few weeks. Two weeks from tonight will be November 7th, a 5:30 meeting.

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE "NO PARKING ANYTIME" signs on the east side of Ocean Avenue between Sepulveda Blvd. and 227th Street.

This is another matter which was taken out of order to accommodate a citizen who had inquired about it.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-228 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:

32. SUPPLEMENTAL URBAN RENEWAL PETITIONS: City Clerk's Statement of Sufficiency.

Mayor Isen stated this, in effect, authorizes a special election and the law is clear that with the required 15% of the registered voters' signatures, the merits of the matter are not at issue; there is no alternative to calling for a special election.

Detailed opinion from the City Attorney, dated October 24, 1967, dealing with the initiative petition to deactivate the Redevelopment Agency, concluding that it is not a measure which may be validly submitted to the City electorate for passage or rejection, was distributed to the Council members. However, it is the opinion of Mayor Isen that a special election must be called.

As to the petition on repealing the Torrance Uniform Housing Code, City Attorney Remelmeyer has set forth the opinion that Section 2 thereof is illegal, but Section 1 probably is legal. If the City should repeal the Uniform Housing Code, it would be abdicating the field to the State. That is not the question here, Mayor Isen said, but in fairness to the

15% of the registered voters who have signed the petitions and thus exercised their rights as citizens, regardless of the cost of the election, it must be held for decision by the electorate.

Under these circumstances, Mayor Isen moved that there be a special election ordered, based on (a) the measure repealing Ordinance No. 1546 establishing the Redevelopment Agency; and based on (b) repealing 1567 adopting the 1964 edition of the Uniform Housing Code, and that the City Attorney and City Clerk report as to a date for the election at the next Council meeting, October 31, 1967, at which time the date for that election would be set.

Councilman Miller's opinion was that the City needed this help from the Federal Government for reasons which have been set forth in detail many times and were for the good of the people in the area. It is quite apparent that all the citizens do not agree in this opinion and this is clearly their right as shown in the petition. He agreed with what Mayor Isen had said and supported his motion. Obviously, although he does not agree with the premise set forth in the petition, the people have the right to make the decision.

Further comment from Mayor Isen was to the effect that nothing he has said is to be construed as endorsing either or both of the matters set forth in the petition, but the right to petition and bring in signatures must be respected. At this stage of proceedings nothing ethically can be done by conscientious representatives of the people which would make it difficult to order the election.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked if the part dealing with the Uniform Housing Code would have to go on the ballot, if the Council were to repeal it; whether or not repealing it would meet the requirements of the wishes of the petitioners. City Attorney Remelmeyer answered affirmatively. He proposed making a motion to so repeal the Uniform Housing Code.

This proposal did not meet with Councilman Lyman's approval. He pointed out that Councilman Sciarrotta had always advocated home rule and if this housing code were abdicated, the City would be subject to the State law on the subject and the City would no longer be able to legislate anything with respect to the housing code. Everything would have to come from Sacramento and the result would be pre-emption by abdication.

Answering a similar question with respect to the Redevelopment Agency, City Attorney Remelmeyer said in his opinion the Council does not have the right to pass an ordinance deactivating the Agency. The power given to the City by the legislature is given only to the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency, as stated in Mr. Remelmeyer's detailed opinion. There is no right by initiative or referendum to deactivate the agency and the power given to the Council and the Agency in this respect is limited; the prerequisite for such deactivation does not exist. The project is in existence; the contracts are signed with the Federal Government and property has been acquired. This is an entirely different matter than the housing code legislation.

Councilman Sciarrotta then made the motion to repeal the Uniform Housing Code. Mayor Isen pointed out that the petition represents the wishes of only 15% of the registered voters and asked under the proposed motion how Building and Safety Director McKinnon would enforce the housing act. Mr. McKinnon said he would be required to enforce the State Code and it has two areas which are more restrictive than the City Code. One is the right of entry and the other is the boards of appeal; the Council has no right whatever to change those in any respect.

Councilman Lyman spoke further, stating if the Council did not comply with its purely ministerial duties, it is a simple matter to go to Court and get a writ of mandate. He too disagrees with the premise of the petitions, but that does not affect calling the election.

City Attorney Remelmeyr repeated that the City, in his opinion, has the right to fail the petitions as far as deactivating the Redevelopment Agency is concerned, and refuse to submit it to the electorate. This is acknowledged to be the law and is supported by many cases. There is one exception in the case of Farley vs. Healey, where the Court stated that the Registrar of Voters of the City of San Francisco had a duty to place on the ballot at the general municipal election to be held in November, a petition which was circulated and found to have sufficient signatures, to get out of Vietnam. This, however, deals with a "non-law" and has nothing to do with the municipal affairs of the City and County of San Francisco. That does not vitiate the previous cases which state that the Council does not have to place on the ballot a petition on an ordinance which is clearly invalid.

There is nothing to prevent the people from going to the Court if the Council decides not to place this Torrance matter on the ballot and request that it be ordered to be placed on the ballot. A judge might do this and decide the issue after the election - it has been done, notably as to Proposition 14.

In any event, as brought out by Councilman Lyman, the invalidity would not be erased by its being on the ballot. There would be an opportunity at sometime and place in the Courts to prove the City Attorney's point.

Mayor Isen's position remained that because 15% of the registered voters signed the petition, it is mandatory to call a special election. Councilman Miller agreed and seconded Mayor Isen's original motion (set forth in the second paragraph of the previous page).

Mrs. Carmen Rivera, 4003 West 235th Street, one of the proponents of the two petitions, said their purpose is to repeal not only the housing code, but all of the "attachments and amendments thereto". Mayor Isen admonished her to confine her comments to whether or not the matter is to go on the ballot; there is no issue before the Council as to the merits of the matter.

Councilman Lyman moved the previous question and Councilman Beasley seconded. This is undebatable and roll call vote was unanimously favorable to its passage.

Mr. Brotherton interrupted, but was asked to either be seated, or leave the Council Chambers. He sat down.

The question before the Council on motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Miller received the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Sciarrotta.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mrs. Rivera said she had prepared arguments on the matters covered and was advised to talk with the City Clerk about them. There are laws and regulations which cover the arguments pro and con on election questions. Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney and City Manager to furnish a reasonable number of copies of documents which the proponents may need.

Several members of the audience protested, but did not give their names, nor come forward to the microphone. They were ruled out of order.

City Manager Ferraro expressed grave concern as to the financial aspects of this decision. If the measure is successful, he said the City will be faced with a serious financial problem, stemming from two sources: (1) if the City continues with the project it will be necessary to produce \$6½ million; (2) there are currently at least three pending lawsuits and if the Redevelopment Agency is deactivated, there will be others. If the Council should decide to continue the project for three years, it would cost an additional 55¢ per \$100 on the tax rate.

Mayor Isen asked that the Finance Committee of the Council, the City Manager, and City Treasurer furnish a written report as to this phase of the problem.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that a judgment against the City is a first lien on the General Fund and Mayor Isen repeated that this is a matter which the Finance Committee, the City Treasurer, the City Manager will consider.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 23099, Subdivider, Gertrude Schreiber, Engineers, South Bay Engineering Corporation. A six-lot tract located between 233rd and 234th Streets, approximately 300 feet westerly of Cabrillo Avenue. Recommendation for approval subject to conditions as set forth in the letter of transmittal.

Mr. Fred Boettcher of 1152 West 19th Street, San Pedro, spoke representing Mrs. Schreiber through South Bay Engineering Corporation, and stated his client has decided to sign a waiver; there is no loaning institution and there will not be any; the Schreibers will do the building at their own expense and with their own money.

Mayor Isen said he would then move to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 23099, with all conditions, plus the additional factor that there will be no landing institution and the record owners of the property will sign a waiver to hold the City free and harmless from all flooding hazards. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

9. PLANNING DEPARTMENT STUDY OF NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE for public hearing cases held before the Planning Commission and City Council. The recommendation is that the policy and procedure remain unchanged.

Mayor Isen expressed disapproval of the system which evidently has been in effect - that the applicant prepares the list of owners within the three hundred feet applicable to the subject property. In a subsequent item on this agenda tonight is an ordinance to increase the fees for variance, zone change and precise plan applications and it seems that the City Attorney should give an opinion as to whether or not due process is observed by the present method of handling notices. On the spot, Mr. Remelmeyer stated the City is responsible for giving the notice. Under this condition, Mayor Isen said the City has only blind luck to thank for not having run into bad difficulties by permitting the applicant to mail the notices and research to whom they should go. Many people have complained of lack of notification, but no one, so far, has taken it to Court. Why does the Planning Department recommend adhering to such faulty procedure?

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, Item 9 and 10, also, would be referred to Staff and the City Attorney for opinion. If there is a pertinent Council Committee, they are asked to work with the City Attorney.

The suggestion was repeated in the form of a motion and with the second of Councilman Sciarrotta, it carried, there being no objection.

12. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of quitclaim deed of slope easement and drainage easement acquired by Los Angeles County for construction of Hawthorne Boulevard through Block 12 of WALTERIA (Beneficiary: William Harris).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN BLOCK 12 OF WALTERIA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-229 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. PROPOSED VACATION of sanitary sewer easement in tract No. 26425, Petitioner: Rancho Glazer Financial Center. Recommendation of Public Works Director to adopt attached resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES IN TRACT 26425 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-230; Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MARICOPA STREET AND EASEMENT FROM EARL STREET (B67-45) JOB NO. 64070. Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) contract for subject project be awarded to Critchfield Construction Co. and all other bids be rejected; (2) that an additional appropriation of \$1,000 be made from the Sewer Revolving Fund.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to both phases of the recommendation. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert,
and Mayor Isen

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (out of the room temporarily) and Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent). The Council reconvened as such, at 9:30 p.m.

Councilman Miller asked as a point of personal privilege to call attention to a petition signed by 258 people in regard to a left turn lane on island on Torrance Boulevard at Bishop Montgomery High School which he would like to refer to the Traffic Department and Traffic Commission for consideration. He asked that it be brought back to the Council with a recommendation, in three weeks. Arrangements have been made to give a copy of that recommendation to the lady who initiated the request. There was no objection.

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E, PHASE IV, BY INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS IN RETENTION BASIN AND IN LADEENE AVENUE (B67-15) JOB NO. 55004. Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) Council accept the work; (2) that ten days liquidated damages be assessed against the contractor; and (3) that final payment be made to the contractor, Herb Smeltzer in the amount of \$55,938.74.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in all three phases of the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (temporarily out of the room) and Vico.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

16. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Maple Avenue as a through street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35, ARTICLE III WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS IN THE CITY BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO AND REPEALING SECTION 105 OF SAID RESOLUTION; ALSO REPEALING SECTION 243 OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-300, AN AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-35.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-231 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION prohibiting parking on Hawthorne Boulevard between Carson Street and Torrance Boulevard.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-232 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

There was clarification of the personnel who would meet with respect to the financial aspects of the Redevelopment problem: The Finance Committee of the Council (Sciarrotta, Talbert and Beasley) City Treasurer Rupert, City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer. The meeting was set for 8 a.m. Thursday, October 26th.

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re STOP signs on Amie Avenue at intersection of Emerald.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES "THROUGH STREETS" BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-233 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION legalizing existing "NO PARKING ANYTIME" on south side of Carson Street between Plaza Del Amo and Crenshaw Blvd. and repealing Resolution 67-224.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 67-224 WHICH ADDED SECTION 65 TO ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME, AND AMENDING SAID RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, ARTICLE III, BY ADDING A LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-234 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

21. RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION for appropriation of \$10,000 out of 186.1 gas tax moneys for half share of the cost of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Bluff Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

22. RECLASSIFICATION OF INTERMEDIATE TYPIST CLERK POSITION IN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT - Recommendation of Personnel Director to reallocate to the class of Senior Typist Clerk to be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations.

Councilman Miller asked as a point of personal privilege to call attention to a petition signed by 258 people in regard to a left turn lane or island on Torrance Boulevard at Bishop Montgomery High School which he would like to refer to the Traffic Department and Traffic Commission for consideration. He asked that it be brought back to the Council with a recommendation, in three weeks. Arrangements have been made to give a copy of that recommendation to the lady who initiated the request. There was no objection.

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28. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following eleven listed expenditures:

BUDGETED:

1. \$531.93 to Southern California Trophy for 126 City longevity pins and tie tacs, requested by City Manager's office to award for city employees who have served five years or more.
2. \$972.83 to Econolite for five loop detectors requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for traffic control work.
3. \$368.55 to Zumar Industries for 100 traffic sign posts requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$356.67 to Precision Business Forms for 14,000 sheets of various report forms requested by Data Processing.
5. \$975 to Southern California Fence Co. for 100 feet of chain link fence 18 feet high to be installed on the south side of Pueblo Park to separate play activities of the park from American Standard property.
6. \$476.70 to Kennedy Name Plate for 2,000 vehicle plate licenses requested by the License Division of the Finance Department.

SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY BOOKS:

7. \$5,974.73 to West-State Books for 1,1067 adult non-fiction books.
8. \$995.79 to Lukather's Book Shop for 370 assorted fiction and non-fiction books.
9. \$1,127.11 to Herweg & Romine for 770 assorted adult fiction and non-fiction books.
10. \$853.27 to Herweg & Romine for 492 assorted adult fiction and non-fiction books.
11. \$539.39 to Congressional Quarterly, Inc. for 91 adult non-fiction books.

Councilman Talbert seconded and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

29. Airport Manager submitting request for adoption of resolution re Halverson lease.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1967 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND HENRY R. HALVERSON REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 67-148 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-235 and Councilman Talbert seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

30. DONATION FROM FOOTLIGHT THEATER, INC. Recommendation of Director of Recreation that the donation be accepted and the \$883 be put into the Recreation Activities Fund to be used in the Youth Drama Program.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

31. REPORT ON PROPOSED GOLF COURSE BY COUNCIL PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

The two recommendations of the Council Committee are:

1. That an appraiser be employed to determine the market value of the land (such appraiser to be selected in accordance with the recently established Council policy that gives all interested and qualified firms an opportunity to submit a proposal.)
2. That the firm of William Sherman & Associates, 16 California Street, San Francisco, be employed to determine the economic feasibility of an executive golf course operating in the proposed location on a near self-sustaining basis. This study would include an estimate of the available market (how many golfers the course would draw; the physical factors affecting the economic aspects of the course such as the general layout, club house, driving range, etc.; the proposed water development; a soil analysis; recommendation of fees and charges; and an estimate of rounds that will be played. Administration recommends William Sherman & Associates because it is the only firm of its type in California specializing in golf courses and because they have recently completed similar studies for La Habra, Livermore, Santa Monica, and other cities.

The City Manager had added a note that the charge of the firm of William Sherman & Associates would be in the neighborhood of \$3,500.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the "No. 2" recommendation, but not with "No. 1", which he felt should be left to a later date.

Mayor Isen commented that this is industrial property and if a golf course is financially successful, it could be run by private enterprise. He thought Mr. Butcher's letter was ambiguous in some respects as to the price - and he wondered if the bonds would sell. If this will involve the City's credit, Mayor Isen said he cannot vote for it. Councilman Miller thought these problems are premature. Councilman Lyman made the point that this is the last opportunity the City will have to acquire such a large piece of property and its purchase could solve many problems, including having the property for some need in the future while using it for recreational purposes in the meantime.

A lease-purchase agreement cannot be executed without a willing seller and a willing buyer, Mr. Beasley said; it cannot be on the basis of condemnation. These matters will be taken care of in the feasibility study and Mr. Butcher will have to make a decision to accept the appraised value of the property before any agreement can be made. He will also have to wait contingent on the selling of the bonds.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion, which was seconded by Councilman Lyman, was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

33. This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

34. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JERRY R. CANFIELD FOR HIS ASSISTANCE TO THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-236 in perma plaque form. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

35. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO PAT MORIARITY OF RED DEVIL FIREWORKS COMPANY FOR HIS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTINUOUS SUCCESS OF EACH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-237 and in perma plaque form. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Vico.

36. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO GEORGE S. WING FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH HIS CONTINUOUS INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-238 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

37. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO HI-SHEAR CORPORATION FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTINUOUS SUCCESS OF EACH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-239 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

37A. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Councilman Beasley proposed and moved that a perma plaque resolution also be prepared to commend Jerry Russell who will soon become State Traffic Engineer and who has been very helpful to the City of Torrance. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

The wording and title of the resolution will be prepared in accordance with Mr. Beasley's wishes and it is considered to have been adopted and assigned the number 67-240.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

38. ORDINANCE NO. 1819:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss presented for second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1819

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 684 ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1819 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

39. City Manager Ferraro announced that City Librarian West had gone to York, Pennsylvania, because of the death of his mother.

40. Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield said the Rolling Hills Plaza Merchants Association wishes to conduct a promotional carnival on Airport land, Jefferson lease 3A, October 26th through 29th, complying with all the City's regulatory requirements. He requested on their behalf permission of the City as landlord. The Airport Department would recommend approval subject to the usual conditions.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the request; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

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Councilman Sciarrotta excused himself from the balance of the meeting.

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41. Councilman Lyman spoke of an area in which he feels there has been a deficiency in the City - that of Public Information. The purpose would be to make the public award of various City programs. He said the only Department which he feels has done a real job in this respect is the Recreational Department. He moved that a Public Information Program be adopted; that the Staff through City Manager Ferraro recommend a program to the Council of the scope and funding; that such recommendation be transmitted to the Finance Committee for study as to feasibility.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, providing this information officer is part of the City Manager's office and subject to Council hiring. Councilman Lyman said his motion was only for study and a recommendation.

Mayor Isen disapproved; he felt this would be a propaganda machine with political implications and at prohibitive cost, even thinking only of the cost of mailings to 30,000 homes.

Councilman Miller thought it would merit at least investigation and Councilman Talbert said he could see uses for such a program.

Roll call vote on the motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Talbert

NOES: Mayor Isen

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico and Sciarrotta.

42. Councilman Miller appointed Philip Lisman to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement.

43. Councilman Talbert re-appointed Claude Hendrix to the same Committee, stating his term would soon expire.

George Lewison, President of the Citizens Advisory Committee, said he thought there should be some representative from the Del Amo District and Mayor Isen asked for any suggestions he might have.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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