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Council Meeting held Tuesday, March 19, 1968, 5:30 p.m.

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Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Torrance, California  
March 19, 1968

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 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 1968, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen. Councilman Beasley was absent because of illness. Also in attendance were City Manager Ferraro, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bill Brady who represents the City's insurance carrier, Lund Company, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Thomas Griffith of the Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 12, 1968, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

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 further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Ralph Grippo, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce introduced Miss Torrance of 1968, Sharon Terrill and thanked the Council for its support of the Miss Torrance Pageant.

Mayor Isen spoke of the excellent representation which Miss Susie Foster gave Torrance for her two years' reign and moved that a permanent resolution be prepared for presentation to her. Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1853

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ACTS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO CHANGES OF ZONE, VARIANCES, WAIVERS, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, PRECISE PLANS AND OTHER PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1853 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1854

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 95.3.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE THAT HELICOPTER LANDING FACILITIES MAY BE CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED IN CERTAIN ZONES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN OTHER RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE CODE; AND AMENDING SECTION 98.1.8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTION d) TO EXEMPT THE "AERONAUTICAL AREA" FROM THE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS THEREIN.

Councilman Talbert moved to approve Ordinance No. 1854 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

10. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re overlapping land uses, etc.

Councilman Lyman said he is not opposed to the principle involved, but what is being done will affect more than one person - people who have plans in process to build some kind of structure. Councilman

Talbert believed if the plans are reasonable and represent the highest and best use of the property the owners would be able to get a change of zone or a variance. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council could instruct the Building and Safety Superintendent to apply the ordinance only so as to exclude those whose plans were in process at this time. Some procedure would have to be established to determine which those are. This has been done in previous matters, Mayor Isen pointed out. Mr. McKinnon said in the past, he has been instructed that where evidence can be shown that the work has started on plans or specifications prior to the ordinance adoption date, that the old regulations would apply.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1855

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 91.20.1, 91.20.5, 91.21.1, 91.21.2, 91.30.1, 91.31.1 AND ADDING SECTION 95.3.22 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN OVERLAPPING LAND USES WITH EXCEPTIONS; EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL USES FROM COMMERCIAL ZONES WITH EXCEPTIONS; EXCLUDING COMMERCIAL USES FROM MANUFACTURING ZONES WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1855 at its first reading. Councilman Talbert, but the motion failed as follows:  
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Talbert, Mayor Isen.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Vico.  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

(Councilman Lyman first noted in favor of the approval of ordinance No. 1855 and then changed his vote to "No", causing its failure, and this action did not meet with Mayor Isen's approval although he acknowledged that Mr. Lyman has the right to do this.)

11. COMMUNICATION FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR regarding the Planning Commission's request that the City Council, City Manager and City Attorney investigate the County's tax assessments in the Victor Precinct area.

Mayor Isen said someone should inquire whether or not it is true that the County Assessor is now taxing land based on some assumed future use. City Manager Ferraro said his office is working with someone in the County Assessor's office toward determining this. Councilman Talbert believed there should be a straight "Yes" or "No" answer; there seems to be nothing to investigate. He suggested a letter be written to County Assessor Watson asking on what basis he assesses property in this regard.

Councilman Talbert moved to direct the City Manager to write a letter on behalf of the Torrance City Council, asking Mr. Watson on what basis he assesses land - its value today, or at some future time. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET, CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT NO. 13822. Recommendation of Public Works Director that attached resolution be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES A PORTION OF TRACT NO. 13822 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTION "CRENSHAW BOULEVARD".

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-54 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Talbert asked about getting rights of way from the Naval Station property, but Public Works Director Nollac said this is at a different location. Mr. Nollac and City Manager Ferraro provided satisfactory answers to Mr. Talbert's question.

13. IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM 182nd TO 190th STREETS: Recommendation of Public Works Director that attached resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors provide \$100,000 in Highway-Through-Cities Funds for project be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM "HIGHWAY-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM NORTH OF 182ND STREET TO 190TH STREET.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-55 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 82. Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) developer, R. G. Garland, who installed sewer in 188th Street be reimbursed \$567.50 from Sewer Revolving Fund and (2) Sewer Reimbursement District No. 82, with connection charge of \$6 per front foot be established to recover the cost of sewer construction.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in both of the recommendations stated above and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. RECOMMENDATION RE DELETION OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION POINTS on promotional examinations.

The recommendation of the Personnel Director, concurred in by the City Manager, is to refer this matter to the City Attorney for preparation of an amendment to the Civil Service Ordinance. Councilman Miller moved to concur therein; his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and there was no objection.

16. There was no Item 16 on the agenda.

ELECTION MATTERS:

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION ordering canvass of election returns.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CANVASS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 1968, TO BE MADE BY THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Vico moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-56 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-56 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following seven listed expenditures:

A. BUDGETED:

- 1. \$336.00 to Zumar Industries for 25 traffic control signs requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
- 2. \$715.87 to J. Jones Co. for 6 only hydrant heads requested by the Water Department.
- 3. \$891.61 to Howard Supply Co. for miscellaneous plumbing materials requested by the Building Maintenance Department to replumb the Torrance Plunge.
- 4. \$1,249.50 to Econolite Corp. for 7 only loop detectors requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department, a gas tax project and part of the signal upgrading program approved by Council from the No. 2106 Gas Tax Fund.
- 5. \$540.79 to Industrial Electric Co. for miscellaneous electrical maintenance supplies requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEM:

- 6. \$719.25 to Hersey-Sparling Co. for one only 8 inch flow check detector to L. A. City design. Money has been received for this service from the Excellon Service Co.

C. SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY ITEM:

- 7. \$483.85 to Bro-Dart Inc. for 1589 sets of special book processing kits requested by the City Librarian.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert,  
Vico and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

- 19. CLAIM OF ALVIN N. THOMPSON against the City for damages to his vehicle on March 5, 1968.
- 20. Claim of Emmett J. Ho against the City for damages allegedly sustained as result of traffic collision with employee, March 7, 1968 at Torrance Boulevard and Crenshaw.
- 21. Claim of H. Douglas York against the City for car damages that occurred February 26, 1968 at the City Hall Parking Lot.

The recommendation on each of the items numbered 19, 20 and 21 by the City Clerk is to deny and refer to the City Attorney. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation as to each of the three items; Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

- 22. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK RE FIRE INSURANCE expiring March 28, 1968.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of City Clerk Coil: As each company meets the established requirements, the recommendation of the City Clerk that the quotation of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Lund Co. Broker of Record, for City fire insurance be accepted, at an annual premium of \$3,735 based on a five year policy term, subject to review, and that all other quotations be rejected. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

- 23. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement between the City and Earl Heitschmidt and Associates.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EARL HEITSCHMIDT AND ASSOCIATES FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL ADDITION PROJECT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-57, including approval of a recommendation by Finance Director Dundore "That \$24,000 previously appropriated for remodeling the existing building including the addition of an elevator be reappropriated for the City Hall addition architectural fees." Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

- 24. PROPOSED RESOLUTION appointing an independent auditor for the 1967-68 fiscal year.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number

and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-58

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COTTON AND FRANCISCO, FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1967-68.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-58 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

25. 1967-73 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Request for Council approval of six-year Capital Improvement Program.

Mayor Isen commented that the 1967-68 Capital Improvement Program had already been approved and there seems no urgency to go through this voluminous six-year program tonight. He suggested this be tabled until after the new Council has been sworn in. Personally, he doubts the advisability of expending money for a civic auditorium, especially in view of the recently completed auditorium at El Camino College which is for community cultural activities. Rather, he would think the approximately \$200,000 being held could be used to enlarge Joslyn Center. He moved to table the study of the future capital improvements over and above the year that has been approved, until a convenient time, about 90 days from now. Councilman Lyman seconded; there was no objection.

26. ANNUAL AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND EQUIPMENT SHOW IN LAS VEGAS, May 12-15, 1968. Request of Street and Sanitation Superintendents to attend, with \$150 each allowed for expenses. The City Manager recommends that a City vehicle be used for travel to and from the conference.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request as set forth and as above recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

27. RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER TO DENY AND OF AIRPORT COMMISSION TO APPROVE William Bergsjo's request for approval of subtenancy on the Kidwell leasehold.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this matter to the Airport Committee of the Council and his motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert. There was no objection.

28. RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER AND AIRPORT COMMISSION TO APPROVE Jule Executive Transport Inc.'s request for subtenancy on the Nallick leasehold.

Mayor Isen moved that this item also be referred to the Airport Committee of the Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and there was no objection.

29. AIRPORT MANAGER AND AIRPORT COMMISSION SUBMITTING RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF V & W TRAILER SALES request for extension of one year to their lease agreement.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested extension. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

30. AIRPORT MANAGER AND AIRPORT COMMISSION submitting their recommendation for approval of assignment of Mack Johnston's T-Hangar lease T-41 to Leon Jones.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval; his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and there was no objection.

31. AIRPORT MANAGER submitting for approval Amendment No. 1 to grant agreement for Federal Airport Aid Project 9-04-123-D504 increasing the maximum obligation of the United States by \$5,955.28.

This is the project for land acquisition, construction of holding and parking aprons, field lighting and related items in the development of the Airport and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT NO. 9-04-123-D504 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE MAXIMUM OBLIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES SET FORTH IN THE GRANT AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON JUNE 23, 1965.

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-59 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

32. RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER RE REPLACEMENT OF GLASS IN THE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER CAB.

The recommendations are:

A. That the Airport Manager be authorized and directed to replace all twelve existing thermopane units in the control tower cab with 3/4" plate glass.

B. That the City Council accept the low bid of Imperial Glass Company in the amount of \$6,784.00 for the replacement of said cab glass in the Torrance Airport Control Tower per specification included in bid No. 68-8; and reject all other bids.

C. That the Finance Director be instructed to transfer \$1,800.00 from the Airport Unappropriated Surplus to Airport Operating Account No. 80-9523-3300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to all three recommendations and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

BUS SYSTEM:

33A. SALE OF MUNICIPAL BUS LINES: Cover letter from City Attorney re Purchase Agreement, Bill of sale and Assignment of Contracts.

Councilman Miller read a prepared statement setting forth many of the aspects of the bus lines transaction from which he has reached the conclusion that a compromise would be advisable. Information from the Finance Director to the effect that a ten cent fare increase would cut the cost to an acceptable figure and put the expense, or part of it on the people who actually use the bus lines. Councilman Miller moved to increase bus fares by ten cents and continue to operate the bus lines for a period of six months at the end of which time the Council would again review the matter and determine whether the raise in fares has materially reduced the overall expense of operation to the extent which seems to be indicated. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and read six reasons for his supporting Councilman Miller's motion.

Mayor Isen approved of the motion and called attention further to Item 34 on the agenda by which bus service is requested for the eastern side of the Riviera section of Torrance. In addition to a review at the end of six months, he thought everything should be done to improve the service and publicize it. A number of letters have come to Mayor Isen all in favor of keeping the bus system and he read from one of those letters some very practical suggestions for publicizing and establishing favorable routes and schedules.

In the opinion of Councilman Talbert, the Council has a responsibility to the larger number of people of Torrance; those who ride the buses should pay for the service. The Finance Director has said a 20¢ increase would offset the deficit. Mr. Talbert said he has investigated the bus business and learned a number of reasons why the City of Torrance's Municipal Bus Lines is not a profitable operation. He contrasted the situation in Torrance with that which prevails in Santa Monica. Also, the Bus Superintendent has said three new buses should be put into service in Torrance and Mr. Talbert agreed that it is not economically wise to continue to use old equipment. Councilman Miller spoke again in favor of compromising in order to keep the bus system under local control. He would not intend to cut off any negotiations with SCRTD, but what those negotiations would be would depend on the situation as of six months from now. Councilman Sciarrotta repeated his reasons for favoring a compromise although he believes \$110,000 cost is too much for the City to bear.

Councilman Vico asked Bus Superintendent Chamberlain a number of questions dealing with the schedule of the various routes as compared with other bus lines through Torrance. Mr. Chamberlain explained what is involved. The Torrance buses for instance on Hawthorne Boulevard, are heading for a different destination than those of the other companies.

Orin P. Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst Avenue, spoke from the standpoint of what is to be done with the bus department employees, the public relations factors, etc. and suggested that the Council carry Councilman Miller's motion a step farther by hiring professional consultants to study what should be done. That, Councilman Miller thought would not be objectionable, but he would prefer to refer that phase to the City Manager to obtain some information.

Mrs. Gertrude Eustace, 5320 Bindewald, a regular Torrance bus rider, also read her statement. She favors a complete overhaul of the bus system and told many reasons for her opinion. People will use a system which will take them where they wish to go and in the least elapsed time. They are not averse to paying for such a service, Mrs. Eustace said, and she has no objection to the 10¢ fare increase proposed.

Next to speak was Blayne Asher, 4608 Pacific Coast Highway, and he expressed the opinion that these compromises and suggestions could have been brought out earlier and thus avoid making this a political issue. He would favor an outside study and believed the people might want to vote an override such as was done in Long Beach and they should be given the full facts and an opportunity to decide. He urged that the people be given a chance to vote on this.

Mr. Sam Hunegs, representing Local No. 1117, Torrance City Employees said there is no dissension among the City employees; some proposals were made which have been withdrawn as to the "white" ordinance. He would like to have Councilman Miller add to his motion a mandate for immediate review of the bus routes. Mayor Isen advised that would have to be by separate motion.

Mr. G. W. Webb, representing the Civic Coordinating Council of New Horizons, said there are about 600 families now in the development and with the addition of other houses along Maple Avenue, there would be a need for transportation. He offered the services of the group he represents in any survey which may be needed. In this regard, Mayor Isen thought it might be well to form committees from various neighborhoods to work with the Bus Department.

Mr. Leo Salisbury, a candidate for the council, said two years ago when he was a candidate before, he proposed that the deficit in the bus system be handled by a strong merchandising program. Not enough was done evidently. He proposed now that there be a sale under the most favorable terms possible, if those employees who wish to remain with the City are fairly treated. The \$100,000 plus which is now a loss to the community, could then be divided half each to the Police Department and the Fire Department for training, new equipment, etc.

Roll call on Councilman Miller's motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Talbert

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Philip Joseph, President of the Torrance Police Officers Association, suggested some sort of amendment to the motion, but this was not in order.

Councilman Lyman pointed out that the SCRTD did not come to the City of Torrance with its offer to buy, voluntarily, but under pressure from the State legislature, as a condition to considering any matter of subsidy. He believes sale of the buses to SCRTD is in the best interests of the City and the taxpayers and that service would be improved with elimination of competing lines. Mr. Lyman said a very vocal minority has thrown up all these stumbling blocks, but has not offered a single solution to the problem. It is a most important step and one in which all the citizens should have a say. He moved that the question of sale of the bus system be placed on the ballot at the June 4th election. Councilman Talbert seconded the motion. City Attorney Remelmeyer was asked to check and see if there is time to put this measure on the June 4th ballot.

Mayor Isen complained that this motion is inconsistent with the one made by Councilman Miller and just passed. To go on any ballot would cost around \$10,000. Why not go along with the compromise and see what happens during the six months?

Any increase in fares, as set forth in Mr. Miller's motion, will have to be advertised for thirty days. Mayor Isen moved to table Mr. Lyman's motion, but there was no second.

Mr. Asher spoke again and denied that the opposition is in the minority. There is no reason to panic and try to solve this in such a hurry but it is proper to take it to the people for decision.

Mayor Isen again moved to table Councilman Lyman's motion because he said even if it did pass, there would still be a difficult problem regarding the civil service employees, the three different ordinances (printed on white, buff and blue paper, respectively). Again, there was no second.

Roll call vote on Councilman Lyman's motion was:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico and Mayor Isen  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Councilman Talbert chided Mayor Isen for insinuating that the Council is being loose with the people's money, especially since it would be quite expensive to bring the lawsuit which Mayor Isen has mentioned as being necessary, and which would undoubtedly have to go to a higher court for adjudication. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would not necessarily have to go to the appellate court.

At 7 p.m., a recess was declared and the Council returned to its agenda at 7:15 p.m.

After returning, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council there would still have to be a lawsuit even if the matter is placed on the ballot and the people vote to sell the system, unless it is placed on the ballot by a 6 out of 7 vote - 5 out of the 6 members present here tonight. Unless one who voted against the motion, changes his vote, there would still have to be a Writ of Mandate. Councilman Vico thereupon changed his vote to "Yes" and the motion carried 5 to 1, to meet the requirements of the Hughes decision.

Councilman Talbert said he believed it might be wise to go through the procedure for reconsideration and Mr. Remelmeyer agreed. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to reconsider the vote on Councilman Lyman's motion; Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Councilman Lyman repeated his motion; Councilman Talbert again seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Mayor Isen said he had previously moved that the item be placed on the April 9th ballot but was unable to get a second to his motion. Councilman Miller said the whole concept has changed in the interim.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection. The time was 7:20 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m., Council returned to its agenda and Mayor Isen moved, in light of the discussion before the Redevelopment Agency, that the Council advise the City Manager and Management to employ no persons as right of way negotiators in the Pueblo area who have had any connection at all with the Meadow Park Project.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. Remelmeyer if this man (Krenzer) can appraise land any place other than the urban renewal area. City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Krenzer is not an appraiser; he is a right of way negotiator and he can work for anyone in any part of the City or the State, for that matter. Councilman Miller complimented the Council on the fact that no one had seconded Mayor Isen's motion which could possibly harm some innocent person or deprive him of his means of livelihood, for political reasons.

34. PETITION re bus service on eastern side of the Riviera section of Torrance.

Mayor Isen said this would be considered as having been included with 33A and B.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

35. Request of Torrance Beautiful Commission to purchase \$25 Savings Bond for sweepstakes winner in essay contest.

Councilman Lyman moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

36. RECOMMENDATION OF CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE re Utilities Committee.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this would be referred to the City Manager; Councilman Sciarrotta suggested there be a subcommittee of the CACCI. Mr. Ferraro said data is being collected as to what other cities are doing; in any event there will be CACCI representation on whatever committee is formed.

37. COMMUNICATION FROM YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION re Los Angeles County Delinquency and Crime Commission.

The Chairman of the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission, Sandy Norman explained the program and the request along the lines of his letter dated March 12, 1968 and Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation contained in that letter, as a matter of policy, with the details to be worked out later and referred to the Youth Welfare Commission for a complete report and recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

38. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1968, with proposed resolution of intention.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE, DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND

IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY  
ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTEN-  
TION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-60 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

39. RESOLUTION authorizing abatement of weeds on properties included in Resolution No. 68-48.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. It was stated there are no exceptions.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Posting and of Mailing and there being no objection, they were ordered filed, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Lyman moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR  
OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR  
IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS  
DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 68-48.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-61 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. City Manager Ferraro called attention to Information Item C dealing with the Airport Plaza lease and the Jack-in-the-Box proposal. He suggested that the Council give the Planning Commission and instruction to "take a look at the zoning there" to avoid the type of involvement which has occurred in the past at this location.

Mayor Isen recalled the misunderstanding at the time Clancy's went in there because of a lease with Hody's which had been permitted to expire. There was no objection to such a directive as suggested by Mr. Ferraro.

41. City Clerk Coil read a letter from the Planning Department and W. R. Zappas asking that a zone change hearing be set at a 5:30 Council meeting. Mayor Isen said it should be at an 8:00 o'clock meeting and Planning Director Shartle agreed that is the regular course. The letter was ordered filed, there being no objection, and the hearing will come to the Council, probably April 23rd, Mr. Shartle said.

42. City Clerk Coil asked if the Council would appoint Councilmen Sciarrotta and Miller to act as members of an accuracy board for the general election April 9th, inasmuch as they are not candidates this year. There was no objection.

43. Councilman Lyman asked that an alternate be appointed to act on the Public Works Committee during the absence of Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen offered to so act, if the meetings are held at reasonable hours, or the committee can operate with a membership of two. Another solution would be to appoint two alternates, Councilmen Talbert and Sciarrotta, with whichever one can do so attending. Councilman Sciarrotta volunteered.

44. Councilman Sciarrotta referred to some statement made by a candidate for Council membership - that there is not enough police patrolling the City. An actual check was taken and it was shown that eleven cars were patrolling at that particular moment. The candidate was convinced of the inaccuracy of his information.

45. Councilman Talbert had a letter from a real estate company about an application for a license to operate a used furniture type business at 1407 Cravens Avenue. She was told it had to be checked out by Planning prior to issuing the license. On March 14th (a week later) she paid the license fee, received it and assumed she was in business. That afternoon she received a message from City Hall that the store was in the wrong zone and she would not be allowed to operate without a variance. She had signed a year's lease and stocked a lot of merchandise. Mr. Talbert said, quoting from the letter, that this is no way to improve the bad situation in downtown Torrance.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon said some of the statements are not accurate. He stated that because it would be retail sale of used materials, there must be a hearing before the License Review Board. That Board granted her permission to sell used materials at the location subject to all other conditions of the City. As of the close of business today, Mr. McKinnon said he has been informed she has never obtained a business license. It was discovered that she was not in the proper zone and the message left for her was to that effect. This is a matter which should have come out at the License Review Board hearing but did not. This is a C-1 zone and used furniture sales are not permitted without a variance. Councilman Miller asked if it would not be possible to grant a conditional use permit subject to her meeting the conditions of the City, in this strictly commercial area. Mayor Isen expressed the opinion that it is the same old thing - too much red tape. This building has been vacant for at least two years. Some different method of handling this part of town must be devised. Mayor Isen speaks from personal experience in dealing with his family's property in downtown Torrance. He would favor permitting the store to open pending a determination of this matter. Mr. Shartle said public hearings would be required, but it could be done by a conditional use permit which would take perhaps three weeks. Council might permit her to operate on a temporary basis pending outcome of the hearings. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no procedure to put into effect what the Council seems to want. Mr. Lyman moved this person be granted a temporary license and be allowed to operate. There was no second. In the meantime the City Attorney was asked to research the law. Roll call on the motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Mayor Isen  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico  
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Talbert  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley

and it did not carry.

46. Councilman Talbert asked Mayor Isen for some clarification of a statement which the newspapers had accredited to him about the widening of Carson Street in the downtown area. He felt that Staff had not been given a fair break. Mayor Isen pointed out that newspaper articles do not necessarily report the whole story, statements are taken out of context and at any rate whatever he may have said was his personal view and not a statement of council or official policy. One of the plans presented was to eliminate all parking on the south side of Carson Street where there is already a tremendous parking problem and this plan would only antagonize the people, the small merchants in the neighborhood. Councilman Lyman said on the other hand, the more people who go through a neighborhood, the more will possibly stop and traverse its streets.

Councilman Miller who was present at the meeting under discussion as a member of the Public Works Committee said he favored the plan which Mayor Isen is criticizing. The purpose of the meeting was to give the concerned merchants a voice in what is to be done, and Councilman Miller complimented Traffic Engineer Horkay's presentation. There is no financial problem because of the Gas Tax Fund's availability.

47. Councilman Vico appointed to fill a vacancy on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, Gerald Morris, 3601 West 182nd Street, Torrance. This is an absolute appointment.

48. Councilman Vico also brought up the discrepancy having to do with the 2½% pay increase for all City employees which went into effect on January 1st and which evidently is not being put into effect in a complete and equal manner. He moved that the City Attorney amend Ordinance No. 1838 to provide that all employees are paid the 2½% increase and that this amendment be made retroactive to January 1st of this year.

Finance Director Dundore said he and the President of the Torrance City Employees Association, Ray Saukkola, had been unable to resolve the differences. A report will be on the agenda for next week's Council meeting. At the request of Mr. Saukkola, the time was extended to two weeks from tonight.

49. Councilman Vico referred to a man who was illegally operating on the Airport and asked for an explanation. This was referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer and Mr. Remelmeyer said he had reached a decision which will be carried out this week, to file an injunctive action.

Mr. Pete McCarroll, 2131 Santa Cruz Court, Torrance, said this is not a civil matter. He and his previous partner had differences and dissolved the partnership. Now that partner is operating without a permit. Mr. Remelmeyer said that is a matter for the court's decision. He prefers to use the civil to the criminal process, and City Prosecutor McNary agrees. Mr. McCarroll said also that his former partner does not have adequate insurance as required by the City.

50. Mayor Isen said there still remains a dangerous spot where the barricades were placed near Sir Rogers bar on Atkinson Avenue. He said the barricades should be extended and Public Works Director Nollac said he would look into the possibility. Planning Director Shartle said Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is about to apply to the Planning Commission for a conditional use permit to build an exchange on the property north of that developed property where the Taco place is - south of Sir Rogers they are leasing property for parking and as a part of the conditional use permit the Commission will be considering the whole package and the street will be cleaned up. A storm drain has been authorized by Council for this immediate area.

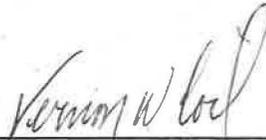
51. Mayor Isen's next oral communication dealt with a "confidential" message sent to him and to each of the councilmen by the City Attorney and the City Manager asking if they would prefer to have the bus matter come up on an agenda before or after the election April 9th. There was considerable criticism of the action, but no decision was announced.

52. Officer Philip Joseph, President of the Torrance Police Officers Association, spoke of a personnel matter which he was advised to write up and send through proper channels. It had been his understanding that the police department employees do not have a grievance procedure and he asked if this is true, or not true.

Chief Koenig agreed there should be an internal grievance procedure but the mechanics for establishing one are rather complex and are being worked on. City Manager Ferraro said the specific grievance related by Officer Joseph is a serious one and he was asked to write it up in detail. The matter of the procedure is another thing entirely. The Police and Fire Committee is working on the procedure for grievances, along with the City Manager's office. Councilman Miller asked the City Manager to furnish to Officer Joseph the policy, or instruct Personnel Director Donovan to furnish the procedure which is now in existence to him.

53. Dick Miller, realtor who represents the lady who wishes to open a used furniture store on Cravens Avenue, asked if the Council would consider waiving the \$50 fee, but he was told this is impossible.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance