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Torrance, California
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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 on Tuesday, June 11, 1968, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Sheila Brewster, wife of Planning Commissioner George Brewster, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Arthur Nagel, First United Methodist Church, substituting for Minister of the Month Reverend Daniel B. Weaver, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 23, 1968 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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 Uerkwitz, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilman Sciarrotta announced that a meeting of the Committee on Commissions will hold a meeting, the date and hour dependent on

the pending date to be set for budget hearings at this meeting. When that is determined, this announcement can be made.

Former Mayor of the City of Torrance, Mr. Mervyn Schwab, who is presently a member of the Water Commission, was introduced by Mayor Isen. Mr. Schwab responded, acknowledging his enjoyable years in Torrance, and expressing his hope that this Council will keep up the good work which has made Torrance the best place in this part of the country to live.

Mr. J. Walker Owen, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, presented the latest version of a map for the City of Torrance, urging those interested to avail themselves of copies of this current and up-to-date publication.

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A brief explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen.

Attention was then directed to necessary budget study sessions for the Council, the dates were discussed, and the following resulted: Mayor Isen MOVED that the budget study sessions be held in the Council Chambers in open Council meeting on Wednesday, June 12th; Thursday, June 13; Friday, June 14th, at 4:00 P.M., with the fourth session on Saturday, June 15th at 9:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon announced that the Committee on Commissions would meet on Thursday, June 13th, at 3:30 P.M.

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In an attempt to expedite the substantial agenda, the regular agenda order was dispensed with for the remainder of the evening, and the items were considered in the order that follows.

FOR APPROVAL:

- 35. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - SANDBLASTING, GUNITING, RECAULKING AND PLASTERING OF VICTOR E. BENSTEAD PLUNGE.

City Manager Ferraro advised that this item had been withdrawn.

- 48. (3 RESOLUTIONS)
RESOLUTION amending Resolution No. 64-242 which establishes "No Stopping Anytime" restrictions, by adding a location thereto.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-116
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-242 WHICH ESTABLISHES "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" RESTRICTIONS, BY ADDING A LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-116. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION repealing Section 34 of Resolution No. 63-33 which established "No Parking Anytime" restrictions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SEC. 34 OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, WHICH ESTABLISHES "NO PARKING ANYTIME" RESTRICTIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-117; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION repealing Section 34 of Resolution No. 63-33 which established "No Parking Anytime" restrictions.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SEC. 34 OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-118. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 36. Request from City Librarian for continued use of bond funds for processing costs.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 37. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN 234TH STREET.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Director (1) That the Council accept the work on the subject improvement; and (2) That final payment be made to the contractor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 38. SUBSTITUTION OF SURETY BOND FOR CASH DEPOSIT IN TRACT #30060

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Director that a surety bond be accepted in lieu of the \$5,000 cash deposit previously made and that the cash deposit be released. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 40. Recommendation of City Manager re: Sale of City Property.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation re: sale of City Property, the certain lots located on Via Valmonte. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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42. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300

A. BUDGETED

1. \$340.20 to J. Jones Company for 300 copper couplings requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
2. \$320.25 to Jamison, Inc. for two (2) pieces of playground equipment called concrete "play arcs" requested by the Recreation Department for use at the Torrance Park.
3. \$642.60 to Morris Kirk and Son, Inc. for 4000 pounds of caulking lead requested by the Water Department to be used for stock "as needed".
4. \$360.58 to Mack Truck, Inc., Los Angeles, for an emergency transmission repair of Fire Truck #106 requested by the Fire Department.
5. \$311.60 to Asarco Federated Metals Division for 2000 pounds of ammunition lead requested by the Police Department for reloading purposes.
6. \$426.26 to Ascot Business Systems for the supplying and printing of 68,000 City business cards as requested by the various City departments.
7. \$1680.00 to R.G. Arnold Company for replacing floor tile in City buildings.

B. SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY BOOKS

8. \$793.80 to H.W. Wilson Company for four (4) sets of "Current Biography" Yearbooks - Volumes 1940-1967.
9. \$324.00 to the Kirkus Service, Inc. for six (6) one-year subscriptions. This service includes a special preview release of new books which are to be published.
10. \$964.32 to Independent Magazine Company for 1865 paper-books.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the above listed 10 items of expense. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

43. AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR:

- A. Fertilizer and Top Dressing, B68-31
- B. Weed Killers, B68-32
- C. Insecticides, B68-30

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director, rejecting all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

44. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Custodial Supplies, B68-17.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director, rejecting all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

45. Award of Contract - Publication of Legal Advertising, 1968-69

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk to accept the low bid submitted by the South Bay Daily Breeze and approve awarding a contract for the next fiscal year, and that all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Letter re: City Selection Committee - SCRTD, asking Council to rescind appointment of Andy Anderson.

Councilman Beasley moved to confirm Councilman Miller as the City's representative on the City Selection Committee, SCRTD, with Councilman Uerkwitz to serve as alternate. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

41. Recommendation of City Manager re: Obsolete "Welcome to Torrance" signs with report from Traffic and Lighting Dept.

Councilman Johnson moved to authorize removal of the subject signs, concurring with the recommendation of the City Manager. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

46. RESOLUTION extending the assessment amounts in Street Lighting District #11.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC & LIGHTING ENGINEER: CONFIRMING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN SAID REPORT: OVER-RULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 66-142; ORDERING THE WORK AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICE NECESSARY TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND ILLUMINATE BY ELECTRIC ENERGY THE STREET LIGHTS AS SHOWN ON SAID DIAGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1966, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1969; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR: AND EMPOWERING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTIONS FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDING. (STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 11)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-119. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-119. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

47. RESOLUTION extending the assessment amounts in Street Lighting District #12.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 68-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC & LIGHTING ENGINEER, DATED JULY 11, 1967, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 67-168 DATED AUGUST 1, 1967, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF, CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-11-67 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 12, FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS. (STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 12)

Councilman Wilson moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-120, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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68-120
Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-120; seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

9. ORDINANCE granting Pacific Coast Gasoline Company a Franchise to construct, operate and maintain pipelines for the transportation of hydrocarbon substances.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter, and there was no response.

Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1881

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO THE PACIFIC COAST GASOLINE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1881 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Representing Pacific Coast Gasoline Company, Mr. Edmund Reed, 1118 Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington, requested permission to proceed with the work pending final adoption of the above ordinance, with the company willing to assume any and all responsibility and hold the City harmless from any damages which might result. City Attorney

Remelmeyer advised that there have been other instances where this has been done, and Pacific Coast Gasoline Company would be assuming the risk; the only problem would be the insurance and indemnity provision which could be obtained separately from Mr. Reed, then instructing the City Engineer to allow them to have a permit on the basis that the franchise is awarded. Mr. Reed expressed the willingness of his company to indemnify by proper insurance in an amount to be recommended by the City Attorney, if this request is granted. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED approval of the request, subject to insurance indemnifying the City in an amount that the City Attorney would recommend. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

- 10. ZONE CHANGE 68-12, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.
Change of zone from M-1 to A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, RR-3, R-4, R-5, R-P, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-R, P-D, P-1, M-1, or M-2. Property located on both sides of Torrance Boulevard at the westerly City boundary. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Affidavit of Publication and Posting was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter.

Mr. Dale Cushman, 4806 Carmelynn, came forward to request further clarification regarding the proposed zone change. Mayor Isen directed that he and Planning Director Shartle confer in the adjoining room, and consideration would be directed to another agenda item.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12. ORDINANCE providing for appeal on conditional use permits.

Mayor Isen recommended that the notification of Planning Commission action on conditional use permits be sent by mail, rather than placed in the Council boxes. Councilman Miller so moved; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1882

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 95.2.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "APPEAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL" AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 95.2.4 WITH THE SAME TITLE IN ORDER TO REGULATE THE PROCEDURE OF APPEAL ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1882 at its first reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 11. ORDINANCE adding Article 3, entitled Temporary Use Permits, to Chapter 4 of Division 9 of the Torrance Code.

Mayor Isen stated that he felt the Planning Commission had a good point in their feeling that the granting of a temporary use permit would be tantamount to approval of the variance.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for denial, and that the ordinance be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen then requested that Planning Director Shartle give some thought to a method that would not be tantamount to a change of zone or variance and yet afford relief. City Manager Ferraro pointed out the efforts underway in downtown Torrance by the Businessmen's Association; the efforts of the Citizens' Advisory Committee were noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, and discussion followed on the fate of this area. Mayor Isen stated that he had given thought to a type of light manufacturing, such as the garment industry for the downtown area; in any event, it was the consensus of opinion that the situation deserved a special look by the Planning Department.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Planning Department be instructed to participate in the downtown area on a Planning basis in conjunction with the business group and the Citizens' Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

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The Council now resumed consideration of Item #10:

- 10. Mr. Dale Cushman returned, following satisfactory clarification, to state that his primary concern is that there would be sufficient recreational area.

Mr. Lew Jenkins, District Manager, Southern California Edison Company, 505 Maple Avenue, Torrance, referred to their property on Torrance Boulevard proposed for C-R zoning, and stated that inasmuch as all of the property located easterly of theirs on the same side of the street is zoned C-3, it appears incongruous that their property should be zoned C-R. Despite his indication to the Planning Commission that C-R zoning would cause them no particular pain, Mr. Jenkins feels at this time, justifiably, that their property should be zoned either C-2 or C-3, pointing out as well the nearby boundary line for the City of Redondo Beach. Discussion followed on the best zoning for this particular property, including review of the Planning Commission recommendations.

Next to speak was Mr. Eugene Parasini, 20923 Annrita Avenue, who noted the difference between the Edison property and the property lying to the east, in that there is an R-3 area with apartment houses as a buffer behind the C-3, and before the R-1 zone; such is not the case with the Edison property, with R-1 houses directly behind this area.

Mr. Philip Sayre, 21013 Annrita, stated that the neighborhood concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Commission as being consistent with their needs and with the needs of the City.

Reference to a drainage ditch behind the Edison property by Mr. Jenkins in his earlier remarks was questioned by Mrs. Philip Sayre, 21013 Annrita, whose home is approximately 25 ft. from the Edison property, and she has never observed such a buffer.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Various questions were directed to Planning Director Shartle: pertaining to the "X"-type zoning, the method of applying an overlay zoning, the effect of C-R zoning with the indication in the same action that it would become zoned C-3 upon adoption of a precise plan on the property.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department, with the understanding that in reference to the C-R zoning, the applicant may come in for C-3 zoning provided there is a precise plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was then offered by Councilman Johnson: That the subject property be zoned C-3 subject to a precise plan with an overlay of R-5 controlled. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. It failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Isen then called for roll call vote on the main motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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At 9:15 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a 10-minute general recess. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and approval was unanimous.

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- 13. Communication from City Attorney re: Recording of Zoning Conditions.

Requested information noted and ordered filed.

- 14. Request of Gilbert D. Sellan for permission to proceed with a 76-unit apartment project located between Newton Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilman Uerkwitz pointed out that this was the type of situation discussed at the time the ordinance was passed, and, therefore, MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to grant relief in this case and that the building permit be issued forthwith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 20. Request of Torino Construction Company to build an apartment house project in a C-2 zone.

The hardship aspect of this case was noted as well. Councilman Johnson moved that relief be granted, and that the building permit be issued forthwith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. Recommendation to City Council from Citizens' Advisory Committee re: Master Plan.

There was discussion pertaining to the history of Master Plan attempts, the impact on the budget, and the goals relative to a Master Plan. Councilman Johnson expressed his intent to prepare a report on this matter for the Council.

Mrs. James Van Oppen, League of Women Voters, stated that it is the consensus of their membership that they would support the development of a General Plan for the City of Torrance -- along with this went support of necessary financing for development of this plan and maximum citizen involvement in setting goals for the plan.

Discussion returned to the formulation of such a Plan. Councilman Miller deemed it a proper matter for consideration at the budget hearings, in view of the financial considerations, and MOVED that the matter be held for discussion at the budget sessions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Mr. Bill Roberts, 3937 West 188th Street, requested that the communication from the Citizens' Advisory Committee be read aloud. Mayor Isen did so, their recommendations being that a comprehensive General Plan be developed at the earliest possible time, that a Staff member be appointed on a permanent basis, that financing be provided, and that the general public be involved in setting goals for this plan. Mr. Roberts added that he concurred with Planning Director Shartle's recommendation for staffing and that these people not be diverted.

16. Communication from Planning Director re: Proposed Sign Regulations. Recommended for adoption in principle by the former Council Sign Committee.

It was agreed this matter would require lengthy consideration, and Councilman Johnson MOVED that there be a Special Meeting of the City Council on Monday, August 5, 1968, at 7:00 P.M. to consider the matter of Sign Regulations and the proposed sign ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

17. Communication from City Manager re: Proposed extension of Madrona Avenue, Master Plan of Highways Amendment #3; Proposed extension of Maple Avenue, Master Plan of Highways Amendment #5; Proposed extension of Garnier Street.

A special meeting was deemed imperative for this matter by Mayor Isen, to permit the public and all interested parties to be heard; it was also Mayor Isen's suggestion that a bus tour would prove worthwhile, so that the proposed routes, etc. could be pointed out, then returning to City Hall for a special meeting.

Mr. Donald Zavodnik, 3423 - 229th Place, came forward to recommend that the material on the alignment be brought up to date, to serve, for one thing, as a matter of information to the new Councilmen -- he also referred to the many, many meetings on this matter, the many, many unknowns, it being his feeling that until all the facts are presented no value judgment can be made.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that there be a Special Meeting of the City Council on Monday, July 1, 1968, starting with a bus tour at 6:30 P.M., followed by a meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro clarified that the bus tour would be open to the public on a reservation basis.

18. Communication from City Attorney re: Opening of 232nd Street, including report map and report of the Mayor's Neighborhood Committee.

The time-consuming process of negotiations on this street opening was reviewed, along with the present consideration of cost, full street vs. half street, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that 232nd Street be opened from Arlington to the Killingsworth property, said street to be a full street. Mayor Isen seconded the motion with the comment that the activity in this area will generate interest on the part of Mr. Killingsworth to have the street continue down past his property.

Prior to roll call vote discussion returned to the effect of the above motion. Public Works Director Nollac added that it is his understanding that Mr. Lasky (the south half of the street on Lot 2) has agreed to dedicate.

Mrs. Arnold Johnson, 2277 West 233rd Street, stated that it is an absolute necessity that the street be opened up as quickly as possible, and that the street opening as defined in the above motion would be satisfactory.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable on Councilman Uerkwitz's motion.

Councilman Miller then MOVED that the financing on the subject project be undertaken based upon Item 4 which is the Assessment District.

Prior to a second on the motion, Mrs. Betty Ponsford, 2306 West 231st Street, was permitted to speak. She stated that a majority of the property owners have dedicated, but there are nurseries who do not want to develop their property now but have dedicated in order to permit the rest of the people to develop. Mrs. Ponsford then advised that they wish to put in curbs and sidewalks but at such time as each property owner can do his own. Councilman Miller advised that this was not the consideration; rather, the ingress from Arlington. Councilman Sciarrotta then MOVED that curbs and gutters be installed at the ingress from Arlington on to the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Miller restated his motion above: That the financing be undertaken by using the Right-of-Way Acquisition Fund Procedure, and any necessary public hearings be held, with the City Attorney to draw a proper legal ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections. City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that Items 4 and 5 on the subject report could be worked together, which would cover the public hearing aspect.

Mayor Isen then inquired about the payment back plan, and was advised by City Attorney Remelmeyer, who stated his understanding was that the people would pay the City back as they develop with a term certain -- if they do not develop within a certain time period then the lien will be payable to the City at that time. Agreement with this was indicated by those representatives in the audience on this matter. Mayor Isen requested that City Attorney Remelmeyer take that as instruction in preparing the procedures on this, with the further instruction that this be treated as an urgent matter. Approval was given Staff for the hiring of an appraiser (Mr. Fisher if he can do it with dispatch); Councilman Johnson so moved, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen ordered a 10-minute recess at this time -
10:35 P.M.

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19. RESOLUTION RE: RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR CRENSHAW BLVD. BETWEEN 238TH STREET AND SKYPARK DRIVE AND FOR SKYPARK DRIVE AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD. Recommendation of Public Works Director as outlined in letter of transmittal.

Mayor Isen congratulated Public Works Director Nollac on this accomplishment. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with Public Works Director's recommendations 1, 2, and 3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT WITH STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CITY OF LOMITA FOR COMMON AND JOINT USE OF PORTIONS OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-121, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. ORDINANCE eliminating performance evaluation in promotional examinations and retaining seniority evaluation in promotional examinations. (Two ordinances, emergency and regular).

Personnel Director Donovan reported the approval of the subject ordinance by the Civil Service Commission at its meeting on June 10th.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1883

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 5 OF RULE VII OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPLEMENTING THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE NO. 326, AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 5 OF RULE VII ELIMINATING PERFORMANCE EVALUATION IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS AND RETAINING SENIORITY EVALUATION IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 1883, at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1884.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 5 OF RULE VII OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPLEMENTING THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE NO. 326, AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 5 OF RULE VII ELIMINATING PERFORMANCE EVALUATION IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS AND RETAINING SENIORITY EVALUATION IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1884 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

22. Leave Practices - Key Personnel.

Some members of the Council felt a need for detailed discussion, and in view of the late hour, it was MOVED by Councilman Uerkwitz that the matter be continued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The date agreed upon was July 9, 1968, with this item scheduled for 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Beasley at this point MOVED that the report be filed; his motion was ruled out of order by Mayor Isen, in view of the above action.

Councilman Johnson then MOVED that this matter be considered at 7:00 P.M. on July 9th; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

23. Letter to City Council from City Manager re: Civil Service Applicant Request - Medical Reexamination.

Mr. Lynn Mozden, 2246 West 241st Street, the applicant in this case, was present, and requested that the two doctor's reports be read to him as he has not been informed regarding the reports.

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Mayor Isen referred to the City Manager's recommendation that Mr. Mozden not be employed in order to avoid possible Workmen's Compensation expense to the City, pointing out the action of the Council in instructing Administration to arrange for another examination and his feeling that the Council now has no further jurisdiction in this matter.

Councilman Miller MOVED that the matter be referred to the Civil Service Commission, and that Mr. Mozden be furnished copies of the medical reports. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Mr. Mozden was advised that the Civil Service Commission will next meet on Monday, July 8th, at which time this matter will appear on the agenda, and that the decision of the Commission will be final, with no further appeal to the City Council.

24. Salary Survey Report.

City Manager Ferraro distributed this Report for the information of the Council for their use in the Budget hearings starting on June 12th.

FISCAL MATTERS:

25. RESOLUTION re: Audit of Demands by City Council Committee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING
THE AUDITING OF DEMANDS BY A
COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-122, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

26. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Tait Appraisal Company for City's building appraisals.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT
FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE
CITY AND TAIT APPRAISAL COMPANY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-123. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Eardley, Burchfield, and Associates, for architectural services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND EARDLEY, BURCHFIELD AND ASSOCIATES FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES - FIRE STATION NO. 1.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-124, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 28. Communication from City Manager re: Selection of Appraiser for the Acquisition of certain property.

Councilman Uerkwitz reported a rumor to the effect that the green parkway, trees, etc. on Anza are to be removed; Public Works Director Nollac denied any such intent.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager in the selection of the firm of Mason, Mason, & Mason. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

GENERAL MATTERS

FOR DENIAL

- 29. CLAIM of Robert De Barros for damages allegedly sustained May 27, 1968 at Gramercy and Carson.
- 30. CLAIM of Robert Dodd for tire damage on November 19, 1967 at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the above two claims be denied and referred to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

FOR APPROVAL.

- 31. RESOLUTION commending General Telephone Company of California for its new South Bay Division headquarters.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR ITS NEW SOUTH BAY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONGRATULATING THEM ON THEIR CONTINUED GROWTH, PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THIS COMMUNITY AND IN OTHERS IN THE SOUTH BAY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-115. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. RESOLUTION prescribing rules and regulations for the use of the Entradero Park Archery Range and establishing a schedule of fees therefor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE ENTRADERO PARK ARCHERY RANGE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR SUCH USE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-125. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

56. Request for Temporary Sidewalks on Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards.

Mrs. Irene Griffith, 3432 West 229th Place, was present on behalf of the P-T-A to try to obtain a safe school route.

Councilman Wilson spoke in favor of the request as one of the ways to cooperate with the School District, adding that this is a very needed project, the financing is minimal, and he would favor granting the request. Councilman Sciarrotta pointed out that this has been done in other cases, and he sees no reason for making an exception at this time.

Discussion followed on how this might best be accomplished, as well as the efforts made in the past to cooperate with the School District needs.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that \$2000.00 be appropriated to provide the requested sidewalks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen clarified that the best use of the above sum would be left to the talented Director of Public Works.

33. NOTICE OF COMPLETION-182ND STREET (B67-55) Job #65017

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Director of Public Works: (1) That the Council approve and authorize the additional work as described; (2) That the Council accept the work on the subject improvement; and (3) That final payment be made to the contractor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

34. RELEASE OF BONDS, CASH DEPOSITS AND COVENANTS TO GUARANTEE STREET IMPROVEMENT IN THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT AREA. Recommendation of Public Works Director that subject bonds, deposits and covenants be released.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

CONTINUED HEARING

49. ZONE CHANGE 68-8, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the hearing to June 25th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PROCLAMATIONS:

50. Mayor Isen proclaimed June 17-24, 1968 as YOUTH SAFE DRIVING WEEK.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

51. ORDINANCE 1874

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1874

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 26 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECORDATION OF CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON CHANGES OF ZONE, VARIANCES, WAIVERS, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, PRECISE PLANS AND OTHER TYPES OF PLANNING AND ZONING RELIEFS.

Councilman Beasley moved that Ordinance No. 1874 be adopted at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

52. ORDINANCE 1875

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1875

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 91.10.8, 91.20.8, 91.21.7 AND 91.22.4 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF RESIDENCES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1875 at its second and final reading, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, carried as follows:

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

53. ORDINANCE 1876.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1876

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY

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THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND THE NORTH SIDE OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO MADISON STREET AND DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF LOT 1, TRACT 9765.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1876 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

54. ORDINANCE NO. 1878

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1878

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; AND AMENDING SECTION 92.22.4 RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS OF NONCONFORMING USES AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1877 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1878 at its second and final reading, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

55. ORDINANCE NO. 1880

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1880

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1.41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ELIGIBLE TO A POSITION IN A DEPARTMENT IN WHICH AN IN-LAW OF THE ELIGIBLE HAS BEEN APPOINTED OR ELECTED, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1879 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1880 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

57. City Manager Ferraro reported on the near fatal incident involving Sergeant Robert Such in an armed robbery arrest; it was the recommendation of Mr. Ferraro that Sergeant Such be given three days off with pay. This met with the approval of the Council.

58. Councilman Johnson commended the Recreation Department for their report on the use of School District facilities (Information Item A), and urged that they continue to push for Little League on school diamonds.

59. Councilman Miller appointed Mr. Bill Roberts to the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

60. It was the recommendation of Councilman Sciarrotta that the policy of commending former Councilmen be followed in the case of former Councilmen Lyman, Talbert, and Vico by way of the appropriate resolution. Mayor Isen declined to participate, but there was otherwise no objection.

61. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that a Personnel Session be arranged in the near future -- the date agreed upon was June 25th at 7:00 P.M. -- it was requested that the City Manager and City Attorney plan to be in attendance as well.

62. The revised rendering of the new Library was commended by Mayor Isen and deemed exceedingly beautiful by him.

63. Mayor Isen reminded the Council that they will be hosts to the City of Carson on June 18th, and requested that a special agenda be prepared: re: buses and possible bus routes to Carson and the Dominguez College area; a report from City Attorney Remelmeyer re: the Torrance Topless experience and the importance of passing S.B. 101; improvement of east-west streets; and the importance of establishing Carson and Torrance mailing addresses. Any other suggestions should be given to City Manager Ferraro at the earliest possible date.

64. Mrs. Carmen Rivera, 4003 West 235th Street, requested clarification of the effect of Proposition A in the recent election on the building code. Lengthy reports were furnished by both City Attorney Remelmeyer and Building and Safety Superintendent McKinnon. Mr. Cushman added to the general comments. Mayor Isen pointed out the tremendous research that has gone into this situation, and recommended that differences of opinion be ironed out with the departments.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

Vernon W. Coil

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

APPROVED:
Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Minute Secretary