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Kathleen Johnson
Minute Secretary

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA
July 9, 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 on Tuesday, July 8, 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. Councilman Beasley left the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John De Groot led in the pledge of allegiance.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Introduced by Mayor Isen at this time: Torrance Adult School teacher, Mr. Cal Eubanks, accompanied by his Government Class; newly assigned "Daily Breeze" reporter, John Gilmore, and Mrs. Kathleen Johnson, newly appointed Council Minute Secretary.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of June 18, 1968, having just been received, were held for approval.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure to those present.

Councilman Johnson returned to the Pre-Council consideration regarding Administration Leave Practice, and MOVED that prior to undertaking

the regular agenda items, the general policy known as Administrative Leave Practice be dispensed with and substitute therefor a general policy that, at the City Manager's discretion, department heads may take time off as the City Manager sees fit; that the department heads be privileged to exercise the same discretionary privileges for personnel within their departments. Further, the City Manager to be answerable to Council for his actions, department heads to the City Manager for their actions; with department personnel to be answerable to their department head. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Prior to roll call vote a substitute motion was offered by Councilman Miller, that the subject item be filed. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which failed to carry. Roll call vote as follows:

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

The main motion carried as follows:

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

HEARINGS:

8. HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ADOPT UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1967 EDITION, AND APPENDIX THERETO, AND UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, 1967 EDITION AND APPENDIX THERETO.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication which was ordered filed.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There being no response, Councilman Schiarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Isen asked City Clerk Coil if he had three copies of both Codes on file in his office, as required by law. To which City Clerk Coil answered in the affirmative.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1892

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2 WHICH ADOPT AND AMEND THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1967 EDITION, VOLUME 1, AND APPENDIX THERETO.

Councilman Johnson MOVED to waive further reading of Ordinance 1892 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED for the approval of Ordinance 1892 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson 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. 1893

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, 1967 EDITION, AND APPENDIX THERETO.

Councilman Johnson MOVED to waive further reading of Ordinance 1893 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson MOVED for the approval of Ordinance 1893 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

- 9. VARIANCE 68-2. Formal hearing on petition of General Telephone Company for a Variance to add an equipment room to an existing building with two underground parking levels provided for off street parking on property located at 650 Palos Verdes Boulevard. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Ralph Snyder, General Telephone Company, responded by saying that since the Planning Commission denial, and in view of public interest and some questions which were raised, the Company are in the process of re-studying their proposal and would ask the Council for a continuance of four weeks. Apparently, our proposal will be what is considered to be a major revision, Mr. Snyder said, so it will probably go back to Planning.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that this be referred back to the Planning Commission where General Telephone will have an opportunity to present their revised plans. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Prior to roll call vote, the following people spoke:

Mr. John de Groot of 649 Paseo de la Playa said there were great difficulties with traffic problems and these would only be increased if the Telephone Company is permitted to go ahead with their proposal. He could not see why it should be referred back for further consideration.

City Clerk Coil said that he had received eight letters of protest to this addition and read the names of the correspondents. The protests were ordered filed as a matter of record and ordered placed in the Case file in the office of the City Clerk.

Councilman Wilson asked if in the event of a denial, would not the Company have the option of applying again in six months. Mayor Isen said that this was so.

Mr. Lauren H. Bayer, who said he was resident-owner of the Cote D'Azur Apartments, of which eighty seven apartments are involved. Mr. Bayer said that, to his knowledge, Mr. Snyder had made no attempt to contact the Directors of Cote D'Azur Apartments, and that he shared the opinion of his neighbors.

Mr. Johnson told Mr. Snyder that there was no assurance that the changes they had in mind would solve the traffic problem. Mr. Snyder replied that among other things they had considered staggered hours, and bussing employees.

Mr. Rodney Jones of 645 Paseo de la Playa, requested that the Council take action before more equipment and more employees are brought in. Mr. Jones said that he would like to have a vote tonight.

Mrs. Helen B. Jackson, 2201 Via Rosa, said that she objected in the same way that her neighbors did.

A discussion followed on the problems outlined by the affected residents, and thereupon Council Sciarrotta withdrew his earlier motion, as did Councilman Johnson his second.

In reply to Mayor Isen's suggestion that the Telephone Company release some of their load on to their Hawthorne branch, Mr. Snyder said that to change their location would mean wholesale business number changes.

Mrs. Nancy Shallies, 625 Paseo de La Playa, said that there had been a great deal of deterioration to the neighborhood since the General Telephone Company's operation there. She spoke of dangerous waste storage, a loud communication system, trucks parked where they should not be, etc.

Mr. George Savage of 102 Calle de Arboles, came forward and said that he had another letter to add to those which the City Clerk already had. He said that he did not feel there would be anything gained from going back to the Planning Commission, and verified everything that Mrs. Shallies had said.

Mr. Warren Shallies then distributed numerous photographs to the Councilmen, showing the traffic problems as they exist today.

Mr. Norman Merritt, 621 Paseo de la Playa, verified everything that had already been said, and that he was affected very directly with the amount of drilling being done, as much of the dirt was being deposited on his property.

Mr. Ted Doble, 629 Paseo de las Reyes, stated that he resented any additional delay and that he stood by what his neighbors had stated.

Mr. Snyder reminded the Council that there was probably the same position thirteen years ago as there was tonight. Mayor Isen felt that it was rather different, as thirteen years ago there was a friendly neighborhood who wanted to cooperate. Mr. Snyder stated that they were trying to balance the alternatives and some of them were not in the best interests of the Company; and that to move would not be in the best interests of the people of the South Bay. Councilman Uerkwitz asked if they had attempted to describe these alternatives to the people who were serving on the Planning Commission. To which Mr. Snyder replied that they had not, as the plans had not been worked out as yet.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Miller MOVED that the hearing be closed, and this was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There were no objections. Councilman Miller thought the bussing was completely out of line; and the proponent, knowing that the Planning Commission had voted against the proposal, had made no apparent attempt to show the new plans to the residents prior to coming to Council to request a delay. Councilman Miller MOVED to concur with the Planning Commission for denial. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll call was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

At 8:53 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, which was followed by a 10-minute general recess at 9:10 P.M.

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10. CONTINUED HEARING - MASTER PLAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS AMENDMENT, SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELDS

Planning Director Shartle, with the aid of the projector, related the background of the subject request, outlining the departmental and Planning Commission recommended alignment; it being noted that the Fire Department objects to the proposed amendment. It was further recommended by Mr. Shartle that there be a precise plan of development on the commercial lots (46, 47, 64 and 65) which is agreeable to Mr. Rippy. Also suggested by Mr. Shartle was that the final resolution amending the master plan to be held in abeyance until such time as the dedications have been received for Crenshaw Blvd., the cul-de-sac, and a precise plan of development has been submitted. At Mayor Isen's question, Fire Chief Lucas acknowledged that the subject plan appears to be the only practical solution.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

In consummation, Planning Director Shartle recommended concurrence in the amendment to the master plan of the South Torrance oil fields, as indicated on the plat before the Council, with the offset bulb subject to the Council not adopting the final resolution changing the master plan until the City has received an application before the Planning Commission for a precise plan of development of the commercial property; that all necessary dedications be granted to the City of Torrance, these to include the necessary dedication to the bulb of the cul-de-sac; necessary widening of Crenshaw Blvd., and the necessary widening of 235th Street and 236th Street.

Councilman Johnson MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Nollac pointed out the remote possibility of the property being sold prior to adoption of the resolution and the problem of obtaining the dedications.

The other property owner involved, Mr. Waring, was in attendance and expressed his agreement with the required dedications. Also pointed out by City Manager Ferraro, was his understanding of the agreement between Mr. Waring and Mr. Rippy regarding the placement of certain sidewalks.

Mr. George Kurtz, 2211 Torrance Blvd., representing Mr. Rippy, clarified the private agreement with Mr. Waring, that they have agreed to install curbs, gutters and sidewalks for Mr. Waring on that cul-de-sac portion, which would front on 235th Place; further, a block wall will be installed by Mr. Rippy.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Mr. Beasley absent)

11. APPEAL OF S68-8, GRIFFEY ELECTRIC CO.

This is an appeal to the conditions imposed by the Planning Commission regarding a request to install an oversize sign on a shopping center parking lot at the southwest corner of Hawthorne Blvd., and Sepulveda Blvd., extending to Ocean Avenue. The Planning Commission recommends approval subject to conditions.

Mr. Bill Smith, 22615 Fonthill Avenue, introduced himself as the owner of the Pizza Palace, on Sepulveda Blvd., and as representing the merchants in the shopping center, to appeal the conditions imposed by the Planning Commission to install an oversize sign on the shopping center parking lot at the southwest corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. extending to Ocean Avenue; also that they landscape the parking area. Mr. McKinnon said, for the records, that the signs which are there now are illegal. The sign requested by the merchants, according to Mr. Smith, is to promote individual business through the identity of the sign and to give it a name, so that all merchants will have equal opportunities and identities. Mayor Isen said that if they did not go along with the recommendations they would have a similar situation to that at Torrance and Hawthorne Boulevards. Mr. Smith answered by saying that it would cost about \$15,000 to put plants in, with water and maintenance costs, and there were a number of owners who do not want to put out any money for this. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Smith if he wanted to hold it up until an exact cost is found, to which Mr. Smith replied that the primary reason for his being there concerned the sign, which the Planning Commission says is oversized. Mayor Isen wondered whether a large size sign would take care of future occupancy. Mr. Smith said that was what they had in mind.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Miller MOVED the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Miller MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, deleting Item 2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Johnson offered a substitute motion concurring with the Planning Commission recommendations except that Item 2 be 1% in lieu of 3%, concerning landscaping the parking area. There was no second.

Roll call vote on Councilman Miller's motion was unanimously favorable. (Mr. Beasley absent).

(Council departed from regular agenda order at this time).

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

12. Report from Public Works Director re: City Yard Improvement.
13. IMPROVEMENT OF 182nd STREET FROM EAST OF WILTON PLACE TO GRAMERCY PLACE.
Recommendation of Public Works Director that \$16,000 in 2106 gas tax funds be appropriated for the referenced improvement.
15. Request of City Librarian for appropriation and award of contract for new shelving and lounge unit for the Post Avenue Library. The recommendation of the Finance Director was that Council approve the installation of three additional eight-foot shelf units by Burt C. Gentle Company at their original bid price of \$562.50, including tax; that the bid of Burt C. Gentle Company in the amount of \$270.10 for the lounge unit be accepted; and that Council authorize a \$832.60 loan from the General Fund to the Library Fund for the purpose of purchasing the shelving and lounge unit, such loan to be repaid to the General Fund at such time when funds are available in the Library Fund.
16. Purchasing Supervisor submitting for Council approval budgeted, reimbursable and special expenditures in excess of \$300. (This matter is on file in the Office of the City Clerk as of July 3rd, 1968).
17. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor for award of bid, Engineering Reproduction Paper, 1968-69 Annual requirements, as follows: 1) That the Fred Klingler Company, as low bidder, be awarded the contract for (a) Blue-line Diazo Paper; (b) Sepia Brownline paper; and (c) Blackline paper, in the amount of \$596.32, including tax; and 2) That the Frederick Post Company as low bidder be awarded the contract for Brownline Mylar paper in the amount of \$224.81.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with Items 12, 13, 15, 16, and 17, itemized above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent),

28. RESOLUTION commending West Torrance Lions Club

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE WEST TORRANCE LIONS CLUBS FOR SPONSORING THE LIONS SOUTH BAY ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME AND URGING CITIZENS OF TORRANCE AND ALL LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND THE ALL-STAR GAME.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-150. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Miller MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-148. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was unanimous. (Councilman Beasley absent).

14. Recommendation of Financial Consultant for City Hall Addition Project: This will be the city's first tax exempt leaseback financing project.

Councilman Johnson suggested that each financial consultant submit their proposals before this Council, making the Council aware of the involvement and implications of financing this kind of project. City Treasurer Rupert said that he agreed in part but he felt that presentation is necessary only after selection. He would agree with the recommendation of the Director of Finance with regard to the appointment of Schwabacher-Rafferty & Co., he said, and added that he had made a thorough check on this firm and found that they are, without a doubt, the foremost authority in this method of financing. Mayor Iser stressed that this was one situation where management's opinion should be relied upon. Schwabacher-Rafferty & Co's proposal was for \$7,500. 3/4% of bonds sold if public offering; an alternative fee of 1 1/2% (\$15,000) if negotiated placement of bonds be required & be in the city's best interest ratewise.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager that the firm of Schwabacher-Rafferty & Co. be appointed as financial consultants for the City Hall project, and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson
Mayor Isen
NOES: COUNCILMAN: Johnson (Councilman Johnson said he
would still like to hear all
presentations).
ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Beasley

Councilman Uerkwitz then MOVED that the City Manager arrange for presentation by Schwabacher-Rafferty & Co. to the City Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there were no objections.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

18. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Torrance Western Shopping Center, Ltd., and Winchell Donut House to covenant the City that sales from Winchell Donut House would be limited to beverages and donuts and that there shall be no additional seating installed within the premises.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-151

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, TORRANCE WESTERN SHOPPING CENTER AND WINCHELL DONUT HOUSE, INC., LIMITING ALL SALES FROM WINCHELL DONUT HOUSE TO BEVERAGES AND DONUTS AND PROVIDING THAT NO ADDITIONAL SEATING WILL BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE PREMISES.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-151. The motion was seconded by Council Uerkwitz and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

19. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO RECORD FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27475 AND RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 68-128 AND ORDERING THE VACATION

OF ASHLEY AVE., ROSLIN AV. AND 173RD ST. AND CERTAIN ALLEYS IN TRACT NO. 9306.

Public Works Director recommended (1) that a time extension of one month be granted in which to record final tract map and (2) that the submitted RESOLUTION repealing Resolution No. 68-128 be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 68-128 AND ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF ASHLEY AVENUE, ROSLIN AVENUE, 173RD STREET AND CERTAIN ALLEYS IN TRACT NO. 9306 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-152 and repealing of Resolution No. 68-128. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and roll call was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

20. Tax-Deeded Parcel of Land Within Tract No. 27828

Public Works Director and City Attorney recommend that Council establish a policy for disposition of tax-deeded lands, and that such policy be followed in this case.

Mr. Ken Battram came forward to advise that they did not realise the taxes were behind or that they were to the five year limit, as they had just acquired the strip.

Mayor Isen recommended that Mr. Battram negotiate with the City Manager and come back to the Council on this matter. There were no objections.

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Mayor Isen ordered a five minute recess at this time - 10:15 P.M.

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21. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR EXTENSION OF PRAIRIE AVENUE FROM 190TH STREET THROUGH MOBIL OIL PROPERTY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO WIT: THE EXTENSION OF PRAIRIE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that further reading of Resolution No. 68-153 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta then MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-153. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

22. RESOLUTION instructing the City Treasurer to establish a special fund to be known as "Street Lighting District No. 14".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-14-68, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION, ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND, STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 14".

Councilman Johnson MOVED to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-154 and the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Johnson MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-154. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

RESOLUTION approving and filing the report of the Traffic and Lighting Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE INSTALLATION, THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 14.

Councilman Wilson MOVED to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-155. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Wilson MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-155. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

RESOLUTION declaring its intention to order certain lighting standards installed and furnish energy and maintenance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED, AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1968, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1971 FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 14

Time and place of hearing on Resolution No. 68-156, August 6, 1968, at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Miller MOVED to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-156. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Miller MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-156. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. City Manager's recommendation re: Unclassified Employees' Salaries.

Discussed at some length was the City Manager's report regarding Unclassified Employees' Salaries. Of particular concern to Councilman Johnson was the relationship of the Assistant City Manager's (second in command) position to that of Director of Public Works, recommending that the position of Assistant City Manager be upgraded.

Councilman Sciarrotta questioned the Cities used in this salary survey, noting that it was not the same as that used in the employees' salary survey. City Manager Ferraro advised that it was because of the staggering differences.

Councilman Sciarrotta then recommended that the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer be included in this report.

Opposition to longevity for administration personnel was voiced by Mayor Isen, although he indicated that he would look with favor on a 5% increase.

It was the consensus of the Council that further study be made, using the same cities that were used for the rest of the employees, with particular attention directed to the position of Assistant City Manager and to include the positions of City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Clerk, Senior Administrative Assistant, and Administrative Assistant. This matter to be held for one week for the preparation of such a report.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation to the request by Brittain Industries, Inc. to sublease portion of building #7 to M. & M. Transfer Company.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. City Manager's recommendation re: Selection of Appraiser for acquisition of property needed for right-of-way of 232nd St. at Arlington Avenue.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendation that Mr. George L. Fisher be hired at a maximum fee not to exceed \$750. There was no second on the motion and Councilman Johnson MOVED that the City Manager and the City Attorney get together with the appraiser

and re-negotiate the price, which seemed out of line. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

PROCLAMATIONS:

26. PROCLAMATION - Miss California Month in Torrance - July, 1968.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

27. ORDINANCE NO. 1891:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1891

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 7, TO DIVISION 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REMOVAL OF OVERHEAD UTILITY FACILITIES AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES IN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1891 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

28. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilman Johnson referred to Resolution No. 68-150 adopted earlier in the meeting, re: West Torrance Lions Club Football Game, stating that for the past three years we have been able to donate upwards of \$5000 and this year it is hoped to be able to donate about \$10,000. He urged that all cities get behind it and buy as many tickets as possible, as it is a good game and the proceeds all go to worthy charities.

29. Councilman Johnson then questioned eighteen temporary appointments indicated in the personnel report, and wondered what had happened to the lists; are we not giving examinations and if not, why not? Mr. Ferraro said that he would report on the matter.

30. Exception to the remarks made by Jesse James Unruh that we are a biased group of people was indicated by Councilman Sciarrotta, concurred by Councilmen Uerkwitz and Johnson.

31. Mayor Isen requested that an increase be made in his allowance from \$175.00 to \$250.00 per month, as he felt that he should not be a subsidy to the City and operate at a loss, as his expenses are increasing constantly. A discussion followed concerning conflicting salaries with expense accounts, and that possibly the Mayor was doing many things which were beyond the call of duty.

Councilman Johnson MOVED that the ceilings be raised in the case of the Mayor to \$250.00 and of the City Councilmen to \$150.00. Seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Uerkwitz, Wilson. (Mr. Beasley absent.)

It was agreed to hold this matter for a full Council.

32. City Clerk Coil read a letter from Brian Bell requesting that he be reinstated on to the Airport Commission.

Mayor Isen MOVED to concur with the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and was unanimously approved. (Councilman Beasley absent).

33. City Manager Ferraro announced that, as of this date, they had sent out 153 announcements to various groups pertaining to Commission appointments.

The Meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

Vernon W. Coil
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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen * * * * *