

INDEX

Council Meeting held on August 20, 1968, 5:30 P.M.

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>OPENING CEREMONIES:</u>	
1. Call to Order	1
2. Roll Call	1
3. Flag Salute	1
4. Invocation	1
<u>STANDARD MOTIONS:</u>	
5. Approval of Minutes	1
6. Approval of Demands	1
7. Motion to Waive Further Reading	1
8. Council Committee Meetings	1
<u>PRESENTATIONS:</u>	
9. Permaplaque Resolution to Robert H. Vroman	2,3
<u>PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:</u>	
10. Ordinance re: Restricting manufacturing in downtown Torrance	4
<u>NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:</u>	
11. Request to close cul-de-sac (Falena Avenue) for block party	5
12. Appropriation of \$3000 from Sewer Revolving Fund-- east of Hawthorne, north of Lomita	5
13. Budgeted items in excess of \$300	5
14. Acceptance of bid--Copper tubing and cast iron pipe	5
<u>STREET AND SIDEWALKS:</u>	
15. Resolution No. 68-190,--Allocation of funds from P.U.C. for RR crossing, Western north of Del Amo	6
<u>REAL PROPERTY:</u>	
16. Resolution No. 68-191, contract for appraisal services Charles P. Morgan	6
17. Resolution No. 68-192, contract with State of California for grant of \$197,000, Columbia Park	6,7,8
18. Offer to purchase City parking lot	4
<u>TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:</u>	
19. Resolution No. 68-194, "No Parking Anytime" signs	8
<u>FISCAL MATTERS:</u>	
20. A) Ordinance No. 1911, authorizing established expenditures for fiscal year 1968-69	9
B) Ordinance No. 1912, fixing rates of taxes, fiscal year beginning July 1, 1968	
21. Claim of Russell J. Keller	5
22. Claim of Louise Rehfus	5
23. Claim of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company	5
24. Resolution No. 68-195, contract with Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc.	9,10
25. Withdrawn from agenda	
<u>BUS OPERATIONS:</u>	
26. Resolution No. 68-196, Change of name of City's Bus System	10
<u>AIRPORT MATTERS:</u>	
27. Aero-Sheet Metal, Subtenancy	10
28. Blue's Flying Service, Subtenancy	10
29. Aircraft & Marine Industries, Inc., Subtenancy	11
30. SMAY & WASSERMAN (S & W AVIATION) request for additional land	11

SUBJECT:PAGE

	<u>LIBRARY OPERATIONS:</u>	
31.	Resolution No. 68-193, Metropolitan Cooperative Library System membership	8
	<u>ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:</u>	
32.	National Communications Company, request for communications franchise	11,12
33.	Resolution No. 68-197, authorization to destroy certain City records	12
	<u>SECOND READING ORDINANCES:</u>	
34.	Ordinance No. 1903	12
35.	Ordinance No. 1904	13
36.	Ordinance No. 1905	13
37.	Ordinance No. 1906	13
	<u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	
38.	Councilman Beasley re: new County courthouse in Torrance	13
39.	Councilman Beasley re: new bus route on Maple	13
40.	Councilman Johnson re: Ordinance No. 1902, landscaping of parking lots	14,15
41.	Councilman Sciarrotta re: Don Kirkland's trip to Guatamala	14
42.	Councilman Sciarrotta re: Local parks available	14
43.	Councilman Uerkwitz re: Vandalism in the parks	14
44.	Mayor Isen:re: Landscaping at Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue	14
45.	Mr. Ken Jett re: City drainage system project in front of his house	15
46.	Mr. Robert Farrell re: Freeway	15
47.	Councilman Johnson re: bus trip, South Torrance Oil Field	15

Adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

* * * *

Torrance, California
August 20, 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, August 20, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. (Councilman Beasley left the meeting at 8:45 P.M.). Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Angel Florez, newly appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Committee, was introduced by Mayor Isen, and at the Mayor's request led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father Hugh Crowe, Chaplain, Little Company of Mary Hospital, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Isen asked that approval of the minutes of August 5, 6 and 13 be held until the meeting of August 27 to give the Council time to review them. Approval was withheld.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz 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: 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:

Council Committee as a Whole - Oil Well Beautification,
August 29, 1968, 7:30 P.M. (Bus Tour at 6:30 P.M.).

9. PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Isen presented Mr. Robert V. Vroman with a permaplaque congratulating him for his selection as the 1968 distinguished citizen of the year; and thanked him for his active participation on the Torrance Safety Council and Airport Commission.

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Ben Haggott, newly appointed Director of the Metropolitan Water District. Mayor Isen requested Mr. Haggott tell something about the Watson Amendment and what it might do to City water problems, and stated he would call on him later on in the meeting.

* * *

Councilman Beasley stated he wished to clarify item No. 12, page 5, of the minutes of August 13, 1968, (Tentative Tract Map No. 22704). He stated he had proposed Council approve the tract map and restrict building for six months to the yellow section (Exhibit B), and it was his belief that Council had approved Exhibit B, building on the yellow portion only. Mayor Isen agreed.

Councilman Johnson stated it was his understanding Council approved Exhibit 1 to restrict building to the yellow section. If the freeway does go through then the plan would be o.k.

At this point Mr. John Grindle, R. A. Watt Company, 16901 South Western, Gardena, was introduced. It is his understanding that Exhibit 1 was approved, but that if the freeway does not go through they would go back to Exhibit B. Planning Director Shartle stated it was his understanding that Council approved Exhibit 1 which would allow the developer to go ahead in the yellow area, and if at the end of six months the freeway did not go through there it would be the approved map.

Mayor Isen asked that Mr. Grindle and Mr. Shartle get together and then come back to Council when they had worked something out. Mr. Grindle stated they are working with Mr. Shartle but that there is a difference of understanding.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated his understanding was that approval was given to Tentative B, and in the event in six months no determination was made of the freeway Exhibit 1 would take preference. He had voted against Exhibit B because there were 30 dead-end streets. He asked Mr. Shartle to explain what is wanted at this time. Mr. Shartle stated that if Council approved it as Mr. Grindle would like it handled, that Watt would go ahead and file a final subdivision map which would be recorded as a final map with all paper streets and recorded lots. Under Exhibit B they would go ahead only on the yellow portion and hold off on the other until the freeway determination would be made, or if after six months no determination was made this map would be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Exhibit 1 with the condition that only those portions shown on Exhibit B in yellow would go into construction. The developer must wait a period of six months and if the freeway goes through they would revert to this map. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Uerkwitz asked if Exhibit B could not be approved with stipulations. Councilm Beasley said the street pattern is different and the land is not shown as freeway and that it would remain vacant and might remain vacant for many years. Councilman

Miller asked if Council does approve this tract map, what legal hold would Council have on it at a later date. Mayor Isen stated Council has approved it. Mr. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, stated the tentative map was not finally approved; that it was to come back to Council. Councilman Beasley thought it was approved subject to working out minor details. Mr. Remelmeyer stated that does not constitute approval. When it comes back it will have to be approved.

Clarification of Watt's intention was provided by Mr. Grindle who stated they wanted tentative map approval subject to coming back a week from tonight. Councilman Miller again questioned the City's legal position if approval was given on the tract map. Mr. Remelmeyer stated that if the final map conformed substantially it must be approved. Councilman Beasley remarked that if the freeway does go through it would not substantially conform to the tentative map.

Mayor Isen commented that the plan will be completely changed if the freeway goes through and in case the final tract map does not conform to the tentative that Council does not have to approve the final map. Councilman Miller asked if this meant that Watt cannot build for six months and after six months the City is out of it; at the end of the six months it would be up to the state to condemn or whatever action is necessary.

Mr. Shartle stated the Watt Company would like to file the final map as soon as possible and Mr. Grindle agreed to this. Mr. Shartle stated we then have no control. Mr. Remelmeyer agreed, the conditions are on the tentative map; once the final tract map is filed the City has no hold over the developer.

Mayor Isen again asked if the stipulations could be put on the final tract map and stated he felt a legal opinion was needed as to whether a final tract map can be filed carrying with it the same conditions as in a tentative map. Mayor Isen and Mr. Grindle agreed this probably could not be done. Councilman Miller stated he felt it would have to be a gentleman's agreement.

Councilman Johnson questioned whether if the tract map is approved and is recorded final and the state decides before the six months period is up and the financing was based on the tract map how could a change be made from the map which is already recorded to that which is not; and how can the street pattern be changed. Mayor Isen suggested putting the second map into escrow in the event the freeway comes through. It must be resolved how to transfer from one map to the other. He suggested that Mr. Remelmeyer could figure that out.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the tentative tract map Exhibit 1 be approved but with the stipulation that the Watt Company build only in the yellow portion for the next six months. In the event that the freeway does come through that the balance of the street pattern then would become the recorded map or would replace it. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

MOTION: Councilman Scarriotta made a substitute motion that Mr. Remelmeyer and the Watt Company get together and put the package together. Mr. Johnson stated he would concede to withdraw his motion if the second would. Councilman Beasley agreed to withdraw his second. Councilman Johnson's motion was withdrawn. Mr. Remelmeyer said he would see what could be done.

* * *

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. RESTRICTED MANUFACTURING PERMIT ORDINANCE (Downtown Torrance)
Two ordinances, A and B, providing a procedure for the issuance of restricted manufacturing permits and repealing Ordinance No. 1898. (Council to adopt the ordinance of their choice)

Mr. Bud Babcock, 1303 Sartori, Downtown Torrance Association, was recognized, with regard to emergency ordinance No. 1898, which was adopted at last week's meeting. Mr. Babcock stated the Downtown Torrance Association recommended the adoption of the ordinance but with certain modifications. (These modifications were listed in a letter passed out to the Council at this time).

Mr. Babcock was asked how a Downtown Torrance Zoning Committee (DTZC) consisting of property owners or lessees of property in downtown Torrance could be established when the City has a Planning Commission. Mr. Babcock said they felt this was necessary to help the property owners to rent their property. It is the feeling of the downtown merchants that this should remain a retail sales area and in order to rent their property for such purposes they need to be able to get immediate action on a request for rental. If the Planning Commission only meets twice a month and it takes two meetings to get on the agenda the rental prospect has probably changed his mind. By the DTZC they are trying to speed up the process. Councilman Miller questioned the advisability of turning this over to the property owners and lessees in the immediate area, even though it would still have to be approved by the Council. He felt some mechanical way to speed this up could be developed; otherwise there would be nothing stopping there being a Planning Commission for every area of town. He felt this should be held over for study.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that Item 10 be referred back to the City Attorney. This motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. There were no objections.

Councilman Johnson said he would not like to see anything adopted that would bypass the Planning Commission.

18. Offer to purchase City Parking Lot (Taken out of order as it is related to the above item)

Mr. Babcock stated that the Downtown Torrance Association was asked to give their opinion, by the City Manager, prior to the sale. The Downtown Torrance Association would like to know how much money was spent on this parking lot and what is the responsibility, they do not necessarily disagree with the sale.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that there be no sale. This motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. There were no objections.

Mayor Isen stated that he had recently made a tour through the downtown area and was pleasantly surprised at the apparent interest and pride being shown by property owners in the area. The obvious home improvement projects and new building, as well as the planting and clean up of the business area. He felt it behooves others to make this tour and see how much is being done to improve the image of downtown.

Councilman Uerkwitz related that from October 7 to 11 there will be a Downtown Torrance Community Fair in which the old Grand Theatre building will be used to display all the civic wares. He also thanked Mr. Babcock for appearing tonight and said the Council appreciated the time he has devoted to these matters.

A recess was ordered at 6:25 P.M. for the City Council, reconvening as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a general 10-minute recess.

* * *

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed August 11, 1968, as Willing Water Week, and reintroduced Mr. Ben Haggott, who was appearing as a representative of the Metropolitan Water District Board. Mr. Haggott discussed the position of the MWD on the Watson Amendment. Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Haggott for coming and stated this was the first time in his 14 years on the Council that a Director had taken the time to report to this Council.

(The Council now returned to regular agenda order)

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

11. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting Department of approval of request of residents of Falena Avenue to close cul-de-sac northerly of its intersection with 244th Street between 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. on September 15, 1968, for the purpose of a block party.
12. Proposed Sanitary Sewer Installation in Easements East of Hawthorne Boulevard and North of Lomita Boulevard. Recommendation of Assistant City Engineer that \$3,000 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for the proposed sanitary sewer installation.
13. Purchasing Supervisor, submitting for Council approval budgeted items in excess of \$300.
14. Copper Tubing and Cast Iron Pipe - Bid Schedule 68-42. Recommendation regarding acceptance of bid.

(The following three related items taken out of order)

21. Claim of Russell J. Keller for alleged damages to his 1968 Ford parked at 225 Camino de las Colinas by City street sweeper, with recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to City Attorney.
22. Claim dated August 8, 1968 of Louise Rehfus for bodily injury allegedly sustained on City property at the southwest corner of Newton Street and Tandem Way, with recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
23. Claim dated August 13, 1968 of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company for alleged damage to their cable in the 2200 block of 230th Place when City crews replaced a water main, with recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the recommendations on items, #11 through #14 and #21 through #23. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

(The Council now returned to regular agenda order)

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- 15. Resolution requesting allocation of funds from P.U.C. for railroad grade crossing protection at Western Avenue north of Del Amo Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-HALF OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADING CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE WESTERN AVE. CROSSING OF SANTA FE TRACK DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-21.7C.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-190. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

- 16. Resolution authorizing execution of certain contract for appraisal services with Charles P. Morgan & Associates, to determine the fair market value of property needed for access to Alta Loma Park, located at 26126 Delos Drive, and described as Lot 115 of Tract 18406.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-191

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 CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHARLES P. MORGAN & ASSOCIATES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-191. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion, and roll call was unanimously favorable.

- 17. Resolution (Resubmitted) authorizing execution of contract with State of California and accepting grant of \$197,000 toward acquisition of Columbia Park.

Councilman Uerkwitz questioned the reason for moving of this grant from the Naval property down on Washington Avenue where it is held until 1970 to another piece of property until the grant is settled. Councilman Miller stated it can still be transferred.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a number be given to the resolution. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. City Clerk Coil assigned No. 68-192 to the resolution.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for adoption of the resolution. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mayor Isen requested Mr. Van Bellehem to clarify this matter; to be sure the \$197,000 being held until 1971 would not be jeopardized by moving it over.

Mr. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, stated that in September 1967 the City applied for the \$197,000 for use for acquiring the 190th and Hawthorne site. The County Regional Planning Committee, Board of Supervisors, and State of California approved the \$197,000 for the 190th and Hawthorne site so the money is set up for that site under State Project 199224. He had not inquired as to whether the money would be held until 1971 or not. The money was set up and pinned down for the 190th and Hawthorne site. It was designated for a regional park. The problem was to name a site that would not be subdivided, so the Naval Annex was designated. Mr. VanBellehem stated the money had been appropriated by the 1967-68 legislature for the 1968 budget and we would have to make a decision immediately to get this into the budget for next spring.

Mayor Isen stated he felt there were a number of things to be discussed before any decision was made. If this is set up as a 52-acre park and labeled regional this means that people from Lawndale, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Lomita all would use this park for their enjoyment and properly so. When it is labeled a Torrance Regional Park the City would get the entire burden; the cost of land, policing it, cost of applying for open space funds and all costs incidental thereto. Actually it would not make any difference to the City if it is a Torrance Regional Park or a County Regional Park. It would appear that if the will of the Council is to furnish a playground park area for the entire district that there should be a regional burden and liability as well as the regional benefits equally distributed. Having worked closely with CBS and Mr. Maier, Mayor Isen feels they would be willing for the City to let the City give this park over to the more wealthy operators, the County. He stated he is sure if the City would agree to policing the park and towers there would be no objection for the County to take over. It would seem only proper that if this worthwhile project could be put in the County's lap it would be benefiting the City's taxpayers from any responsibility for money either for purchase or for development or for money for upkeep. Mayor Isen asked for permission to discuss this with the Board of Supervisors and others and report back prior to a decision being made.

in general

Councilman Beasley stated he was in agreement with what the Mayor had said. Something could be worked out. Possibly a Joint Powers Agreement to share development and maintenance. However, he felt the Council should go ahead and take a step at this time.

Councilman Miller agreed some of the things said were right, but all things should be investigated. However, he felt it would not hurt to take one step at a time and the transfer of funds only takes one step forward and can be helpful.

Mayor Isen stated he intended to vote for this and just wanted permission to discuss this with others.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated he agreed with a lot of the things said, but there is one other matter not yet considered. No permanent installations can be put on the 27 acres. He is concerned about Little League and tennis players. If the County takes over how can this be controlled. If the City has control he would agree 100%.

Roll Call vote on Resolution No. 68-192 was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson and Uerkwitz.

Councilman Johnson clarified his "no" vote, stating it was on the grounds that the park would have to be a regional park and through SCAG and he would reverse himself when it was on the ballot.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated he voted "no" because the Council does not know in which direction they are going at this time.

* * *

LIBRARY OPERATIONS: (Taken out of order at this time)

31. Recommendation of Library Commission and City Librarian regarding membership with the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System.

Mr. West, City Librarian, was asked if the City had to join in order to qualify for state funds and if this was setting up an additional library system. His answer was "no" to both questions. He further stated we do presently have a reciprocal agreement which covers this but there were fees involved, whereas with the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System there was no charge.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE LIBRARIAN AND TO THE METROPOLITAN COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO PERMIT THE TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BECOME A PART OF SUCH SYSTEM; AND APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PLAN OF SERVICE OF SAID METROPOLITAN COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-193. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

(The Council now returned to regular agenda order)

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

19. Resolution authorizing the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs on the north side of Monterey Street between Elm Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-194

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

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-194. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. Finance Director, submitting two urgency ordinances, as follows:
- A) ORDINANCE authorizing the amount of money needed to meet the total established expenditures for the fiscal year 1968-69; and
 - B) ORDINANCE fixing the rates of taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1968.

Mayor Isen commented on the importance of this item. A discussion followed on any appropriation to the regional park at this time; the down payment being made on the 7 acres; the problem with Edison regarding the length of lease they will give and whether it would be acceptable to the State.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to Urgency Ordinance No. 1912

ORDINANCE NO. 1911

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1968-69 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1911. The 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.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to Urgency Ordinance No. 1912.

ORDINANCE NO. 1912

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1968.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1912. The 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.

24. Resolution authorizing execution of contract with Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc. for fiscal year 1968-69.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-195

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 THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC., FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1968-69.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-195. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz added that the band is really progressing and the City should consider giving them more consideration at dedications and other civic affairs.

- 25. Ordinance specifying certain requirements that must be met to obtain refunds from the Drainage Improvement Fund, submitted by Director of Finance.

This item was withdrawn.

BUS OPERATION:

- 26. Resolution changing the name of the City's Bus System from Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to Torrance Transit Systems.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-196

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CITY'S BUS SYSTEM FROM TORRANCE MUNICIPAL BUS LINES TO TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-196. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable

A recess was called at 7:45 P.M. for five minutes.

* * *

AIRPORT MATTERS:

- 27. Airport Commission and Airport Manager submitting their recommendation for approval of Aero-Sheet Metal Request for subtenancy on the S & W Aviation Leasehold.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission and the Airport Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 28. Airport Commission and Airport Manager submitting their recommendation for approval of Blue's Flying Service Request for approval of their subtenancy on the S & W Aviation Leasehold.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. Airport Commission and Airport Manager submitting their recommendation for approval of Aircraft & Marine Industries, Inc. for approval of their subtenancy on Chester & Alford Leasehold.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. Roll Call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. Airport Commission and Airport Manager submitting conflicting recommendations on request from SMAY & WASSERMAN (S & W Aviation) for lease for additional land.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Councilman Miller requested this item be explained. Mr. Egan, the Airport Manager, asked the Council to refer to the exhibit, which shows this to be a small (3200 foot) unpaved parcel adjoining the present S & W lease. This parcel is a source of dirt and maintenance. The proponents desire to lease this parcel, but object to the price. Mr. Egan stated the proposed price may be used to the detriment of the Airport in the future. He stated the Airport Commission feels that this is a nuisance and should be leased and put on the tax rolls and removed from the Airport as a burden. Mr. Egan feels it should be paved and left as a part of the airport property. It will cost approximately \$1,100 to pave. Councilman Miller asked if it was a hardship piece of property; was it in much demand; had there been any other inquiries about it. Mr. Egan state "no", that it could only be used in conjunction with the adjoining property.

Councilman Sciarrotta called for the question on the motion.

Councilman Miller asked Dr. Wasserman (S & W Aviation) if he would like to speak. Dr. Wasserman stated that the property in question, directly in front of his property, is dirty and unpaved. If it had been in the master plan \$90 would be fair but he is now prepared to pave it and pay \$25. Mr. Johnson asked if it would be worth more paved, to which Dr. Wasserman answered it would not, as S & W intended to use it only for access to their property not for parking aircraft.

Councilman Miller moved to refer this back to the Airport Commission.

Mayor Isen stated these routine airport matters sometimes involve a great deal of Council time and there should be a formula worked out where in certain types of leases the action of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission could be final after a certain length of time, providing the petitioner would not make an appeal and no one from the Council asked the matter come before them. Mr. Remelmeyer stated he thought something could be worked out along the Mayor's suggestion.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the City Manager look into this suggestion.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

32. National Communications Company, request for communications franchise for purpose of transmitting business data.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated he had some question on this and that the practice of referring these matters to staff for study could be quite expensive.

Mr. Wells of National Communications Company stepped forward and, in answer to Councilman Uerkwitz' inquiry, stated they did not have FCC approval as yet, that it would be a waste of time until it was known if they might get the franchise. Councilman Uerkwitz stated they do not have a business until they get a license which he understands is difficult to get, and if Council grants this permit it is carte blanche. National should come in with a plan so Council has something to talk about. When asked if he had other franchises or capitablization Mr. Wells answered "no".

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Remelmeyer what would be involved by his office looking into this. Mr. Remelmeyer said it would involve studying the proposal, drafting provisions which make sense with regard to control; and establishing some method of a rate of compensation. He does not know what problems might be encountered with regard to other utilities. It would have to be a complete study.

Councilman Johnson asked if a franchise is usually granted before or after a plan is brought in. Mr. Remelmeyer stated he could write a franchise that would include ABC approval must be granted within a certain length of time or the franchise would not operate; also license from FCC received and approval from PUC.

Councilman Beasley moved to file this matter. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded this motion, and there were no objections.

33. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to destroy certain City records, pursuant to Section 34090, 34090.5 and 34090.7 of the Government Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-197

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

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-197. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

34. ORDINANCE NO. 1903

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1903

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF DIVISION 8, CHAPTER 3, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2 WHICH ADOPT AND AMEND THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 1967 EDITION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1903 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. ORDINANCE NO. 1904

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1904

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 96.1.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 97.1.3 THEREFOR WHICH ADDS SUBSECTION c) THERETO, PROVIDING THAT NOTICE OF A CHANGE OF ZONE OF ANY ZONE TO A PUBLIC USE ZONE NEED BE GIVEN ONLY BY NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

Councilman Wilson moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1904 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. ORDINANCE NO. 1905

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1905

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Johnson moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1905 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

37. ORDINANCE NO. 1906

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1906

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES COMMITTEE AND DELINEATING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1906 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Councilman Beasley commented on a recent newspaper announcement that the Board of Supervisors had approved an expenditure for a new courthouse in the City of Torrance.

39. Councilman Beasley referred to the recently established "shoppers' bus route" on Maple. Some way must be found to see that the people who would use this route are made aware of it. Perhaps a publicity man should be included in the budget.

40. Councilman Johnson referred to Ordinance No. 1902, adopted at the August 13 meeting, which changed the provisions for beautification of parking lots. His question was whether this ordinance would cover the landscaping of the new White Front Toy Store, and if not what could be done about it at this point, as one of the most important areas in Torrance may have been eliminated. Mr. Shartle stated it was not covered and would have to be made retroactive at this point; something Mr. Remelmeyer would have to decide upon. Mr. Remelmeyer stated he believed the City could require 3% for all landscaping on all parking lots and make it applicable to everything pending. Mr. Shartle asked if Council would like to see an ordinance which had been drafted and could be acted upon tonite.

(Mr. Shartle left the meeting to get the drafted ordinance)

* * *

41. Councilman Sciarrotta advised that Don Kirkland is going to Guatamala on the Sister City Program and would like to have one of the tile plaques which the Chamber of Commerce has as a message from this Council and City Government.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for approval of this request and Councilman Wilson seconded.

(Councilman Beasley left the meeting at this time, 8:45 P.M.)

42. Councilman Sciarrotta commented on the fact there seems to be a question as to how some Council members feel about local parks, and enumerated the number of local parks now available and the number which can be expected to be acquired over a period of time as different areas presently used as sumps will become available.

43. Councilman Uerkwitz spoke about the problem of vandalism in the parks. He requested the City Manager be instructed to contact home owners' associations and civic groups and ask them to cooperate in preventing this vandalism, which costs the City a great deal of money. He questioned what methods might be put into effect to make vandals pay restitution or work out costs and help in the actual cleaning up processes. It was brought up here that punishment and restitution processes have been pre-empted by the State; however, Mr. Remelmeyer stated his office would work on this and let the Council know what might be done. Councilman Wilson stated the School Board had had the same problem and had found that putting up signs "In case of vandalism call the Torrance Police Department", giving the number, seemed to help.

44. Mayor Isen has had several people comment to him about the landscaping at Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue with particular mention of the beautiful rock monument. The only question was the size of the lettering "City of Torrance." The letters are small and difficult to read. Mr. Clemmer, Park Superintendent, stated new letters had been ordered and would be place on the monument soon.

* * *

(Mr. Shartle returned to the meeting with emergency ordinance - Item 40)

40. (Continued)

Mr. Shartle presented the emergency ordinance to Mr. Coil who gave it number 1913 and read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 1913

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 93.6.2 AND 93.6.4 AND ADDING SECTIONS 93.6.5, 93.6.6 AND 93.6.7 TO DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED LANDSCAPING OF PARKING LOTS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1913. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mr. McKinnon, Building and Safety Director, sympathized with the idea but felt there should be more study before taking action. There could be some problems raised in increasing landscaping and decreasing parking; it might be necessary for the business involved to get a variance, which would mean going back to Council. He felt the retroactivity portion would be very difficult to enforce.

Mayor Isen suggested making it apply retroactively only to those parking lots being remodeled and asked if this would take care of White Front. He felt it was necessary to pass the emergency ordinance to clear up the White Front "Jungle". It was suggested that Mr. Shartle be authorized to consult with the owners of the White front and express the intentions of the Council. Mr. Ferraro stated this had already been tried.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that obviously the matter needed more study and suggested it be sent to Mr. Remelmeyer to work out; for a week's study at least.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this emergency ordinance be sent back for study. Councilman Uerkwitz seconded this motion. There was no objection.

45. Mr. Ken Jett, 2311 233rd Street, advised he is concerned because the City is tearing up the street in front of his house and putting in a drainage system that will drain from both ends of the street and wind up draining right in front of his property. He had just been notified this morning that the work would start tomorrow. Mr. Weaver, Assistant City Engineer, was directed to get together with Mr. Jett right after this meeting and see what could be worked out. Mr. Ferraro said he would make sure the proper people were notified so the work would not be started until the matter has been worked out satisfactorily.

46. Mr. Robert Farrell, 21321 Anza, asked if the City Council or any other agency of the City intends to take a positive stand on the freeway. He was told the Planning Commission is having a work job session to discuss this. It is not a public hearing but it is open to the public. Mr. Farrell asked if there were a petition circulated would it be addressed to the City Council or the Planning Commission. He was advised that either way it would be presented to Council.

47. Councilman Johnson asked management make sure the public is notified about the bus trip in the South Torrance Oil Field.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Vernon W. Coil

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...

Mayor of the City of Torrance