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Charlotte Moon
Minute Secretary

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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, August 27, 1968, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Johnson, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta (on vacation). Councilman Miller arrived a few minutes later. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Nick Drale, at Mayor Isen's request, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Wally Kornegay, First Nazarene Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Miller moved that the minutes of the meetings of August 5, 6, and 13 be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Councilman Miller wished to clarify a matter brought up at the meeting regarding the appointment of Commissioners. At the time of the meeting he posed the problem of husband and wife on commissions. Although he brought the problem up, it was his position that he was not against it, as long as they weren't on the same commission. Council had agreed that it was an individual thing with each individual Councilman and how they felt about it. But the minutes do not reflect that, they indicate he was negative rather than positive. Altho no motion was made and no vote taken the subject goes on to state that some of the Council was opposed. He would like the minutes of that meeting (July 31st) reconstructed to reflect his position.

Councilman Johnson stated he also would like to be sure his position was properly reflected. He was not against this.

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz 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 Wilson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

A meeting of the Council Committee as a Whole on Oil Well Beautification will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Isen reminded the Council that when the meeting is adjourned this evening it will have to be adjourned to reconvene again on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that at the close of tonight's meeting Council would adjourn until Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

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Mayor Isen stated there should be an appointment to replace Mr. Vroman on the Torrance Safety Council. Also Mr. Bob Morris did not accept appointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee, and Mrs. Susan Sandness resigned. There will be a short personnel meeting next Tuesday for this purpose. Mr. Coil will prepare sample ballots as to these three. The sample ballots will contain the names of all who applied, the names of those who were not reappointed, and a spot for write ins.

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Mayor Isen said he felt it was noteworthy to mention that Council agendas are the envy of city clerks up and down the state, particularly the art work, and Mr. Coil should be complimented on the appearance of the agenda.

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

NON-CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS:

9. Approval of budgeted and reimbursable expenditures in excess of \$300.
- A. Budgeted.
1. \$564.38 to Western Highway Products for 250 "No Parking" signs indicating time and day for street sweeping.
 2. \$588.00 to Virco Manufacturing Company for 20 folding tables for programs at McMaster Park.
 3. \$653.94 to Game Time, Inc. for 12 heavy duty picnic tables for use at the various parks throughout the City.

4. \$1463.70 to Laboratory For Electronics for one (1) only Traffic Signal Controller for emergency use while making repairs on existing units.
5. \$760.60 to Pacific Desk Company for three (3) each secretarial desks and chairs for new library employees.
6. \$485.10 to Barrett-Robinson Company for six heavy duty permanent and six heavy duty portable park benches for use at various parks throughout the City.
7. \$8972.64 to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Corporation for 6000 pounds of white and yellow street marking powder paint.
8. \$1001.55 to Trailevator for one (1) only trailer with a hydraulic backload ramp for use in transporting heavy aircraft parts and other heavy maintenance equipment. Also for use in trash collection by centralizing all airport trash container to one point for pick up.
9. \$500.00 to Chief Neon Sign Company, Inc. for the painting of one City Bus as part of the Bus improvement program.
10. \$363.83 to Bro-Dart for seven (7) utility book carts for use at each of the City libraries.
11. \$1767.24 to American Sprinkler & Supply Company for various size valves, pipe, vacuum breakers, control units and miscellaneous other supplies to provide a sprinkler system for landscaping the Sepulveda Boulevard Parkway (North side) from Palos Verdes Boulevard to the West City line.
12. \$307.90 to AAA Upholstery Company for twenty sets of curtains as requested as replacement curtains for both the Tillim and Bartlett Senior Citizen Centers.
13. \$509.25 to B & H Carpet Service for new drapes in the Recreation Center Auditorium and Assembly Rooms as part of a replacement program.
14. \$638.40 to Cameo for 200 bus stop signs as part of the Bus improvement program for the Torrance Transit System.
15. \$622.50 to Electric Supplies Distributors for:
 - A. 3630 feet of wire and 135 assorted couplings and connectors for relocating the emergency generator for Fire Station No. 1.
 - B. For 60 fluorescent lamps requested "for stock" as needed.
16. \$979.94 to Gamble Photo Supply for one (1) photo enlarger and one (1) rolleflex camera complete with accessories for use in the Records and Identification Division, Police Dept.
17. \$535.92 to Larry Dorn Associates for one (1) only (ARC bantam) portable two-way radio for use in Airport operations.
 - B. Reimbursable Items.
18. \$432.60 to Hersey-Sparling Company for one (1) only 6 inch flow check detector built to Los Angeles City design.
19. \$403.73 to Hersey-Sparling for one (1) only water meter check valve built to Torrance City design.

10. Award of Contract, Concrete Block Masonry Wall at Torrance Water Dept (B. K. Moon, Masonry Contractor).
11. Notice of completion, Drainage structures in Draille Drive and Sharynne Lane.
12. Claim of W. A. Enderson.

Councilman Miller moved to concur with Items #9, #10, and #11, and refer Item #12 to the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

(Because of their interrelationship, the following two items were considered together.)

13. ZONE CHANGE 68-16, LAWRENCE E. McBRIDE. Zone change from C-2 and R-1 to R-3. Property located on the south side of Redondo Beach Boulevard between Thornburgh Avenue and Ainsworth Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.
14. ZONE CHANGE 68-17, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Zone change from C-2 and R-1 to T-P and R-3 (PP). Property located on the south side of Redondo Beach Boulevard between Thornburgh Avenue and Ainsworth Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Item #14 is for overall rezoning of the area, while Item #13 is for rezoning of Mr. McBride's property only. Mr. McBride was concerned that in case Item #14 was not approved he would still have his case before Council (Item #13). He wishes this rezoning to permit construction of an apartment complex. It was agreed that Item #14 should be considered first.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for a public hearing on the above two items. Mr. Coil stated he had with him a letter which he had received from a Mr. Harry Campbell. At Mayor Isen's request Mr. Coil read the letter aloud.

Following reading of his letter, Mr. Campbell came forward from the audience to speak. He stated he had come to Torrance 15 years ago, bought his property, built his garage, and had had a very satisfactory business. Although he would still be allowed to remain and operate his business under the zone change, he would not be allowed to improve or expand his business. He is not against Mr. McBride's request for rezoning, but would like his own property left zoned as it presently is, C-2.

In answer to Councilman Miller's inquiry as to why he had not appeared at the original Planning Commission meeting to protest the change he stated that his property was not under discussion at that time, only the McBride property had been considered for a zone change then. He had been notified, as the other property owners had, but as his property was not being rezoned at that time and he had no objection, he had not come to any meetings. It was not until a later Planning Commission meeting that someone suggested rezoning the entire property and the suggestion was acted upon, and not being aware of this, he was not there to protest.

Councilman Miller commented on the fact that the Planning Commission's vote may have been affected some by the fact there were no objections at the time of their meeting.

Mr. W. A. Pollack, 2225 Sepulveda Boulevard, W. A. Pollack Associates came forward to speak as a representative of Mr. McBride. He stated they had requested a rezoning for Mr. McBride's property only and had no intention of penalizing Mr. Campbell.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. There were no objections.

Discussion followed regarding the surrounding property and property owners and their reaction to the rezoning. Mr. Shartle, Planning Director, advised they had all been properly notified. In answer to Mayor Isen's inquire Mr. Shartle stated that everything possible would be done to keep the area as little objectionable as possible to the people living in the area.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation on Item #14 with the exception of Mr. Campbell's property which is to remain as zoned, C-2. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Isen ordered Item #13 filed. There were no objections.

15. VARIANCE 68-3, HIGGINS BRICK AND TILE COMPANY. Variance from the provisions of the A-1 zone to permit the storage of scaffolding supplies and materials on the south side of Artesia Boulevard between Casimir Avenue and Van Ness Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to conditions. Recommended for denial by the Planning Department.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the above item.

Mr. Nick Drale, 1960 Torrance Boulevard, came forward to speak. He stated that this rather unusual request was necessitated by the fact that a large section of paved property which could be leased for a use such as this was very difficult to find. Higgins Brick and Tile Company had agreed to a one year lease, and the proponents are already using the property.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anyone else who wished to be heard. Mr. Coil stated he had received a letter from a Mr. James Chessin, 6552 W. 185th Place stating he objected and asking for further details by mail. Mayor Isen referred the letter to Mr. Shartle to answer.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. There was no objection.

Discussion followed regarding the condition that an easement be dedicated. It was concluded that this is not usually a condition of a permit to lease.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the Planning Commission with the exception of Item #1, the lease to run for a period of one year. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Drale introduced Mr. Manuel Guerra, 4530 Zane, Los Angeles, who is associated with the Lessee in the above matter. Mr. Guerra is new in this area. He stated they had looked all over Torrance for a suitable piece of property and thanked the Council for their favorable consideration.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. ORDINANCE amending Sections 95.2.1 and 95.4.1 providing for waiver of fees upon application for issuance of a conditional use permit or exception therefrom.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1907

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 95.2.1 AND 95.4.1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER OF FEES UPON APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OR EXCEPTION THEREFROM.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1907 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE amending Section 93.6.7 of the Code to change the date of applicability of those changes to Art. 6 Chapter 3 as made in Ordinance No. 1902 adopted by the Council August 13, 1968, re: landscaping of parking lots.

Mr. Shartle reported that meetings have been held with Del Amo Properties and White Front and they will cooperate with the City. They prefer to work out something they consider more reasonable than complete landscaping of the entire premises immediately. The matter has been postponed until Mr. Cleveland, Building Inspector, returns from vacation. The most that can be asked for is 3% of the White Front property with sprinklers. The White Front asked that Council not take action until the discussions are settled.

Mayor Isen suggested that this had been discussed and that rather than continue it why not give it a number and vote on it (four Councilman to vote only) and he would hold his vote pending negotiations. This would give more authority than if it were postponed. It would hold the matter up, but show the Council's intentions.

At Mayor Isen's request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to Emergency Ordinance No. 1908.

ORDINANCE NO. 1908

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.6.7 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE DATE OF APPLICABILITY OF THOSE CHANGES TO ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 3, OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AS MADE IN ORDINANCE NO. 1902 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUGUST 13, 1968.

Councilman Johnson moved for adoption of Emergency Ordinance 1908 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Isen asked that his vote be held for two weeks for further study of the problem.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

- 18. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the execution of an agreement between the City and the A. J. Bayer Company for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Cranshaw Boulevard and Toledo Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL BETWEEN THE CITY AND GORDON S. HALLIDAY FOR A. J. BAYER COMPANY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-198. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta absent)

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 19. Recommendation of City Manager regarding TCEA request for additional vacation benefits.

This item was continued for three weeks at the request of the President of the Association. There were no objections.

- 20. Communication from Civil Service Chairman re: Walter Nollac.

City Manager Ferraro stated this item had inadvertently been submitted prematurely and that that the Attorney for the prosecution requested it be withdrawn. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

- 21. RESOLUTION re: Weed abatement program for 1968--fall cutting. Res. of Intention to abate weeds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-199. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta absent).

Mayor Isen requested Mr. Glass, Associate Traffic Engineer, see that something is done at once about the brush and weeds on the southeast corner of Maple and Monterey.

22. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER RE TRACT 27828 RECONVEYANCE:

Councilman Johnson moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. This motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta absent).

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At 8:45 p.m., the City Council recessed, to reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency and at 8:55 returned to their regular Council agenda.

23. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY RE TENTATIVE TRACT 22704.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated he did not see any concurrence by the City Manager on this Item. It stated noted. He wondered if there were some difference of opinion on this.

There followed a general discussion by the Council of the manner in which the City Manager has been processing Council material. On some items it shows that he "Concurs" and on others that he "Noted" them. The question was, when he did not concur, did he necessarily disagree. Mr. Ferraro, City Manager, stated the use of noted does not mean there is a difference of opinion, if there were he would attached a separate memo expressing his opinion. On planning matters there appears a recommendation from both the Planning Commission and Planning Department. He does not wish to influence these recommendations. If he has a difference of opinion, or would concur with one recommendation and not the other, he makes his notation for Council, expressing his reasons, or calling any apparent problems to their attention.

Mr. Ferraro further stated that there was no objection on his part on this particular item. However, in the letter of transmittal it states that the Director of Planning would like to direct himself to the Council.

Councilman Johnson asked if a motion was in order on Item #23.

Mayor Isen wished to question Mr. Shartle, Planning Director. He asked, since it did not state, if the ordinary fee on bedrooms for the park tax would be collected. Mr. Shartle's answer was affirmative.

Mr. Shartle stated there was some disagreement with respect to condition #30 of this item, the recommendation re dedication of streets. His understanding was that Mr. Grindle, representative of Watt Company, and Mr. Smith, Deputy City Attorney, do not agree with the position planning took on this.

Mr. Grindle, R. A. Watt Company, 16901 South Western, stated he did not know until he got the minutes (which he had just received tonight) that there was an issue, but he does not agree with the recommendations. He referred to items 25, 26, 27 and 30. He further stated he and Mr. Smith had come to an agreement, but that these things were never discussed.

It was concluded that these were technical points and that Mr. Grindle and Mr. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, should get together and work them out. The matter was continued until next Tuesday, September 3, with the proviso that if it were ready it could be brought back to the special adjourned meeting on Thursday, August 29.

24. SALE OF LIBRARY BONDS.

Mayor Isen recommended waiving of reading in each instance.

At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Coil gave a number and read title to Ordinance No. 1909.

ORDINANCE NO. 1909

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE
OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIBRARY BONDS OF
SAID CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,550,000.

Councilman Johnson moved waiving of further reading of Ordinance No. 1909. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Councilman Johnson moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1909 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

At Mayor Isen's request Mr. Coil gave a number and read title to Resolution No. 68-200.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-200

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY
CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE INVITING SEALED
PROPOSALS FOR BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,550,000.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-200. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-200. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. Councilman Johnson brought up the possibility of reducing the volume of material in the agenda. He asked if perhaps in the matter of public hearings a staff report could be given as a summary report. Part of the volume comes from the reproduction of a re-issuance of all of the minutes involved in all of the hearings. He agreed that these minutes would have to be available in the Council room so that Council could have them on hand to review if necessary, but that Council could be given only the minutes of the last public hearing which would contain the latest information. That, together with the staff report, should be sufficient to get the job done. He asked how many agenda are published.

City Clerk Coil advised there were 35 agendas published. The first 15 only with all supporting material.

Councilman Johnson moved that, on a six months' trial basis, on public hearings material only a copy of the minutes of the last public hearing be a part of the agenda, and that the department affected and the City Clerk have copies available of the minutes of any other public hearings that may have been held.

Mayor Isen stated that he thought this was something that was being worked on. However, on controversial public hearings he liked to read all the material. For the background. Maybe one party appears at the first hearing and not at the second, which might be very persuasive.

Councilman Johnson had no objection on a matter which is known to be controversial in the judgment of the City Clerk and the City Manager.

Councilman Miller related that there had been an example of the importance of all the material tonight. He had read through two sets of minutes and never found the name of a particular individual who appeared before Council. He apparently had appeared at neither hearing, and therefore Councilman Miller had questioned his appearance at Council.

Councilman Wilson stated that as a new Council member he appreciated knowing the background, even though it does take a good deal of time read through and study.

Mayor Isen suggested to Mr. Johnson that he add to his motion, "at the discretion of management."

Mr. Remelmeyer advised that at one time the agenda had been short, a streamlined version. The reason it is now such a complete package is that over the years council members have been convinced it was necessary. At one time Council did not want all the supporting material, but gradually insisted that everything come before it, for some of the reasons stated here tonight. Then there is the problem mentioned by Mr. Ferraro; Council is the decision maker in these cases; it does not take evidence. If Council does not read the evidence presented to the Planning Commission the decision cannot be based on the evidence.

Mayor Isen concluded that when reading the agenda, Council members point out what they feel to be extraneous material.

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26. Councilman Miller noted that Mr. Cook was in the audience, and he supposed it was in connection with last night's meeting of the Calle Mayor Riviera Group re beautification. This item will appear on the Council agenda in two weeks with the City Manager's progress report. Meanwhile, Mr. Ferraro will contact Mr. Cook prior to making recommendation to Council. Councilman Miller wished this recorded as "noted."

27. Councilman Uerkwitz thanked the Breeze for their help on the park vandalism. The column printed in the paper bore fruit and brought the results wanted. People were getting interested. Several organization had called. He asked for any suggestions for putting out the phone number of the police department.

Mayor Isen suggested some sort of signalization. In the case of someone witnessing vandalism they could press a button which would register in the Police Department and a unit would be sent to the park. He asked if this would be expensive to accomplish. Chier Koenig stated installing the system would not be as expensive as responding to the call, but they would certainly do so to the best of their ability.

28. Councilman Uerkwitz asked Mr. Nollac if he had divested himself of his boat so there would be no further problem. Mr. Nollac stated he was in the process of so doing.

29. Councilman Wilson related that in the last issue of the Press Herald he had noted that Dean Melbo received the highest civilian award conferred by the U. S. Air Force. In the past Council has recognized outstanding citizens, and he felt a letter of commendation from the City Council would be appropriate.

30. In answer to Mayor Isen's request for orals from the audience, Mr. Bill Becker came forward. He is connected with Gene Halter's Movieland Productions, which is a traveling "petting zoo." They bring small animals, in tents, to parking lots of shopping centers for the children. They hope to bring this to the White Front on September 10th. Licensing has given them the go ahead on a petting zoo. However, they also have elephant and camel rides, which is the reason they are here tonight. The City's ordinance places them in the category of carnival-type people as far as rides are concerned. That is \$200 for the first day and \$100 for the second day, etc. The elephant and camel are capable of earning about \$125 per day. They hoped that the fees would be equivalent to other cities which is about \$10 per day as a total for the petting zoo and the rides.

Mr. deLlamas stated it had been the consensus of the License Review Board that the fee for the petting zoo was \$6 per day but for the amusement rides they would have to pay the carnival fee.

Mayor Isen stated it was his belief that the Council, when they passed this ordinance, was thinking of mechanical rides, and questioned Mr. Remelmeyer regarding interpretation. Mr. Remelmeyer agreed that the License Review Board had interpreted the ordinance in one way, but that the Council could interpret it differently, especially if they felt such had been their original intention. He suggested another category be added to the ordinance.

Mayor Isen then mentioned the problem of insurance. He wondered with the petting zoo if there was not the possibility of some children being bit, and if something like this zoo might require more insurance than the ordinance states for carnivals. The carnival insurance requirement is \$100,000/\$300,000. Mr. Becker stated they carry \$500,000 coverage.

Mayor Isen, after questioning Mr. Remelmeyer as to whether a motion would be in order on the interpretation, moved that the normal fee be charged, including the elephants and camels, that they not be considered carnival rides; subject to the above-mentioned insurance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

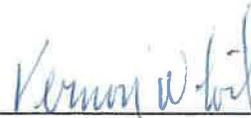
31. Police Chief Koenig was pleased to announce that he had received a bulletin that just this evening the State Division of Narcotics

in connection with our own narcotics squad made an arrest in which about \$150,000 worth of narcotics and illegal drugs were seized. The arrest was made in the City of Los Angeles, but it was as a direct result of information developed by our own narcotics squad. Buys were made in this City over a period of several weeks, several different buys were made on the various parking lots. He was happy to report that we have had this fine cooperation from the State and the adjoining Police Departments.

There being no further business, Councilman Johnson moved to adjourn until Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections.

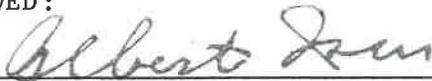
The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance