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Torrance, California
September 10, 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, September 10, 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 Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. John Conway, an interested citizen, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 27th be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all regularly audited bills be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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 Wilson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The meeting of the Council Committee as a Whole regarding the Sign Ordinance on Monday, September 16, 1968, at 7:00 P.M. was announced by Mayor Isen.

A telegram from Airport Commission Chairman John Blaisdell was read, advising the Council that business precludes his serving at the Airport Commission meeting of September 12th, a temporary Chairman will preside, and requests that his absence be excused. Councilman Johnson MOVED that Chairman Blaisdell's absence from the September 12th Airport Commission meeting be excused. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

Councilman Sciarrotta advised that it will be necessary for him to be absent from the September 16th Council meeting as he has a class at this time.

Reverend Kornegay was introduced by Mayor Isen for the purpose of extending a cordial invitation to City officials to attend the auspicious occasion of the opening service at their new sanctuary on Sunday, September 15th, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, completing the two year building program for the Church of the Nazarene.

A presentation to the City of Torrance from the Automobile Club of Southern California, in the form of a gold plaque, recognizing Torrance as the nationwide winner in the field of pedestrian safety accomplishments for cities over 100,000 population, was made by Mr. Lee Barger. The contributions of the Police Department, the PTA, Crossing Guards, Traffic Engineer, the Youth Commission, the Traffic Safety Commission, and the Torrance Safety Council were specifically acknowledged by Mr. Barger. The plaque was graciously accepted by Mayor Isen, with an enlightening acceptance speech being made by Chief Koenig.

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In view of the capacity-plus attendance on the matter of the proposed Torrance Freeway, Mayor Isen requested that this be the next order of business.

14. PROPOSED TORRANCE FREEWAY.

At Mayor Isen's request, City Attorney Remelmeyer reported his research on this matter wherein it has been learned that Section 74.5 of the Streets and Highways Code provides that before a Planning Commission or a City Council shall make a recommendation on the adoption of a State highway route (which includes a freeway route) a public hearing must be conducted on the subject. Mr. Remelmeyer then stated that the August 28th meeting of the Planning Commission, as well as this Council meeting, could not be deemed public hearings since they have not been so advertised and therefore do not conform to the Streets and Highways Code. It was then City Attorney Remelmeyer's recommendation that this matter be referred back to the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and that they make a new recommendation to the Council (it may be the same recommendation but would follow a public hearing). It was Mr. Remelmeyer's further recommendation that the Council similarly schedule a public hearing, and that any decision be postponed until these public hearings have been accomplished.

Reviewed then was the time schedule involved in arranging these public hearings, with an eye to the October 10th meeting of the State Division of Highways where the City's recommendations will be presented. A location for the hearings was a consideration as well, the Council Chambers capacity obviously inadequate, it being agreed that Torrance High School auditorium would be the most satisfactory.

A concern of Mayor Isen's was the possible further need of petitions submitted on this matter by the interested parties. He, therefore, MOVED that any person who has filed signatures, or will file signatures, with reference to the freeway problem that that person at the end of the Council public hearing shall be entitled to withdraw those petitions for whatever further use he may have for them. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Noted by Mayor Isen at this point was his understanding that any freeway that requires the dedication of public streets within the State or the abandonment of certain streets necessitates approval of the majority of the City Council or no freeway. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed this, adding that the State Highway Commission has exclusive authority to designate a freeway route; however, the Streets and Highways Code contains a further provision to the effect that before there can be a closure of any public streets in a city, the consent of the City Council must be obtained, which means, for all practical purposes, if the Torrance Freeway is to be built, the City Council and the Highway Commission must agree on the route.

Mr. Chris Karatzas, 23012 Kent Avenue, requested that the proposed public hearings be so scheduled as to allow the citizens sufficient time between the two hearings to assimilate all the information as well.

Mr. Sid Elicks of the State Division of Highways responded to questions pertaining, first, to the likelihood of postponement of the October 10th meeting which appears very remote in view of the extensive arrangements already made and publicity regarding this meeting -- as to public hearings held by other cities, Mr. Elicks reported on the ambiguity of the law cited by City Attorney Remelmeyer, reciting the procedures that were followed, Torrance being the only city to hold formal public hearings.

Councilman Uerkwitz recommended that the advice of City Attorney Remelmeyer be followed, and MOVED to establish a public hearing on the proposed freeway by the Planning Commission on September 23rd at 7:00 P.M.; a public hearing by the City Council on October 3rd at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Next to be resolved was the availability of Torrance High School, and preparation of an appropriate resolution and ordinance for approval at this meeting. Emergency secretarial help was supplied from the audience by Mrs. Barbara Jahn as she and Mr. Remelmeyer departed for this assignment.

Mayor Isen then invited those present who wished to speak to do so at this time.

Mr. Constantine Farns, 4709 Cathann, stated that he has a petition, intended for this meeting, but that he will withhold its presentation and his comments until the formal public hearing.

Mr. Steven H. Allen, 4307 Newton Street, representing Ellinwood Homeowners Association, advised that they have a prepared statement, a petition, and other documentation in support of their position on the freeway route, which they will defer to the formal public hearings. Mr. Allen further stated that they feel it is the responsibility of the Planning Commission and the City Council in considering this question to provide for the interests of the citizens of Torrance -- do we or do we not want a freeway at all in the City of Torrance; if the answer is in the affirmative then the selection of the route through the City of Torrance should be predicated solely on the needs of Torrance citizens and not on the needs of nearby cities.

Representing the Walteria Homeowners Association, Mr. William Borton stated that they too will defer their presentation until the public hearings. Concurrence with Mr. Allen's remarks above was expressed by Mr. Borton;

Mr. George Carpenter, 19922 Ingrum Way, added that they too were prepared with a petition and statement which they will defer to the public hearings.

Next to speak was Mr. Ted Baciu, 4101 Paseo de las Tortugas, president of the Riviera Homeowners Association, who first commended the Council for their action in postponing this matter and holding public hearings; it is a vital issue to the City and many homes, industries, and commercial property will be affected, and a decision which seriously affects the City's future.

Representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Karatzas spoke again advising that they too have prepared statements and opinions on the routing of the freeway, but this will be withheld until the Planning Commission and Council hearings.

Mr. Ed Brandt, 22913 Fonthill, president of the Palo Del Amo Homeowners Association, stated that their comments will be deferred to the forthcoming hearings.

Mr. Ronald Rösssi, 23217 Roberts Road, representing residents in this area, including Seaside Ranchos, stated that they too will defer their petition and comments for the public hearings.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the homeowner representation at this meeting is most gratifying, and he urged that the various efforts be consolidated for these very important hearings ahead.

Councilman Beasley clarified that the October 10th hearing, as well as the Planning Commission and Council hearings, are hearings designed to allow the residents to express their views in the matter, with it eventually being referred to the State Highway Commission and to the State Engineer with many factors going into the development

of a freeway beyond the attitude and thoughts of the people who are most affected. There has never been a freeway built in the State of California that pleased everyone in the community, Mr. Beasley stated, adding that there appears to be considerable public speaking experience ahead, predicting that the final decision will be made in approximately one year.

This difficult problem was discussed by Mayor Isen who deplored what it does to homes and values between now and the time the decision is made -- the discussion, the worry, the wear and tear -- noting as well that there is no concern for human values, for the people who picked a rural street, a neighborhood street, a street that was away from traffic, with no expectation of it ever being disturbed. Adequate compensation for the homes taken away is paid by the State, Mayor Isen continued, but those left high and dry with yards facing a freeway, the noise, etc. become a blighted area, and this should be a most important consideration. Prior to his decision, Mayor Isen will want information pertaining to the number of homes that will have to be bulldozed as well as information as to how many other homes will be affected by being left hanging above or below a freeway who are hurt more than the people who have been reimbursed for their homes. A further comment by Mayor Isen pertained to industrial land and the fight he has ever waged to maintain industrial land in Torrance, but it is his feeling that a freeway, as much as is possible, should go through an industrial area, the reason being that it increases the property values, brings in more industry, and certainly does not affect the smog, the noise, or the quietude, or the beauty of a neighborhood where homeowners are concerned. Mayor Isen concluded that all the time spent on arriving at the proper decision in this matter will be most worthwhile.

Mrs. Joseph Dumont, 5304 Lenore Street, requested that her letter submitted be read aloud. City Clerk Coil obliged, at Mayor Isen's request. Mrs. Dumont is opposed to the "green" route and outlined the drastic effects of such a route on these homeowners.

While awaiting the resolution and ordinance in preparation in the City Attorney's office, Mayor Isen turned to other business, starting with the following oral report:

Mr. George Kurtz, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, advised the Council of a meeting on September 6th on the matter of Oil Well Beautification with homeowner representatives, City Attorney Remelmeyer, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Manager Ferraro, Building Superintendent McKinnon, Battalion Chief Tuttle, and other individuals, with some agreement having been reached. There is a need for additional time for obtaining further agreement, Mr. Kurtz stated, which will make it possible to present an ordinance acceptable to all. The clean-up program underway was described by Mr. Kurtz, and will be viewed by the Councilmen.

Mayor Isen stated that if it is feasible to fence in all the moving parts of the oil well, which should be done immediately, he does not feel it should be necessary to fence in the whole periphery, and recommended that Mr. Kurtz and City Attorney Remelmeyer get together for an amendment to that portion of the ordinance, and pass that as emergency, in view of the critical fencing need. Mr. Kurtz advised that much of this has already been accomplished in the version they are now working on, and will soon be forthcoming. Mayor Isen stated that any reasonable portions would be entertained.

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(A five-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time - 9:15 P.M.)

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On resumption of the meeting, the following item was first considered, out of agenda order:

22. Oral Report by Deputy City Attorney re: American Standard lease for Pueblo Park.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that ^{he had contacted} the attorney for American Standard in New York, per Council direction on September 3rd, and they have agreed to make the requested modifications -- the most important one being that they rescinded their previous statement that there had to be a 30-day cancellation clause. The lease which arrived today, Mr. Remelmeyer continued, contains a one-year clause, and, therefore, will be for an indefinite term from year-to-year; this lease will be an agenda item on September 17th, with an appropriate resolution.

Director of Recreation Van Bellehem added that it will further be necessary for the Council to approve the purchase of the access property and appropriate the funds; a resolution will be provided for this as well at the September 17th meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that all these matters pertaining to providing the Pueblo area park be dealt with just as quickly as possible. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

It was the request of Traffic Engineer Horkay that he be given permission to cancel the requested Traffic Commission hearing regarding the closing of Del Amo Boulevard. Discussion followed, with considerable reluctance evidenced by the residents in attendance -- the complications of this request were reviewed, and work priorities were considered. The matter of the Pueblo park was assigned a No. One Priority by the Council, ^{Council} the consistent display of good faith by the Council, and now with the matter virtually resolved, the cooperation of the residents was requested in holding in abeyance the street closing request.

Mr. Reuben Ordaz, representing the Pueblo area, agreed to await next Tuesday's action.

Supporters of "Muy Pronto" action for the Pueblo area in the audience, with placards declaiming their sentiments, were introduced by Mayor Isen, and, at his invitation, paraded in the Council Chambers.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

9. Finance Director submitting official statement of the City concerning \$1,550,000 in general obligation library bonds, Election 1967, Series B, to be sold October 1, 1968.

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

10. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.A. BUDGETED:

1. \$569.52 to Pacific Desk Company for 8 lounge chairs requested by the Recreation Department as replacement furniture for use in the Recreation Center Building.
2. \$549.68 to Western Office Furniture for 3 lounging sofas requested by the Recreation Department as replacement furniture for use in the Recreation Center Building.
3. \$518.36 to I.B.M. for 27,000 I.B.M. business license renewal notices on data processing cards requested by the License Division.
4. \$1,072.85 to Moore Business Forms, Inc. for 60,000 sets of stock data processing forms requested by the Data Processing Department for use in their operations.
5. \$3,767.77 to Econolite Corporation for traffic signal equipment requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for signal repair stock and to upgrade 4 city intersection's traffic signal systems.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

6. \$1,007.48 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 4-inch water meter with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines requested by the Water Department for the Torrance Unified School District.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - REQUESTED BY THE CITY LIBRARIAN:

7. \$452.16 to Hacker Art Books for 30 sets of the World Art Series.
8. \$1,268.30 to Doubleday and Company, Inc. c/o John Thorne for 237 adult fiction and non-fiction books.
9. \$566.58 to Collier MacMillan Library Service for 88 adult fiction books.
10. \$431.13 to McGraw-Hill Book Company c/o Norbert Weber Library Services for 54 adult fiction and non-fiction books.
11. \$466.15 to Harper and Row c/o Jack H. Dawley for 35 adult fiction and 35 adult non-fiction books.
12. \$440.48 to Random House Publishing Company c/o Harry Rinèhimèr for 77 adult fiction and non-fiction books.
13. \$47,312.23 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc. c/o A.C. McClurg and Company for 408 adult fiction, 1,126 adult non-fiction and 10,654 assorted title books requested by the City Librarian.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the above purchases, items 1 through 13. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

HEARINGS:11. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - 1968, FALL CUTTING.

RESOLUTION authorizing and instructing the Director of Public Works to abate nuisance located on or in front of certain properties in the City as described in Resolution no. 68-199.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. Exceptions from a Mr. Walker and Dr. William A. Bailey were referred to City Manager Ferraro.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that said Affidavits be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen then inquired if anyone in the audience wished to be heard, and there was no response. Councilman Miller moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to the following resolution authorizing the Contractor to abate the nuisance, and assigned a number thereto:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION 68-199.

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-207. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-207; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

12. RESOLUTION of Intention to abate weeds on or in front of certain properties in the City and setting a time and place for a hearing thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-208

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 Uerkwitz moved that further reading of Resolution No. 68-208 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-208, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Assistant City Manager Scharfman returned to the meeting at this time confirming that Torrance High School would be available for the Freeway hearings. The resolution and ordinance were now completed as well, and the following action resulted:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1916

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 1968 AT TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND MAKING A RECOMMENDATION ON THE ROUTE OF THE PROPOSED TORRANCE FREEWAY.

Councilman Miller moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 1916 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson moved for the ^{ADOPTION EMERGENCY} approval of Ordinance No. 1916 at its first ^{AND FINAL} reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1968 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSED TORRANCE FREEWAY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-209. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-209. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. Communication from the Planning Director and Director of Public Works re: request by R.A. Watt Company for reconsideration of the dedication of the proposed 20 ft. alley in Tentative Tract Map No. 28608.

Representing R.A. Watt Company, Mr. John Grindle, 16901 South Western Avenue, requested that the 20 ft. alley requirement for Tentative Tract 28608 be waived, and in lieu thereof his company will dedicate development rights of the westerly 20 ft. of the three industrial lots indicated on the plot plan. This would prevent any building and serve as a buffer between the R-1 and the industrial, Mr. Grindle stated; further, potential purchasers of this property do not care for alleys because of pilfering problems.

It was pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer that it was questionable that a dedication of development rights would be enforceable -- considerable time has been spent checking up on this type of restriction and he cannot be certain that they are enforceable. Mr. Remelmeyer added that they would be enforceable as to anyone who signs the document, but whether or not that would be enforceable against purchasers of the property in the future cannot be vouched for. It was the comment of Mr. Grindle that dedication on a recorded map would afford the necessary protection, and they are willing to do that.

Discussion followed on the request - its effect on ingress and egress, the adjoining residential development, the noise factor, and the problems encountered in residential/industrial situations.

Councilman Uerkwitz (absent at the May 14th hearing on this tract) MOVED that the Council reconsider Tentative Tract Map 28608. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Miller that the Council has consistently protected residential property from commercial property, in evidence all over the City -- further, there are some 10 residents at this location who are unaware of the subject request, anticipating the alley development, and to make such a change without their knowledge does not seem fair.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to reaffirm the Council's original decision at the May 14th meeting -- that the 20 ft. alley be a requirement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Grindle then requested approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 28608 for recordation, with permission to dedicate the alley by separate instrument to the City. Mayor Isen declined to entertain any such consideration, and requested that it be a regular agenda item for the Council meeting of September 17th, if possible, as is the normal procedure.

15. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 68-9, R.A. Watt Company, on property located on the northwest corner of the City between Del Amo Blvd. and Beryl Street from the end of Halison Street to the westerly City limits.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1917

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CITY BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND BERYL STREET TO THE WESTERLY CITY LIMITS, AND DESCRIBED IN
ZONE CHANGE 68-9.
(R.A. WATT COMPANY)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1917 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote, City Manager Ferraro advised that at the second reading there will be changes to this ordinance on Section 4 wherein it refers to the "attached sketch" - that sketch will be given a number for the records so it may be identified.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. ORDINANCE providing for precise zoning procedure.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1918

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PRECISE ZONING.

Councilman Miller moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1918 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ORDINANCE providing for the creation of a Civic Center District.

Councilman Uerkwitz questioned the R-1 portions indicated on the map accompanying the proposed ordinance. Planning Director Shartle explained that the purpose of this proposal is to place additional restrictions not on the Civic Center but on the adjacent property to protect the Civic Center itself from deterioration due to unsightly buildings, etc. being placed adjacent thereto. Mr. Shartle added that it is something that is employed by several cities to help protect the neighborhood of the Civic Center.

It was then requested by Planning Director Shartle that the proposed ordinance be referred back to the Planning Commission to permit public hearings, if the Council is in agreement as to concept. Mayor Isen so MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

18. Traffic and Lighting Engineer recommending approval of modification to Planning Commission condition 22 on Tract 21205.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

19. Recommendation from Director of Recreation and Building and Safety Director that the bid received for construction of four picnic shelters be rejected.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation and the Building and Safety Director, rejecting the bid without prejudice. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

Councilman Beasley then moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Ferraro as outlined in Item #20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. Recommendation of Director of Recreation and Building and Safety Director that picnic shelters be constructed at Victor, Hickory and Lago Seco Parks and the proposed shelter for La Romeria Park be eliminated from the capital improvement budget and the money appropriated for its construction be transferred to the construction of the three aforementioned projects. That an appropriation be approved in the amount of \$6,000 to make a total of \$36,000. for construction of the three picnic shelters.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, and that the sum of \$4500 be appropriated. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried:

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

21. RESOLUTION authorizing renewal of License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company relating to the use of Post Substation property for recreation purposes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-210

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 RENEWAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY WITH REFERENCE TO THE LOMITA SUBSTATION SITE SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST 235TH STREET AND ELM STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-210; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. American Standard lease for Pueblo Park.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. Report from City Manager re: Petition from residents on Calle Mayor.

Mr. Stanley Dunn, 505 Via la Selva, expressed some reservations as to the popularity of the installation of street lighting, referred to in the City Manager's report, and that the objections of the Riviera residents would be known at any hearings on the matter of street lights.

Mr. Richard Cook, 309 Calle Mayor, expressed agreement with most of the City Manager's report, as well as appreciation for the efforts to date.

Discussion followed, particularly on the requested automatic sprinkler system, it being recognized that this type of request would be a matter for next year's budget.

Some type of ground cover as an interim measure was then requested by Mr. Cook. It was recommended by Mayor Isen that this request be referred back to Administration and the Park Department for a recommendation, and that the subject communication be filed, earmarking for budget time; he so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

23A. Construction of Sewers in Western Avenue and 190th Street.

Recommendation that \$14,000 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of subject sewer project.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer, and that \$14,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund. 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.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council, reconvening as the Redevelopment Agency, the hour being 10:45 P.M., and returning to its deliberations as City Council at 10:46 P.M.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

24. ORDINANCE 1910 establishing the salary of the City Treasurer, City Clerk, City Manager and Staff, and the City Attorney.

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

ORDINANCE 1910

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY TREASURER, CITY CLERK, CITY MANAGER AND STAFF, AND THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1910 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (for reasons previously stated), Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen (for lots of reasons, including the fact that it is more than 10%.)

25. ORDINANCE 1915 requiring that a conditional use permit be obtained for the drilling of any new oil wells in the City.

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

ORDINANCE 1915

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUIRING THAT A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BE OBTAINED FOR THE DRILLING OF ANY NEW OIL WELLS IN THE CITY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1915 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

26. CONSTITUTION WEEK - September 17-23, 1968.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. Planning Director Shartle advised the Council that the report on the White Front beautification should be available at the September 17th meeting, attempts at arranging a meeting having been unsuccessful thus far.

30. Referring back to Item 15 (R.A. Watt property at Del Amo, Beryl, and Halison) Director of Public Works Nollac advised the Council of their intent, and apparent oversight earlier in the meeting, to request permission to build five model homes before the tract map recorded. Should this permission be granted, and Mr. Nollac would so recommend subject to the sewer and water connections being provided in accordance with Engineering and Fire Department requirements and with the posting of the \$2500 bond per home for removal, as has been the usual custom; Councilman Johnson so moved, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson with unanimous approval by roll call vote.

31. Outlining his Council-approved efforts in the preparation of amicus curiae briefs in reference to home rule, in conjunction with other City Attorneys in Los Angeles County, City Attorney Remelmeyer requested permission to expand these efforts to other areas of municipal law, the cost to be incorporated in the \$100 approved originally for home rule briefs. Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with Mr. Remelmeyer's request; the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. The problems surrounding refuse disposal were delineated by Councilman Sciarrotta who urged that Council representatives to appropriate organizations urge that committees be formed to study this matter and that periodical reports be made. Councilman Beasley noted the recent establishment by the State Legislature of a special committee for the purpose of studying the question of rubbish disposal; with Mr. Beasley anticipating that cities and counties will be preempted in the matter by State control.

Mayor Isen commented on the outstanding job being done by the County Sanitation District, and is properly their concern; their engineers would undoubtedly welcome the opportunity to describe their efforts and accomplishments to the Council. This was agreeable with Mr. Sciarrotta, such interest not having been previously noted.

33. Permaplaques for retiring Commissioners with four years or more of service were recommended by Councilman Uerkwitz. He so MOVED, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

34. Councilman Uerkwitz reported on the request of the Library Commission to meet at a location other than City Hall. City Librarian West advised that this has been accomplished by way of a statement from the City Attorney.

35. At Councilman Wilson's question as to the status of the North Torrance Patrol, Chief Koenig advised that a meeting is scheduled for September 11th for the establishment of guidelines. Chief Koenig then described the proposed activities for such a group, it being

understood their functions would be of an "observation" and reporting nature.

Chief Koenig added that it is hoped to have 11 Reserve Officers present at the October 1st Council meeting with City Clerk Coil administering the oath to them at that time.

36. The occasion of Art and Joan Horkay's wedding anniversary this date was pointed out by Mayor Isen. Congratulations were extended them, with some question as to the mode of celebration -- a Council meeting!

37. Complete disagreement with a Staff member reference at a recent Planning Commission meeting to the "abundance" of industrially zoned land in Torrance was voiced by Mayor Isen.

38. Permaplaque recognition was requested by Mayor Isen for the following: Jeanne Walsh, winner of the world's championship in figure skating; Sharon Terrill, winner of a scholarship in the "Miss America" contest; the young lady from Torrance who became the Hula Hoop champion; and the five people who placed first in the Junior Olympics at Lake Tahoe.

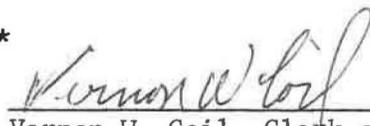
These activities should be recognized, in Mayor Isen's opinion, and he MOVED that City Attorney Remelmeyer prepare the appropriate permaplaque resolutions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Representing the Hollywood Riviera Community Association, Mr. Stanley Dunn reviewed the need for Art Jury approval for construction in the Riviera section and the need for coordination with the Building Department in this regard to avoid delays and the obvious problems of proceeding with construction before this approval has been obtained. Mr. Dunn requested that a printed notice, prepared at the expense of his organization, containing the necessary information be distributed to Riviera applicants by the Building Department; Building Superintendent McKinnon did not object to so cooperating.

Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED that the subject notices be extended to Hollywood Riviera builders, to be furnished by the Riviera Community Association. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

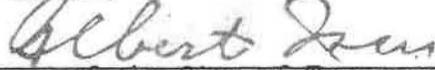
At 11:40 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to Monday, September 16, 1968 at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance
 Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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