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Torrance, California
October 8, 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, October 8, 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:

Mr. Owen Silverman, at Mayor Isen's request, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Francis A. Rath, Seaside Community Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of September 24, 1968 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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.

1. Council Minutes
October 8, 1968

Due to the fact that proper advertising could not be complied with on an urgent matter which had prompted the action calling for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16th, at 5:00 P.M., Mayor Isen requested that this previously ordered meeting be cancelled. Councilman Miller so moved; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Clarification of Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen to the large audience in attendance at this meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS:

With considerable pride, Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, announced that recognition would be afforded young champions who have brought credit to the City of Torrance. Permaplaques, with appropriate congratulations, were presented by the Mayor to:

- (1) Twelve participants from the Junior Olympic Finals, held at South Lake Tahoe on September 7, 1968;
- (2) John H. Stratton, National Champion in weight-lifting at the Junior Olympics;
- (3) Area 20 Exchange Clubs of Southern California and Mr. Chuck Eischen, Area Governor, with respect to the Junior Olympics awards; and
- (4) Mary Lou Jones, winner of the National Hula Hoop Championship on Saturday, August 31, 1968. Mary Lou gave a precision demonstration for the audience of championship hula hooping.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

8. BUDGETED AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.

A. BUDGETED:

- 1. \$438.90 to Western Water Works Supply for 25 only 2-inch water angle valves requested by the Water Department for water service "as needed".
- 2. \$549.91 to Jamison, Inc. for one only Jamison permanent hooded softball backstop as requested by the Recreation Department for use at the Pueblo Park Sports Field.
- 3. \$651.00 to Industrial Blueprint and Supply Company for the printing and collating of 700 copies of the South Bay "Freeway Report" as requested by the City Manager's office.

4. \$593.78 to the Xerox Corporation for 13 cartons of Xerox Toner requested by Central Services for our Xerox machines delivered "as needed".
5. \$507.57 to Meyercord Company for 25 sets of pressure sensitive letters made from Scotchlite to read "Torrance Transit System" and 233 numerals for identifying the various unit buses.
6. \$1214.80 to Guardian Fence Company for 600-ft. of chain link fence, 1000 feet of tie wire, 2640 feet of barb-wire, 2 complete fence gates and other necessary fencing material as requested by the Park Department to be used to enclose the Pueblo Playground.
7. \$515.40 to Walmor Equipment Corporation for 78 runway lighting fixtures requested by the Airport which are used for night flying aids.
8. \$467.25 to Martin Supply Company for one only "air" hammer pavement breaker - 35 lb. size requested by the Street Department for road work.
9. \$530.15 to Johnson Stationery for 10 only institutional type card tables and 12 only 6-ft. folding tables requested by the Recreation Department for their programs.
- B. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE LIBRARY FUND (unless otherwise noted) as requested by the City Librarian.
10. \$458.50 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc., c/o/ A.C. McClurg and Company for 144 assorted books (from the Library Bond Fund).
11. \$1057.01 to Doubleday and Company, c/o John Thorne, for 540 juvenile books plus 92 book processing kits. (From the Library Bond Fund).
12. \$594.00 to Institute for Business Planning, Inc., c/o Myron J. Lowe, for 18 months subscriptions to the following:
 - Estate & Life Insurance Planning
 - Real Estate Investment Planning
 - Corporate & Tax Planning Program
13. \$516.24 to G.P. Putnam's Sons, c/o Henry C. Channing, for 47 adult non-fiction books; 15 adult fiction books; 20 juvenile books and 4 book processing kits. (From the Library Bond Fund).
14. \$418.32 to Doubleday and Company, c/o John Thorne, for 33 adult non-fiction books and 38 adult fiction books. (From the Library Bond Fund).
15. \$496.23 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Harry Rinehimer for 36 adult fiction books; 38 adult non-fiction books and one reference book (From Library Bond Fund).

16. \$3466.28 from Carl J. Leibel, Inc., c/o A.C. McClurg and Company, for 508 adult non-fiction books; 199 adult fiction books; 63 juvenile titles; and 22 reference books. (From Library Bond Fund).
17. \$519.23 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc., c/o A.C. McClurg and Company, for 90 adult non-fiction books, 27 adult fiction books and two other books.
18. \$493.20 to Walker and Company for 113 assorted title books. (From Library Bond Fund).
9. Airport Control Tower Glass Replacement - (Bid B 68-8) - Acceptance of work of Imperial Glass.
10. Request of City Librarian, with approval of City Manager, for appropriation of \$959 for unbudgeted items to complete refurnishing Post Avenue Library.
11. Claim of Keith Cairns for personal injuries and property damage sustained as the result of an alleged malfunction of traffic signals at Artesia and Crenshaw on June 18, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that claim be denied and referred to City Attorney.
12. Claim of Mrs. Hobart A. Miller for damages to her sink-top water filter allegedly sustained as the result of street construction on September 24, 1968, with recommendation of City Clerk that claim be denied and referred to City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that agenda items #8 through #12 be approved as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

13. PP 67-3, GAL CAP ENTERPRISES (CAPELLINO) - APPEAL OF A PRECISE PLAN CASE. Appeal for a precise plan of development for construction and operation of an automotive repair center on property located between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 173rd Street easterly of Hawthorne Boulevard, and described as Tract 27475. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission, subject to conditions 1 through 9.

The background history of the subject property was related by Planning Director Shartle, accompanied by projection of the subject area on the screen, which resulted in the present C-5 precise plan zoning -- the present plan for an automotive center being the first plan submitted under the precise plan requirement.

Mayor Isen could not understand a piecemeal presentation for a precise plan, the normal procedure being a plan for the entire area to determine whether it is good or bad for the neighborhood.

Mr. Shartle pointed out that piecemeal precise plans have been considered in other cases - i.e. the Del Amo Properties, as with property on Hawthorne Boulevard in the vicinity of Bekins Van and Storage. At Mayor Isen's question as to whether this would be discretionary on the part of the Council as to whether the property be reviewed piecemeal, or, if in the opinion of the Council, a specific area is such that it warrants seeing the entire picture laid out. Planning Director Shartle stated that in his opinion that is the right of the Council; City Attorney Remelmeyer concurred with Mr. Shartle in that it is discretionary with the Council whether it is piecemeal or viewed in its entirety. Planning Director Shartle went on to describe the proposed development, pointing out that an automotive center is permitted in the C-5 zone; further, that the applicants have indicated that they are not in a position at this time to submit a precise plan on the entire property because at the time of the original public hearings on this matter, the recommendations of the Planning Department, the Planning Commission, and eventually the Council's determinations were that substantial development was desired, such as high-rise, etc. Discussion followed on the precise plan in increments arrangement, recognizing the impossibility of predetermining tenants. Mayor Isen stated that visions of high-rise office buildings, or quality development, had been the motivation for the Council approval of the C-5 zone. Councilman Wilson could not see how an automotive center could be excluded if it meets with the C-5 zoning, and this is the development desired by the owner of the property. Planning Director Shartle referred to the time of the processing of the zone change when the Council indicated that they desired to see large, quality development; the Planning Commission and the Staff did discuss suggested types of development, with a general indication by the Council that this would be acceptable on a precise plan and that the Council would look askance at something lesser than that. Pointed out further by Mr. Shartle was the fact that the proposed automotive center is considered by Staff an interim use only, suggesting that in the event of approval that it be by way of variance rather than precise plan. The interim use concept has met with the approval of the proponent, Mr. Shartle added, and he agreed to the ten-year maximum imposed at the Planning Commission hearing.

Councilman Johnson stated that the subject property is probably one of the most outstanding corners left in the City of Torrance to be developed; it is the entrance to Torrance; it is deserving of the highest quality development. At the time of the zone change, with the precise plan requirement, several worthwhile uses were in mind; when it was learned that an automotive center was planned for this property, the Council indicated that an automotive center, temporary or no, was not a sufficiently substantial use. Mr. Johnson further stated that it does not seem such a hardship that the owners cannot find the kind of tenants that would make this development a worthy one, with quality development in evidence all around. Discussion on this matter occurred at the time of the installation of the block wall across the alley, with a specific point made that this was a precise plan to come to Council (a change of rules almost caused this matter to get lost in the shuffle). Mr. Johnson then quoted from the Council minutes of April 23, 1968 which indicated the concern for the development at this location. Mr. Johnson further stated that the only reason he could approve the requested zone change was the idea that there would be a precise plan which would indicate, in general, at least, what the owners were planning on putting there - this also being in his mind when agreeing to vacate the street, and to permit the blocking off of the alley.

Mayor Isen pointed out the necessary reliability on Staff (Legal, Planning, Administrative, etc.) and the fact that he may have had a misapprehension all the way down the line in this matter -- it being

his understanding that when a zone is changed, subject to a precise plan, that meant that it would return to Council to choose the type of business that would go in; hence, the basis for his vote. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he does not think the Council can choose the type of business, feeling that a judge would hold that if a use is permitted by the zoning ordinance in an R-5 zone, the Council must permit this type of use with a precise plan -- the Council can, of course, regulate that particular type of use, such as setback requirements, parking requirements, the type of construction, etc. Relative to abatement of uses, Mr. Remelmeyer continued, the courts hold one to a reasonable time based on the quality of the construction. Mayor Isen then continued that the reason for his vote of approval of the street vacation and for the change of zone subject to a precise plan was that then it would be possible to pick and choose the proper type of businesses going in there; if this is not so, his vote was completely in error and he would want to go through a procedure to undo it, if there was agreement by the Council. The original understanding of Mayor Isen was based on a glowing story of high-rise office buildings, subject to a precise plan, the zone was changed; and here is a proposal that is completely objectionable right next to a residential area, and absolutely the poorest possible use whether it be for one year or ten years. Mayor Isen further could not see any sense of a precise plan unless you could go into the uses -- in agreement were Councilmen Johnson and Uerkwitz.

Councilman Beasley expressed concern for this type of piecemeal development, representing a very small investment compared to some developments that could be put in, as well as being adjacent to a residential area. Mr. Beasley is inclined to agree that the proposed development is not worthy of that corner and that property.

Mr. William F. Hunter, 17122 Spinning Avenue, president of the North Torrance Homeowners Association, appearing in this appeal against the subject precise plan -- the concern being development of the North Torrance area in general, with an ultimate effect on his property. Mr. Hunter submitted a petition bearing 126 names from members in the general area expressing disapproval of the proposed automotive center. Mayor Isen ordered the petition filed; there were no objections. Mr. Hunter then outlined the history of this property, as well as the understanding of the community that a precise plan for the entire area would be submitted; if there were to be piecemeal zoning that it would be on a progressive type where it would build up to the ultimate conclusion. It is the feeling of his group that this particular proposal is not compatible with the ultimate development, and would increase the cost of acquisition of the property for additional expansion or for completion of the project as originally conceived. Undesirable aspects were pointed out by Mr. Hunter -- such as inaccessibility for fire equipment with the closing of the alley, which appears to be a prime safety hazard -- along with financing difficulties encountered by residents in the area because of the C-5 overlay on their property. It is their feeling, Mr. Hunter concluded, that this is significant and some efforts may be underway to suppress property values in this area.

Councilman Miller defined the value of the precise plan, and the controls afforded by it, acknowledging that it does not permit the Council to disallow a proponent to build within the framework of a particular zoning, it does provide control in a different manner in the areas of building location, beautification, etc. -- and that it would be unwise to discard the precise plan procedure; the thought should be broader than just this particular automotive center and more towards the general problems of the City and how to control haphazard types of development.

Councilman Sciarrotta explained that his understanding of the precise plan was that Council could control what went in on any part of the ground; if that is not the intention of the precise plan, then he has also been misled.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that there are no California Appellate decisions on this question, so this is a field which is relatively uncharted; the statutes say that the Council may control the use, but it does not seem to Mr. Remelmeyer, as a matter of constitutional law, that the courts would let one go so far as to tell a man, taking an individual piecemeal basis, what he can put in his property when the statutes, the zoning law itself, states the various uses that can be put into the property. An old maxim of English law, which is a matter of American constitutional law, was recited by the City Attorney -- "This is a government of laws and not of men" -- which means that there must be rules of general applicability which apply to all -- one cannot have different rules for each different piece of property. The courts are moving along the paths of the planners, but they have not gone to this particular point yet -- therefore, to be safe, regard precise planning in the light of what has been said -- the location of the property can be governed, as can the type of building, how many stories, the architecture, representing a tremendous tool. If it is in a zoning ordinance that in a particular zone one can have the following uses, 1 to 10, then Mr. Remelmeyer does not think that in a precise plan one can say you cannot have any of those uses. The method of control -- if it's an automotive center -- and the type of use that requires particular control is by way of a conditional use permit, so the City has become quite sophisticated in its zoning, while at the same time abiding by the theory, the spirit, and the letter of constitutional law.

Mr. Hunter returned to comment that the subject development has been definitely identified as spot zoning; it is definitely interim in nature; it is not compatible with the original intent of the C-5 zone; and it will retard progression along the original line. Repeal of the decision is requested on the basis that it is affecting the values of the property; it could be the beginning of a general C-3 classification for the entire North Torrance area if the Council progressively piecemeals with C-3 type industry into a C-5 zone.

The attorney for the property owners, Mr. William McCabe, 24 George F Road, with offices at 18039 Crenshaw Boulevard, first outlined the improvements made to date by his clients, and distributed photographs for viewing by the Council. Mr. McCabe then stated that at no time in these various meetings, per their minutes, was it indicated to the Council that there were tenants for a high-rise office building, or that there was a high-rise building to go there. Mr. McCabe referred to the Council minutes of April 23, 1968 wherein there was reference to the proposed automotive center. Mr. McCabe then noted that the automotive center has been in the picture from the beginning as an interim use; therefore, at the time of the various meetings, including April 23rd, nobody came in and said give us a vacation of a street and we will build you a high-rise office building; as a matter of fact, at the same time the vacation of the street was being considered, an automotive center was being discussed, so nobody was booby-trapped nor taken advantage of. Further pointed out by Mr. McCabe was the fact that for approximately five years there has been an active attempt to do something with this property, pointing out further that there are different owners for portions of the property; it is not possible actually to develop this property together because of the different owners and

for another very simple reason there is no one to use some of the property right now. Continuing, Mr. McCabe stated that there is an automotive center on the property at the present time, which development can stay; it would seem that the people in the area, including the Council, would be very desirous of changing that unattractive arrangement into the proposed attractive development on an interim basis, adding that construction of the wall of the building had already started, with a building permit (#53608) issued by the City on September 23rd. A further point of information offered by Mr. McCabe was that some of the signers of the petition have come to his client and indicated that the homes which formerly sold for approximately \$22,000 could now be purchased by the proponent for \$36,000 to \$40,000 if he wanted to avoid trouble with his development -- perhaps they think their property zoning has increased the value of their property that much, but if that's the case it is hard to understand what they are complaining about that going in there. If they complain about a C-5 overlay that unfortunately is not something the proponents are really concerned with -- it is not needed and if the Council does not want that property to have a C-5 overlay, they certainly have no objection to that. Mr. McCabe then stated that if something is to be done with the property, they have to start some place; they have to start with tenants that are available.

Discussion returned to the building permit and clarification was deemed in order. Mr. McCabe advised that they have a permit to build a retaining wall 8 ft. high on the precise plan part.

Mr. McCabe then indicated to the Council that in connection with the Torrance City Code, Section 96.2.5, that refers to a question of appeal in regard to a Planning Commission action. It says "within 14 days after the decision of the Planning Commission is rendered, the decision may be appealed by the owner or developer of the subject property or the owners of land within 300 ft." It does not provide for appeal by the Council or the City Manager. Another section in the Code, 11.5.1, Article 5 is a very general section which provides for certain general appeals of action wherein the City Manager might file; there is a specific section, however, in regard to Planning Commission appeals, and the specific section would override the general as with State statutes. Therefore, in Mr. McCabe's opinion, the proceeding in this case is irregular and improper; it is his further understanding that grounds must be set forth, and unfortunately in connection with this appeal the only thing that was set forth was the statement: "At the request of Councilman Orin P. Johnson use this memo as your authority to place on the September 24, 1968 City Council agenda an appeal of the Planning Commission precise plan case 67-3, Gal Cap Enterprises (Capellino). This case was recently considered by the Planning Commission as a part of Variance 67-3." Therein no grounds are found, no reasons, no objections, nothing that can be accounted for as the reason for the appeal which is also a Code requirement as well as laws of the State. Mr. McCabe further stated that in order to develop this property which is what is desired, they are willing to modify, to move, to change, to create something, but they want to do something with the property where someone will move in now and pay some rent - that is the kind of tenant they have, and that tenant they want to put up with for a few years - perhaps a different term than 10 years would be preferred. In conclusion, Mr. McCabe requested that the Council consider the precise plan, tell them what is wrong with the plan, the objection apparently being to the automotive center per se, which is just being relocated and is within zone.

Councilman Miller reiterated his concern regarding the elimination of the precise plan requirement, it being the only control available, adding that his only objection to the automotive center (the value of the land making it a short term project) is for the reason that it is too near homes.

Mayor Isen stated that he joins in the dislike of the proposed automotive center and its proximity of the homes, and, in that regard, the precise plan is unacceptable to him. Discussion followed on the relationship of the homes to the automotive center -- it being noted by Mr. McCabe that the owner of Lot 16 (nearest to the proposed development) is in favor of the project -- additionally noted by Mayor Isen was the fact that Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are built on with single family dwellings and have been in existence for approximately 15 years.

In the opinion of Councilman Miller the only manner in which this may be rejected is on precise plan (which would permit presentation of another precise plan) -- since it appears within zone. Therefore, on the basis of undesirable location, Councilman Miller MOVED to reject the precise plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to a vote on the motion, City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested alternatives: it is perfectly legal to place a moratorium on the construction of automotive centers within the City for a period of 90 days and make a study concerning the desirability of certain controls - perhaps they should be placed in the conditional use permit section of the Code. A moratorium on the development of an automotive center for a certain period of time would permit this study to be made.

Councilman Miller urged that action be taken on his motion, in view of the legal overtones as to the basis of the rejection of the precise plan before the Council, it being clearly understood that the rejection is not because it is an automotive center, but, rather, the location of the automotive center on the property.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley then stated that he was prepared to make a further motion, but Mr. McCabe was permitted to speak first, stating that they would like to know the comments of the Council so that they could come back with a precise plan that would be satisfactory.

Councilman Beasley then MOVED that the Council instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance establishing a moratorium of 120 days on automotive centers and motorcycle shops adjacent to residential property, during which time the Planning Commission and City Council can make a study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. Prior to the vote, it was clarified by both Mayor Isen and Councilman Miller that this action was merely an instruction to the City Attorney, that there will be review of the ordinance by the Council. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen then requested that City Attorney Remelmeyer in matters of changes of zone, to work out the precise plan by ordinance which would give the Council the right to choose in the precise plan the types of buildings that go there as to their uses. He is satisfied that there is a proper and constitutional way of working this out, so that in problems like this, in a change

of zone, there is a specific provision that the Council can reserve the right to review the uses in that zone in connection with a precise plan and the spelling out thereof, with equal treatment for all. Councilman Miller questioned the validity of such an arrangement; Councilman Uerkwitz felt the conditional use permit route the logical procedure.

Mr. McCabe returned to state that his client has placed the building on the property exactly where they were told to by the Planning Department and the Planning Commission, and have met all the requirements and exclusions they were requested to meet in full -- in view of this, and that it now develops that the Council does not like the location, it was requested that they be advised in what way the Council does not like it as well as what is wrong with the location. Mayor Isen responded that this has been indicated, no answer is necessary.

Councilman Miller stated that he would recommend this entire matter be taken under consideration, in view of the above. Mayor Isen then elaborated that his objection to the precise plan is that it is too close to Lots 6,5,4,3,2,1. Councilman Miller then MOVED that Council take this matter under consideration and advisement, to be discussed at a future date. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that such a motion would be out of order, but suggested, instead, that the Council instruct Mr. Shartle to work with the developer to come back with some mutually satisfactory plan to both him and the developer. Councilman Miller withdrew his motion above, and MOVED that Mr. Remelmeyer's suggestion be implemented; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Mayor Isen stated that he cannot see anything incumbent upon this Council to master plan this development for the proponent, nor could Councilman Beasley understand how the City could take its technical people and loan them to these people. Councilman Johnson stated that they have a good architect, let him pursue it.

The motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The net result will be that the proponent will routinely return to see Planning Director Shartle.

Closing of the public hearing, it was pointed out by Mayor Isen, was at the point where the Council took over the discussion, having permitted everybody that wanted to speak to do so on this appeal (differing from a zone change or a variance), although such formal action was overlooked.

Councilman Johnson requested that there be an automatic appeal on any precise plan on any of the subject property, pointing out that there are different ownerships.

Mayor Isen commented that out of this lengthy discussion, in any event, at least several members of the Council (Councilman Miller excluded) thought that a precise plan included a right to review the choice of uses on the property -- Mayor Isen vowed never to vote for another zone change subject to a precise plan; better to let it stay as is unless it can be worked out so that during the procedures the Council can pick the uses, otherwise

the precise plan isn't worth the two hours of talk here this evening, referring again to his disappointment at the high-rise visions.

Councilman Beasley stated that the precise plan needs to be spelled out so that it is understood by all exactly what is meant by a precise plan.

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The hour being 9:55 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a 10-minute general recess at 10:00 P.M.

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13A. Councilman Uerkwitz announced that City Attorney Remelmeyer, in line with Councilman Beasley's motion prior to the recess, during this period had drafted such an ordinance which is now ready for adoption. Discussion and clarification ensued, and the following action resulted:

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

ORDINANCE 1923

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON AND PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AUTOMOTIVE AND MOTOR-CYCLE REPAIR GARAGES; AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AND PLANNING COMMISSION TO MAKE A STUDY THEREON AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 1923 be waived; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1923 as an emergency ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen pointed out that a number of people were present who wished to comment further on the proposed freeway, and, with the permission of the Council, these people were permitted to speak at this time, as premature Oral Communications:

36. Mr. Garvan W. Webb, 22624 Nadine Circle, on behalf of a number of homeowners, expressed their dissatisfaction with the decision of the City Council at the October 3rd hearing on the proposed Torrance Freeway. It is Mr. Webb's opinion that professional planners of highways and freeways who sit in conference with certain powerful groups of highway and freeway contractors have been presenting beautiful pictures and with high powered techniques of modern salesmanship employed by their advance guard who have appeared before community and civic groups to convince them that they have no alternative but to accept their decisions. It is Mr. Webb's opinion that the standing vote at the October 3rd hearing made it abundantly clear as to the feeling of the citizens -- he was further confused by the questionnaire which was distributed at that meeting by Councilman Sciarrotta, without the knowledge of the other members of the Council. Mr. Webb further alluded to a petition presented by him at that meeting with over 400 signatures (a petition which has now grown to over 500 signatures) expressing their opposition to the Red Route; he then reiterated their objections, and his intent to carry these objections to all the cities, and, if necessary, to the Legislature of the State of California.

Councilman Beasley expressed his reservations as to the authority presumed by Mr. Webb, as well as the authenticity of his statements.

The right of Mr. Webb to come before this Council to freely speak would be protected by Councilman Sciarrotta; however, relative to his questionnaire, Councilman Sciarrotta made it clear that this was an effort by him to determine the wishes of the people, his personal attempt to arrive at a truly representative decision, with Council authorization unnecessary. Mayor Isen then deemed it a poll without meaning - some people having voted 10 times - and expressed the hope that this would not become a common practice. Councilman Sciarrotta then expressed his discontent with practices of the Mayor, including the attendance of "regulars" to fan fires of controversy.

Councilman Wilson stated that the above is out of order, and recommended returning to the regular agenda order. Both Councilmen Miller and Uerkwitz could see no choice but to hear the rest of the people who wish to speak but urged that a time limit be established, with a long agenda yet in view.

The discussion proceeded with Mr. Paul Peterson, 5508 Halison, principal of the South Bay Junior Academy, who expressed opposition to the Red Route for the reason that it goes right through the school and will put them out of business. Mr. Peterson was advised of the hearing scheduled for October 10th.

Mr. Steve Allen, 4307 Newton Street, referred to the unfinished business of appointing a spokesman for the City Council at the October 10th hearing.

This need was acknowledged, and Councilman Beasley recommended that the City Manager and Traffic Engineer serve as official representatives of the City at the October 10th Freeway Hearing. Discussion followed, with Councilman Miller recommended to so serve, and it was agreed that the City Manager should properly be delegated as the Council's representative - Councilman Johnson then MOVED that City Manager Ferraro represent the City Council at the October 10th Freeway Hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

Mr. Victor DiBiasi, 1822 - 244th Street, requested that the Council reconsider their endorsement of the Red Route since such endorsement means official approval of the Red Route; that the route be left open in view of the tremendous disadvantages - the division of Torrance, more schools are affected, takes the most assessed valuation from the District - of the Red Route. Mayor Isen pointed out that any motion for reconsideration would have to come from a Councilman who voted affirmatively on this matter. None was forthcoming.

The regular order of business was resumed:

14. ZC 68-20, DON WILSON (WOODLAKE APARTMENTS).
THIRD AND FINAL HEARING on petition for a zone change from C-2 and A-1 to R-3 and C-2 on property located on the south side of 190th Street between Entradero Avenue and the westerly City boundary. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL by Planning Commission, subject to conditions 1 through 3.

The proponent, Mr. Don Wilson, was present, and referred to Planning Commission condition #2 - "That no construction be permitted in the path of either proposed freeway routes pending adoption of

the final route, or for a period of six months, whichever occurs sooner." - and requested that this condition be deleted and that he permitted to construct at his own risk. Mayor Isen noted that at the time of the Planning Commission hearings the freeway status was quite indefinite; it is now somewhat more stabilized, and with Mr. Wilson stipulating that he will not hold the Council responsible, Mayor Isen could see no reason not to concur with Mr. Wilson's request. Mr. Wilson so stipulated.

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

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that Planning Commission condition #2 be deleted from the conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with Planning Commission recommendation for approval of ZC 68-20, subject to conditions #1 and #3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Mayor Isen ordered a 10-minute recess at this time, the hour being 10:55 P.M.

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14A. When the meeting resumed, and with the consent of the Council, Mr. Grindle, R.A. Watt Company, was permitted to speak; he requested the lifting of a similar condition relative to the freeway (as with Mr. Wilson in the above case) on their tract at 190th and Beryl Street, holding the City Council entirely harmless and taking their chances with the State.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to grant the request, lifting the freeway route condition from the subject tract. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed amendments to the Municipal Code to improve the design and construction of multiple residential developments.

Councilman Johnson reported on his extensive research in the matter of these standards, recognizing that there are some tight restrictions but that they will serve to substantially upgrade the quality of the apartment houses in Torrance and result in high caliber development on the remaining property in Torrance. Mr. Johnson recommended their approval.

Discussed at some length were the parking requirements, which seemed inadequate, and would result in more on the street parking (a burdensome problem with street cleaning noted by Director of Public Works Nollac). Councilman Beasley felt the "1000 square feet of land

area per dwelling unit" too stringent. Planning Director Shartle elaborated on the deliberations of the Planning Commission on this aspect of the Standards, which had resulted in the recommendation that approval may be granted on plans providing no less than 700 square feet of land area per dwelling unit, wherein good design would merit approval.

Mr. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, expressed agreement with the proposed standards except for the fact that the land area requirement will necessitate his return to the Planning Commission, presenting to the Council his plans which meet the requirements of the new ordinance as to parking, larger units than required, more than 300' open space. Discussion followed on the time factor involved in the subject ordinance becoming a reality which would allow for the obtaining of the building permit; it was then learned that Item #16 (Victor Precinct) has considerable bearing on Mr. Butcher's fate as well.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer was directed to prepare an ordinance for presentation with several alternatives related to the parking, the land area minimum size, as well as a possible short cut appeal method. There were no objections.

16. ZC 68-5, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Consideration for a change of zone from M-1, C-3, R-1, R-3 and R-4 to R-5, R-4, R-3, R-2, R-1, P-U, P-1 and M-L on property located between Anza Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard, and Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard. The Planning Commission recommends that all of the above-described area be rezoned from the present zone to M-L with the exception of the single-family residential subdivision zoned R-1 on Mansel Avenue.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 68-5, and inquired if anyone wished to speak.

Responding, Mr. H.I. Scott, 908 Patronella, expressed interest in the area between Earl Street to the right of Mansel Avenue on his vacant property presently zoned R-4; he would like the Council to keep it that way.

Mayor Isen commented that it seems not so long ago that this entire area was Master Planned, now here is another idea, with the further complication of a pending freeway. Concurrence was expressed by Councilman Miller -- a decision of this nature is all built around the freeway route, and it would be well to wait until this determination is made.

Mr. Dale Cushman, 4016 Carmelynn, stated that he favors the M-L zone, noting that the industrial land has dwindled away through the years, and that residential zoning would create a high density area without adequate recreational space. Outlined as well by Mr. Cushman was the attractiveness of outlying areas to various types of businesses.

Speaking next was Mr. Paul Peterson, 5508 Halison, principal of the South Bay Junior Academy, at 4400 Del Amo, part of the subject area. Mr. Peterson requested clarification of the area involved, which was furnished by Director of Public Works Nollac.

Mr. Mike Leone, 23450 Anza, commented that the subject property has been zoned industrial for a considerable period of time with nothing happening. Mr. Leone represented property owners in the vicinity of Spencer and Emerald, and advised the Council of proposed R-3 development in this location which would make this property even less desirable for any industrial use.

At this point City Clerk Coil announced that two letters of protest had been received, one from Melvin L. Tooker and one from John R. Cassenelli. Mayor Isen ordered that they be filed.

Mrs. Thelma Turner, real estate broker, 3675 Torrance Blvd., expressed opposition to the M-L zoning on behalf of some 8 people in attendance at this meeting who own approximately 13½ acres in the subject area.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that ZC 68-5 be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

17. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change 68-12, Torrance Planning Commission. Change of Zone from M-1 to R-5, C-R with a C-3 Precise Plan overlay, and R-1 with a C-R overlay on property located on both sides of Torrance Boulevard at the westerly City boundary.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1924

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 ON BOTH SIDES OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AT THE WESTERLY CITY BOUNDARY, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-12.

(TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)

Councilman Miller moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1924 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. AMENDMENTS OF THE MASTER PLAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS
REGARDING MAPLE AVENUE, MADRONA AVENUE, AND GARNIER STREET.

Councilman Johnson's recommendation that Madrona Avenue be 100 ft. wide its entire distance from Sepulveda Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway was discussed. In view of the communication from Deputy Executive Director Irwin of the Redevelopment Agency regarding the difficulties posed by revising the adopted 84 ft. right-of-way in the area on Madrona between Lomita Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, Councilman Johnson stated that he would concede to the 84 ft. in this area provided they not be allowed to build in the same right-of-way, restricting the setback, as outlined in Mr. Irwin's letter.

Traffic Engineer Horkay outlined his recommendation that two lots be acquired to accomodate the proposed intersection at 235th and Maple which would permit much better design and afford greater safety. This was discussed at some length, particularly as to cost, and it was the consensus that one lot would suffice.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE MASTER PLAN OF
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF SAID CITY TO INCLUDE
REVISIONS TO MADRONA AVENUE, GARNIER STREET
AND 235TH STREET.

Prior to action on the Resolution, Mayor Isen inquired as to the reflection of Councilman Johnson's request relative to protection of the 100 ft. right-of-way and restricted setbacks in the area south of Lomita Boulevard. Planning Director Shartle advised that this would require a separate document. Mr. Shartle further pointed out that it will be necessary to revise Item (a) on the above resolution to read: "AMENDMENT NO. 3 - the extension of Madrona Avenue from 229th Place to Lomita Boulevard as a 100-foot wide street; from Lomita Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway as an 84-foot wide street;"

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-235, as amended; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

19. ORDINANCE providing for a building moratorium in the Del Amo Business District.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that he felt there should be public hearings on the subject request.

It was the opinion of Councilman Uerkwitz that the Planning Commission must have had substantial reason for making such a

recommendation, and at his request, Planning Commissioner Alter, in the audience, stated that the earlier action of the Council in passing an emergency ordinance in connection with Item #13 (Gal Cap Enterprises) represents identical circumstances; they both are valuable property. Planning Director Shartle pointed out that the only controls available in recent developments have been conditional use permits because of service stations included in the development. Problems in this area which point out the value of controls were cited by both Mr. Shartle and Director of Public Works Nollac.

Discussion followed regarding the holding of a public hearing before the Council prior to adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Harry Gorman, 21525 Hawthorne Boulevard, expressed appreciation for the opportunity afforded the property owners by providing a public hearing. It was Mr. Gorman's request that a date other than October 29th be scheduled, because of a hearing on another matter in which he will be participating on that night.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the public hearing on the subject ordinance be held by the Council on October 22nd. It was then determined there was insufficient time to permit proper advertising, and discussion ensued on an appropriate date.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Beasley that the public hearing on the subject ordinance be held by the Council on Thursday, November 7th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Since the Council will be legally dark on November 5th (Election Day) Councilman Beasley MOVED that the Council meet in regular meeting on Thursday, November 7th, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

20. TRACT NO. 27084 - REQUEST OF SUBDIVIDER FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO COMPLETE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR REDUCTION OF BOND.

This item tabled, for additional information pertaining to outstanding fees on other tracts. There were no objections.

21. CONSENT OF CITY OF TORRANCE TO COUNTY IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD. Recommendations of Public Works Director that (1) submitted RESOLUTION of consent be adopted, and (2) that Engineering Department be instructed to incorporate median landscaping in the project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-236; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. City Attorney cover letter dated October 1, 1968, transmitting encroachment permit which provides that Wayne W. Hoover, dba Nova Ad, may construct and maintain a planter and sign within the portion of the right of way of Crenshaw Boulevard which has been dedicated to the City but is not presently in use. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of encroachment permit.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-237

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 ENCROACHMENT PERMIT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WAYNE W. HOOVER dba NOVA AD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-237; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

23. DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD SOUTH OF 226TH STREET (B68-39) - NOTICE OF COMPLETION. Recommendation of Public Works Director as follows: (1) That Council approve and authorize additional work; (2) That Council accept the project; and (3) That final payment be made to the contractor.

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

Councilman Uerkwitz requested a report from Staff on the inlets into this sump which are unuseable (the Anza sump).

BUS SYSTEM:

24. TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM.
Progress Report No. 4, submitted by City Manager.

Ordered filed by Mayor Isen.

FISCAL MATTERS:25. LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Adjustment of Premium on Liability Policy LP 10464.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk that Lund Company, Broker of Record, be authorized to proceed in the acquisition of Proposal 3 with a deposit premium of \$83,372, and that the necessary money be appropriated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Mayor Isen that there be a supplemental report by Mr. Brady regarding liabilities of Councilmen which are not covered by the present insurance along with any other pertinent information regarding this Liability Policy, with such a presentation being scheduled before an 8 P.M. Council meeting. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that at the same time Mr. Brady include the reasons as to why there are no other bidders.

26. Recommendation that Council authorize an additional full-time permanent key punch operator position in the Data Processing Division of the Finance Department in order to provide book cataloging service required by the Library Department, submitted by Finance Director and City Librarian, with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz questioned the need for such a position, feeling the problem was with the computer. Clarification was furnished by City Librarian West to the contrary, as well as Finance Director Dundore. City Treasurer Rupert added that the department is not up to maximum on the daytime use of the machine -- the problem is input, and in the City's computer input is cards, and the cards have to be punched -- hence the need for a Key Punch Operator.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

27. Employment of Terry W. Kolhoff.

Councilman Wilson moved to concur with recommendation of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

28. City Attorney cover letter submitting contract for appraisal services between the City and Charles P. Morgan and Associates for appraisal of City property located at the northeast corner of 180th and Regina.

RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said contract.

City Manager Ferraro requested that the reference to the "northwest corner" in the first paragraph of the transmittal letter be revised to read "northeast corner", as well as in the Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-238

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 AND ASSOCIATES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-238; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

29. RESOLUTION NO. 68-232 congratulating Leo M. Harvey on his humanitarian activities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING LEO M. HARVEY ON HIS HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

Mayor Isen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-232. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. RESOLUTION congratulating Sharon Kay Terrill on winning a \$1,000 talent award in the "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING SHARON KAY TERRILL ON WINNING A \$1,000 TALENT AWARD IN THE "MISS AMERICA" CONTEST AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-234. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

31. ORDINANCE NO. 1922.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1922

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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1922 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

32. License tax on vending and service machines.

Withdrawn from agenda.

33. License tax for coin operated washing machines.

Withdrawn from agenda.

PROCLAMATIONS:

34. B'nai B'rith Week - Week of October 13th.

34A. National Business Women's Week --October 20-26, 1968.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

35. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to William S. Geller, County Librarian, and his Staff for their cooperation during the transition of libraries from County to City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO WILLIAM S. GELLER, COUNTY LIBRARIAN, AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR COOPERATION DURING THE TRANSITION OF LIBRARIES FROM COUNTY TO CITY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-233. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:36. RE: FREEWAY

Heard earlier in the meeting.

37. Excusing of Reverend Sippel.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the request of Reverend Sippel to be excused from the October meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections. (Information Item B).

38. City Clerk Coil advised that Councilman Bill Emmetts, Santa Fe Springs, telephoned this date regarding the unproductive oil leases, offering his support of the action taken by this Council.

39. Director of Public Works Nollac announced that due to the Columbus Day holiday on October 11th, the Friday trash pickup will be on Saturday instead.

40. The gratitude of the residents around Hickory Park for the lighting in the park to curb vandalism in the park was conveyed by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Uerkwitz added that Lago Seco is under the same lighting experience and it is hoped that vandalism will be reduced considerably.

41. A communication in reference to the earlier agenda item pertaining to the M-L zoning was furnished City Clerk Coil by Councilman Uerkwitz.

42. A request of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce for participation by Torrance in their Christmas Parade was reported by Mayor Isen; this task was assigned to City Treasurer Rupert in view of his sterling contribution last year.

43. Mayor Isen referred to the successful streamlining of the Council business by way of the "Non-Controversial Items" section, and recommended that a similar procedure be worked out for the lengthy Planning Commission meetings. It seemed an excellent idea to Planning Director Shartle, and he will present it to the Planning Commission. There were no objections from the Council for such a short-cut method.

At 12:45 A.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, October 22, 1968, at 8:00 P.M., it being noted that the Council will be dark on October 15, 1968. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

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

APPROVED:
Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance