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Adjourned at 8:25 P.M. to Friday, November 8, 1968 at  
5:30 P.M.

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Torrance, California  
October 29, 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 29, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by 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.

Mrs. Eunice Hargrove, Leader of Girl Scout Troop #75, Hollywood Riviera, was introduced by Mayor Isen. Introduced in turn by Mrs. Hargrove were the girls of Troop #75 and her assistants.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Miss Diane Hargrove of Troop #75, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Inasmuch as the minutes of October 22nd had not yet been received, approval was withheld.

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 Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilman Wilson announced that the Council Goals Committee will again meet on November 8, 1968 at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Isen announced that a meeting of the Council Fireworks Committee is anticipated in mid-January.

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An enlightening explanation of Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen to those in attendance at a Council meeting for the first time.

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WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

9. LOAN FROM CITY TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

City Attorney and Finance Director submitting following four Resolutions:

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to speak on this matter; there was no response.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE MEADOW PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-249. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-249. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE REDEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT LAW.

Councilman Wilson moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-250; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-250. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADVANCING THE SUM OF \$250,000 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND.

Councilman Johnson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 68-251 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-251. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF \$250,000 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A LOAN AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH LOAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-252. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-252; his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9A. Redevelopment Agency Financing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-253

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF (A) NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,010.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that further reading of Resolution No. 68-253 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. 68-253. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Considered separately: Item 10 - A-1, B-9; Item 13)

First discussed, at Mayor Isen's request, Item 10, B-9 (Reimbursable Items) regarding the Lomita firm recommended to do the repair, with a very small difference in price between that firm and a Torrance firm -- Mayor Isen commented that the sales tax to Torrance would be a factor, as well as the established policy of doing business with Torrance firms whenever practical. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Item B-9, Agenda Item 10, repair of Police vehicle (#64) be awarded to Van Lingen Body Shop. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz in reference to Item 10, A-1 (Budgeted Items) was the use for the metal business license plates. Clarification was furnished by City Manager Ferraro.

10. BUDGETED, REIMBURSABLE AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$640.50 to Kennedy Name Plate for 2500 metal business license plates requested by the License Division for licensing vehicles used in the course of conducting business in the City of Torrance.
2. \$321.30 to Albro Fire Equipment for six "Shure-Dry" waterproof salvage covers (14' x 18' each) requested by the Fire Department for use in their operations. These are a special type of material used in salvage work.
3. \$414.75 to Albro Fire Equipment for one only "Partner" brand rescue saw complete with carbide, metal and masonry cutting blades as requested by the Fire Department for use in gaining access through walls. This is the sole Los Angeles source for this unit.
4. \$790.26 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for Hersey-Sparling meter repair and replacement parts which are stocked and used to service Hersey-Sparling meters "as needed".
5. \$444.59 to G.M.C. Truck and Coach for bus repair parts needed to repair a bus out of service.
6. \$1398.94 to IBM for 200,000 IBM "water and refuse" billing cards requested by the Customer Service Division of Finance for use in their billing operation.

7. Halprin Supply Company - withdrawn.
8. \$396.90 to Western Fire Equipment Company for two 2½" firefighting shut-off hose nozzles requested by the Fire Department as replacement nozzles which are required.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS.

9. Action on this item taken earlier in the meeting.
10. \$403.73 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 2-inch Hersey-Sparling all bronze C.I. water meter with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines as requested by the Water Department. Payment from B.D.B. Enterprise Service has already been received for this service by the Water Department.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES.

The following have been requested by the City Librarian:

11. \$527.92 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Harry Rinehimer, for 80 juvenile and 35 adult books.
12. \$8206.86 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc., c/o A.C. McClurg and Company, for seventeen reference books; 709 adult books and 1391 juvenile books.
13. \$1091.48 to Doubleday & Company, Inc., c/o John Thorne, for 118 juvenile and 97 adult books.
14. \$1013.71 to Lord Associates for 263 juvenile books and 52 book processing kits.
15. \$1512.54 to Western Bookbinding Company for 972 paperback books, and binding of periodicals and catalogue volumes.
16. \$479.92 to G.P. Putnam's Sons, c/o Henry C. Channing, for 38 adult books and 57 juvenile books.
17. \$392.02 to R.R. Bowker Company for 24 various subscriptions for periodicals.
11. Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard between 182nd Street and 190th Street (B68-41; Job #66076) Recommendation of Public Works Director that extra work be approved.
12. Award of Contract - Construction of Victor Park Shelters. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director as outlined in letter of transmittal.
14. Release of Oil Well Bond #3076652. Recommendation of Acting License Supervisor that said bond be released.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with recommendations on Items 10, 11, 12, and 14. 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.

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT - IMPROVEMENTS AT WALTERIA PARK. Recommendation of Recreation Director as outlined in letter of transmittal.

Mayor Isen pointed out the need, if the Council concurs, for an appropriation of necessary funds.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, and that the requested funds be appropriated from the Park and Recreational Facilities Fund rather than from the General Fund. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(The following item was taken out of order to accommodate Mr. Lewis who had requested an early appearance in the meeting.)

21. Request from Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Lewis, representing the Torrance members of the "South Bay Citizens for Community Action", to appear before the Council to present petitions against freeways in the City of Torrance.

Mr. Stephen B. Lewis, 21317 Marjorie Avenue, representing the "South Bay Citizens for Community Action", was present to protest the apparent lack of representation afforded this City's electorate by the Torrance City Council by their endorsement of the "red-dash-red" freeway at the October 3rd freeway hearing; it being their feeling that the desires of the majority of the citizens have been disregarded, the desire being "no freeway". Questioned by Mr. Lewis and his group was the substitute motion tactic which permitted the red route recommendation. Recommended steps to be taken are: (1) The City Council's repudiation of their previous freeway endorsement in favor of a refusal to endorse any freeway route; and (2) refusal to sign a street closure agreement with the State of California. Mr. Lewis added that petitions are being circulated throughout the South Bay which enumerate their reasons for opposition to any freeway; these petitions will be sent to the Mayor and Councilmen of Torrance, as well as the Governor and representatives in Sacramento, some 3000 signatures having been obtained. Further questioned by Mr. Lewis was the propriety and legality of the adoption of the "red-dash-red" modification, without a chance for public review.

Agreement that Torrance does not need a freeway was voiced by Councilman Uerkwitz, but for any action on the part of this Council it would be necessary for one of the people in the majority to reopen this case; without that, reconsideration is impossible. Mayor Isen confirmed that this would be the parliamentary procedure involved -- further, a substitute motion has priority over the original motion; once it has passed, the action is final.

Councilman Beasley stated that the overall freeway plan for the entire state was adopted some years ago by the State Legislature, and the right to change freeways has been guarded very carefully by the Legislature; therefore, petitions for the eliminations of freeways must be presented to the Assembly and to the Senate. Mr. Beasley added that the action of this Council represented only a recommendation as to what they thought would be the best freeway route for the City of Torrance, a city with a population of 200,000 to 250,000 envisioned, with a critical need of transporting people from one point to another. Also noted by Councilman Beasley was the fact that Mr. Lewis lives in the area of the red route, which is probably the basis for his concern. Mr. Lewis

responded that his recommendation is not for any particular route, but for no freeway -- the future traffic is recognized, but he does not feel a freeway is the answer, particularly in view of the present congestion at the San Diego Freeway intersection; also, the primary benefit of a freeway would be for residents in locations other than Torrance. Other remedies suggested by Mr. Lewis were: computer controlled traffic techniques; widening of existing arteries, as well as lengthening of the arteries; rapid transit should certainly be a consideration, rather than the pouring of more cement.

In reference to the October 3rd hearing, Councilman Wilson noted that there were perhaps 1000 people in attendance, not knowing which route was going to be selected, and would hardly be representative of the 140,000 Torrance residents. Dr. Wilson urged that Mr. Lewis forward his petition to the Highway Commission inasmuch as the City Council was requested to select a route, not to deny a route, and the problems outlined by Mr. Lewis have already been reviewed and weighed. Since this is not a public hearing, Dr. Wilson added, he would MOVE that the Council now consider the next item of business.

Councilman Uerkwitz referred to Councilman Wilson's comment regarding the fact that the City was directed to pick a route as part of the problem -- the people have had no choice, which is the basis of the problem, but what color -- Mr. Uerkwitz does not feel that the majority of the people in Torrance want a route of any kind that does no more than the five routes that were proposed, and were the question directly asked regarding a freeway, the response would be an overwhelming "no". Mr. Lewis pointed out his recommendation at the hearing that there be a special ballot on this matter.

Recognizing the emotional considerations surrounding this decision, Councilman Miller attempted to clarify the reasons for the recommendation that was made at the October 3rd hearing -- the responsibility for Torrance's future and the inevitable traffic volume; the past Council legislation which has attracted the people, the industry, and the business to Torrance; the reaching of crossroads necessitating decisions which unfortunately must hurt people. At Councilman Miller's question, City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that, in his opinion, the action taken by the Council at the hearing was perfectly legal.

Mr. Lewis reiterated his earlier statement that he does not feel the majority of the people were truly represented by the action taken, without questioning the integrity of the Council. He added that the signatures on the petition/from all areas of the City, including people on the blue route.

Councilman Wilson's MOTION to consider the next item of business was seconded by Councilman Beasley, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Wilson.

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

It was the comment of Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta, in reference to their "no" votes, that the people are entitled to be heard.

Councilman Johnson was not in agreement that the Council was to pick a route at the public hearing, but, rather, to express their opinions; there was equal right to recommend "no route" -- Mr. Johnson does not believe that a freeway is needed, if indeed this is a freeway -- his suggestions at the hearing were deemed practical suggestions by State Division of Highways staff, but that no action could be taken on these suggestions since they were not before them. Councilman Johnson was of the opinion that the Legislature route was the next avenue for those in opposition to the action taken; he is of the further opinion that there is a better way, that the State Division of Highways should catch up with the technology and attempt to redesign the system.

The future and destiny of the City of Torrance is the concern of the Council, Councilman Sciarrotta stated, and their desire to have a well balanced city which requires business enterprise, industries, financial centers, and at least 40% as many jobs as there are people. Widening of the streets, as recommended by Mr. Lewis, would not take the through traffic off the surface streets -- a major consideration by Mr. Sciarrotta in selecting a freeway route, recognizing that unfortunately someone would be hurt, whatever the color selected.

Next to speak was Mr. Garvan Webb, 22624 Nadine Circle, who stated that he supported Mr. Lewis, as well as Councilmen Johnson and Uerkwitz, in their "no freeway" stand. Historical events and historical decisions were then recited by Mr. Webb, and he urged that the Council revise their decision in this matter.

Mr. Steve Sconeda, 2344 West 238th Street, confirmed the intent of the residents to go to the Legislature, but that it seemed reasonable to expect some support from their City Council. He expressed his disappointment as well at the absence of a "no freeway" consideration -- the routes proposed do not qualify as true freeways, as did the Pacific Coast Freeway.

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A ten-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time, the hour being 6:30 P.M. On resumption of the meeting at 6:40 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, reconvening as City Council at 6:43 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

15. APPEAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 68-35, GREAT LAKES PROPERTIES, INC., Appeal for a conditional use permit for the construction and operation of a gasoline sales area as part of a department store development on property located on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard, west side of Hawthorne Blvd. Denied by the Planning Commission on October 2, 1968.

The Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and was ordered filed.

City Manager Ferraro distributed a memo outlining modified conditions on CUP 68-35, with which the proponent is in agreement, as a result of a meeting this date between Staff and the applicants.

Representing the applicant, Mr. Richard Volpert, attorney with O'Melveny and Myers, 611 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, described the proposed project, a unique department store complex comprising some 18 acres, with renderings displayed of the development, which includes a gasoline sales area and the primary consideration at this hearing. At Mayor Isen's question, Mr. Volpert confirmed that the proposed store is not a "discount store"; it is completely different, unlike anything in Southern California. Mr. Volpert added that there will be a 6 ft. fence from ground level on the property line to protect the residential area; the store hours will be approximately 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.; deliveries can be made only between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and Midnight. In reference to the gasoline sales area, it is the philosophy of the operation of this department store that it will provide a full range of goods and services -- there being 10 similar stores in the East with this concept -- further, there will be only gasoline sales, no repair work, no lube racks, none of the noisy features usually associated with gasoline stations. At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, Mr. Volpert advised that the station will be open to the general public, but that there will be no gimmicks, no banners, and will bear the same name as that of the store, adding that the whole key to making this project economically feasible is to have the total facility, including the gas service. Further reported by Mr. Volpert that there will be an estimated employment annually of 350 to 400 people, \$20 million dollars annual sales, with some \$200,000 in sales tax to the City.

The architect, Mr. Ed Hanbrook, displayed a model of the station, and described the proposed treatment, including its relationship to the main store.

Discussion was now directed specifically to the requested gas station, and the concern for the traffic aspect of such a development. Mr. John Fingara, traffic engineer, stated that the gas station area is a very spacious one - 275 ft. x 275 ft. - and will have a 150 ft. setback from the intersection; described as well were the deceleration lanes and the ingress and egress. Clarified as well by Mr. Fingara was the treatment of Ocean Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard -- the realignment thereof and the installation of a traffic signal, with financial contributions by the proponent.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay pointed out another item, on which there is complete agreement, pertains to the dedication of a portion of land for 100 ft. i.e. the westerly most driveway on Sepulveda. Mr. Volpert stipulated his understanding that this dedication will be part of the conditions.

Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to grant CUP 68-35, subject to all conditions and the stipulation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Uerkwitz ascertained that Traffic Engineer Horkay was satisfied that the deceleration lanes will handle the traffic at the proposed station, that there will not be a monumental traffic jam at that corner, and that he would underwrite this approach rather than a service road? City Traffic Engineer Horkay expressed his satisfaction with the plan that has been evolved, noting as well the outstanding cooperation of the proponent in resolving the many problems.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The importance of the internal traffic situation for the entire area on Hawthorne between Carson and Sepulveda was noted by Mayor Isen with the properties involving Reubens-Lee, Coldwell Banker, Lincoln Savings & Loan -- Planning Director Shartle advised that this matter has been satisfactorily worked out. Mr. Jim Ingersoll, Coldwell Banker Company, was present to confirm this. Director of Public Works Nollac referred to the west side of the property and a two-lane roadway from the subject property to Carson, and it might be well to secure an agreement from Great Lakes that that will go through as well. Mr. Harry Gorman was present, and expressed agreement, a "gentleman's agreement".

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A ten-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time - 7:35 P.M.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. Communication from Planning Director re: Carson Street Study. Informal meeting scheduled for November 4, 1968, to bring together interested residents in the area bounded by Crenshaw Blvd., Maple Avenue, Monterey Street and Sonoma Street.

The scheduled meeting was noted by the Council. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to file the communication; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

17. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 68-19, Theodore C. Buzanis. Change of zone from R-3 subject to a Precise Plan on property located at 2814 West 182nd Street.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1927

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 2814 WEST 182ND STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-19.  
(THEODORE C. BUZANIS).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1927 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC 68-14, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1928

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 THE EAST SIDE OF PRAIRIE AVENUE FROM HICKMAN DRIVE TO 183RD STREET AND BOTH SIDES OF 182ND STREET FROM PRAIRIE AVENUE EAST TO DOTY AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-14.

(TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION).

Councilman Beasley moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1928 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. RESOLUTION approving a variance in Planning Commission Case No. V68-3, Higgins Brick and Tile Company.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 15 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 68-3 - HIGGINS BRICK AND TILE COMPANY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-254. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. Final Tract Map 22704, Subdivider: R.A. Watt.

Councilman Beasley moved for the approval of Final Tract Map 22704. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The supplemental material on this tract regarding the oil equipment in this tract was reviewed by the Council, wherein it was the Staff recommendation that the condition pertaining to the oil tankage read as an alternative condition, as follows: "That the applicants pursue diligently the rezoning of that portion of the tract south of Del Amo Boulevard (Lot No. 261) to the proper oil

well drilling district. In addition, that prior to recordation of the map a bond be posted in an amount satisfactory to the Director of Building and Safety to assure that any oil equipment moved onto Lot No. 261 in the interim will be removed in the event the Oil Drilling District zoning change request is not granted by the City." Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the Staff recommendation; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Director of Public Works Nollac added that a separate bond will be required covering the landscaping and development of the park. Clarification was necessary, and Mr. Nollac explained that in connection with the dedication of the park to the City there is a requirement in the original Staff requirement as approved on the tentative map by the Planning Commission and the Council that the proponent improve the park by stubbing out certain utilities, that rye grass be planted, that a block wall be built along two sides, etc.; it is the City Attorney's opinion that the regular tract performance bond does not cover those conditions, hence the need for another bond. City Attorney Remelmeyer added that the original theory of the subdivision law is that a tract map approval is not granted until all these things have been performed, and once a tract map is approved, there is no hold other than the posting of a bond. The subject case, Mr. Remelmeyer concluded, is that in consideration of approval of the tract map before the conditions are performed by the subdivider, it is correct to require the posting of the bond to assure the performance of the conditions. Councilman Johnson MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works regarding the separate bond to guarantee the conditions above referred to. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. It was clarified that this motion serves to implement and carry through the approval of the final tract map and its conditions.

21. Re: Freeway.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

22. Request for relief from Ordinance No. 1923 from Larry Reed of 19019 Hawthorne Blvd.

Mr. Larry Reed was in attendance to explain that he had filed plans for an addition to an existing automobile repair facility, and relief from emergency ordinance 1923 which declares a moratorium on automotive repair garages. was sought.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that the relief be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

23. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement with Robert Crommelin and Associates for the design of six new traffic signals and the redesign of three existing traffic signals on Anza Avenue between 190th Street and Calle Mayor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 23, 1968, WITH ROBERT CROMMELIN AND ASSOCIATES TO DESIGN SIX NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND REDESIGN THREE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS LOCATED ON ANZA AVENUE BETWEEN 190TH STREET AND CALLE MAYOR.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-255. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Enthusiastic approval of this concept of signalization was voiced by the Council.

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for a Rose Parade Float.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY OF A FLOAT IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE ON  
JANUARY 1, 1969.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-256; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. Airport Commission and Airport Manager submitting their recommendation re: Gerald Glass' request for ground lease.

Councilman Johnson stated that (1) it has been made fairly clear that there is no implied continuation of existing leases; and (2) it is time that there be a General Plan but with the proviso that the airport continue to develop as an executive, private flyer field, and that there be no change in the concept that the Council has continuously maintained.

Noted by Councilman Beasley was the fact that, on many occasions both the FAA and the City Council have designated the Torrance Airport

as an airport for private and executive aircraft, which eliminates all freight and all passenger service, but there has always been a terminal building and a terminal complex on the Master Plan. Councilman Beasley would not be in favor of spending vast sums of money for another Master Plan, with several such Plans already on hand.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager that Mr. Glass' application of August 28, 1968 for additional ground lease be DENIED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Discussion returned to the Master Plan for the Airport, the past efforts in this area, with the Council questioning such a need, recommending reviewing and updating of the existing Plan. Airport Manager Egan pointed out that the Master Plan in existence was prepared in 1957 and is now very dated and of little value.

The general consensus of the Council was that the existing material be reviewed by the Airport Commission.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the City Clerk to destroy certain City records and documents pursuant to the Government Code of the State of California.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-257

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-257. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

27. ORDINANCE NO. 1926.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1926

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1926 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. Assistant City Manager Scharfman reported on the proposed bus service between Torrance and the City of Carson, introduced at the

June 18th Council meeting where Carson officials were in attendance, and the efforts to date in this matter; the proposed route was projected on the screen which will travel between Torrance, along Carson Street, ending up at the State College. It has now been learned, Mr. Scharfman advised, that Rapid Transit District is installing bus stops and signs this date on the route desired by the cities of Torrance and Carson; in order to forestall preemption of this route it is planned to start bus service tomorrow, October 30th, subject to the formal approval of the Carson City Council at their regular meeting. Councilman Johnson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to action on the motion, Mayor Isen interjected a comment regarding the pending rapid transit bond issue on the November 5th ballot -- deeming a "no" vote in order, being unable to conceive of this organization wanting a 1/2¢ from the people of Torrance, with no benefit whatsoever, and then have to compete with them at the same time. If they would work out some equitable basis to permit development of the Torrance bus system in harmony rather than competition with RTD, with the 1/2¢ coming back in some form of aid to our bus system, there might be some merit in Proposition A. It is Mayor Isen's hope, for the sake of Torrance, that Proposition A is overwhelmingly defeated, acknowledging that there is a need for rapid transit but this is not the answer.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion to concur with Assistant City Manager Scharfman's request to start bus service on Carson was unanimously approved.

29. It was reported by Councilman Johnson that the resolution pertaining to the South Torrance Oil Fields has been passed by the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities with but one word changed ("sponsor" to "support") -- the resolution has also been approved by Beverly Hills, South Gate, and Santa Fe Springs. Councilman Johnson added that much improvement is already in evidence in this area.

30. Proposition 9 was discussed by Councilman Sciarrotta who stated that, as an individual, he is firmly opposed to this Proposition, believing that it is a defective proposal which will cause turmoil in all echelons of government, including schools; that it will lead to years of litigation and provide a tax windfall for land speculators and owners of business and income producing property; Proposition 1-A, on the other hand, is clear-cut and workable and offers immediate tax relief.

31. A "thank you" to staff was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz for the prompt action regarding the Crossing Guard at Lomita and Ocean; the people were extremely happy and are a most energetic group. Director of Public Works Nollac advised that a meeting has been scheduled with the homeowners and Staff on October 30th at 8 P.M.

32. Councilman Johnson advised that he had received a petition against the use of Entradero Sump as a drainage basin; he requested that Engineering furnish a report which will summarize the capacity of the sump, and any other pertinent information.

33. Mayor Isen commented on Proposition 9 - first referring to the Council agreement that there would be no official endorsement one way or the other as a body, and adding that the reason he wanted it this way is because the people will show resentment of the fact that every official body realizing their shortcomings is now predicting dire calamity if Proposition 9 is voted in. Mayor Isen does not feel that way; this Council in most instances has tried to practice

economy; the tax rate has been kept down; and the same cannot be said for other public agencies who now say that Proposition 1-A will do it (which, in Mayor Isen's opinion, it will not) and that the sky is going to fall if Proposition 9 is passed. Mayor Isen has heard the complaints of many taxpayers regarding the increasing tax burden, with a "taxpayers' strike" contemplated, and he predicts that there will be a "yes" vote on Proposition 9 which will be a demonstration of the biggest taxpayers' strike in California history, and may bring about promised but unfulfilled tax reforms.

Of importance too is Proposition #8, Mayor Isen added, which if it goes through with a "yes" vote then the Counties and Cities can vote amongst themselves as to how the sales tax goes. It is Mayor Isen's feeling that Torrance needs to protect its sales tax, it is needed, there is a big overhead; Torrance is a booming city and it is hoped that someday, as a result of encouraging both industry and business to locate here, that the people will get the benefit by way of reduced taxes. In conclusion, Mayor Isen urged beware of Proposition 8 also.

At 8:25 P.M. Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn to Friday, November 8, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:  
  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance