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Adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

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November 26, 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, November 26, 1968, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance 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. (Councilman Beasley left the meeting at 9:00 P.M. as he was not feeling well.)

Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

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A concert by the Torrance Hometown Singers, a program of the Recreation Department, conducted by Mr. Walter Wittle, was presented at this time, much to the enjoyment of all present. An invitation was extended by Mr. Wittle for all to attend their Christmas concert to be held on December 8th at 8:00 P.M. at the Joslyn Center.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Mrs. Gladys Mead led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Clifford Tierney gave the invocation -- this being his farewell to the City Council in view of his move to Oregon. Mayor Isen acknowledged his fine friendship and civic leadership, and expressed regret at his departure.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 1968 be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, 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.

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An explanation clarifying Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen.

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PRESENTATIONS:

In recognition of outstanding service as Commissioners, permaplaques were presented by Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, to Mervin M. Schwab, Water Commission; Fred Mill and Clifford Peterson, Civil Service Commission. The permaplaque was accepted with much gratitude and appropriate remarks by each of these gentlemen.

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Torrance Youth Council members, Susie Griffiths and Kathy Long, were next introduced by Mayor Isen, it being noted that representatives from the Youth Council will be in regular attendance at Council meetings, along with the fact that next Tuesday, December 3rd, will be Junior Citizens' Day.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Item #11 considered separately.)

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

1. \$403.80 to California Electronics Police Equipment for 9 rotating flashing amber lights as requested by the Engineering and Garage Departments for use on City vehicles.
2. \$446.97 to Industrial Electronics for 36 1000-watt flood lamps to be used as replacement bulbs for City park playground fields as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
3. \$4128.08 to General Electric Company, c/o Mobile Radio, Inc., for the following equipment:
  - A) One radio base station (installed)
  - B) One remote desk set (2 frequencies - 2 wire)
  - C) One 60 ft. antenna tower (installed)
  - D) Two Mobile Units (4 frequency trunk mount).

This equipment is requested by the Fire Department as replacement items.

4. \$1197.00 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 300 each 3/4" stop valves and 50 each 2" 90-degree ells requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".

5. \$764.47 to Johnson Stationers for twelve steel lockers and nine cabinets as requested by the Water Department for use in storing water service parts, equipment and supplies and also for providing clothing storage (rain gear, etc.) for personnel.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

6. \$329.70 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 4" Hersey-Sparling water flow detector to Los Angeles city design as requested by the Water Department. Payment has already been received for this service from Carrousel, Ltd.

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - Requested by the City Librarian.

7. \$447.00 to G.P. Putnam's Sons for 62 juvenile and 34 adult books.

8. \$362.74 to Doubleday and Company, Inc., c/o John Thorne, for 25 juvenile and 43 adult books.

9. \$5265.49 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc., c/o A.C. McClurg and Company for 490 juvenile and 825 adult books.

10. \$4465.13 to American Library Line, Inc., c/o M.W. Chapman, for 110,000 adjustable-super-weight-polyester material book jacket covers to be used to cover City library books.

9. FORMAL BID FOR FIVE POLICE MOTORCYCLES. Bid #68-57. Budgeted Equipment.

Recommendation of Finance Director that Council accept the Rich Budelier bid and award them the contract for these motorcycles in the amount of \$11,515.60, including tax, less a 4% discount for payment of same within 30 days after receipt of the equipment.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT. Street Sweeping Materials. Bid #68-58.

Recommendation of Finance Director that Council accept the low bids submitted and award the contracts as follows:

- a. Recommend the award for 4 tons of gutter wire be made to the Don A. Wren Company in the amount of \$1713.39, including tax.
- b. Recommend the award of 4,000 lbs. of polypropylene bristles be made to the Municipal Parts and Supply Company in the amount of \$2520.00, including tax.

12. Memo from City Manager re: Junior Citizens' Day 1968.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendations on Items 8,9,10, and 12. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT. Four Industrial-Type Tractors. Bid #68-53.

Councilman Uerkwitz inquired as to the interchangeability of these tractors; it was clarified that both the workload and the nature of the work to be performed render this impossible.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director that the Council accept the low bids submitted for the Airport, Water, and Park Department's tractors and defer temporarily an award for the Street Department. Recommended low bid awards are as follows:

1. \$8170.05 (including tax) to Southwest Tractor Sales for the purchase of the Airport and Park Department tractors and acceptance of the trade-in price offered by them for City units #818 and #819 in the amounts of \$500 and \$875 respectively.
2. \$8917.65 (including tax) to Harron, Rickard and McCone Company for the purchase of the Water Department tractor.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

(In view of an abundance of yellow jackets in evidence in the audience, Mayor Isen correctly divined they were present on Item #28, which was taken out of order to accomodate this imposing group.)

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

28. Request of Pacific Coast Little League for a grant from the City in the amount of \$758.20 to turf their ball diamond located on the Edison-Lomita Substation lease. Recommendation of Recreation Director that the request be denied.

The spokesman, and president of Pacific Coast Little League, was Mr. Guy Lee, 25912 Matfield Drive, <sup>who</sup> referred to his letter to the City Council of November 15, 1968 wherein financial aid from the City was requested for the purchase of soil conditioner and grass seed in the development of Little League diamonds on the Edison property.

The Council was in agreement with the merits of Little League activities and its overall valuable contribution to the community, but hesitated to act on the request for the reason that it would open the door for a flurry of similar requests. Mr. Lee commented that the precedent had already been established, and read aloud from the Council minutes of February 20, 1968 where a similar request was granted.

Discussion followed on the best mode of procedure. City Attorney Remelmeyer noted the responsibility of Councilmen in the expenditure of public funds -- if an expenditure of money from the public funds is not for a public purpose, the Councilmen are individually liable; in this case, while on a City park, it is leased to a private organization, the worthiness of the organization notwithstanding.

Mr. Bernard Dougan, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, requested that the Council consider (1) first of all, this matter should have gone to the Commission so that the problems could be ironed out; (2) there must be 30 or 40 Leagues -- Little Leagues, Tiny Leagues, Babe Ruth Leagues, Pony Leagues, Pop Warner Football, etc. -- and it is certainly hoped that the Council does not intend to advance each of these Leagues \$500; and (3) there is a park in the City with a tiny tot playground area already laid out in cement and sand and yet there is no playground equipment there - if there is this kind of money, then it should go into the parks and not into this private operation. Mr. Dougan added that the City may use this ball diamond but there is a good chance that it will not be used because it is isolated, with Recreation programs held primarily at parks and school grounds.

It was pointed out by City Manager Ferraro that some four other inquiries have been received requesting maintenance of fields by the City during the season with City equipment -- an overwhelming work load for the City on an annual basis, should such requests be granted.

A lengthy discussion followed on the action that would be the most appropriate -- with it being the regretful consensus of the Council that denial would be the only equitable avenue. Inspiration came to Mayor Isen, and the solution to the problem, in that private contributions for such a worthy endeavor could be easily obtained for half of the needed amount.

First, to remove the precedent-setting aspect for requests of this nature, Councilman Beasley MOVED to DENY the request of Pacific Coast Little League for financial assistance from the City. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mr. Lee stated that it was the specific request of his Board that the above action of denial be taken, without elaborating on the reasons therefor. Speaking as a citizen, Mr. Lee added that note should be taken of the beautification that has taken place in this area and the improvements that have resulted with the advent of Little League activities.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows, "yes" being for denial:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
and Uerkwitz.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson; Mayor Isen.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson, relative to his "no" vote, that it was not with the intent to continue the precedent that may have been set, but it seems to him there must be some way to work this out, other than the one suggested. In Councilman Wilson's opinion, there is a need to furnish incentive to citizens to work on their own and assist them whenever it is legally possible.

Mayor Isen's "no" vote was for the reason that he has never voted against Little League.

It was the comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that his "yes" vote was for the reason that the funds will be raised in another manner, by way of private contributions, in which he intends to participate. Councilman Miller commented that his vote was to reverse the procedure, recognizing that the problem can be worked out.

City Manager Ferraro announced a \$25 donation from Staff, to launch the fund-raising. The hour had arrived for Redevelopment Agency business; Councilman Miller suggested that the \$15 earned by the Council for this effort be donated to the fund; Mayor Isen heartily concurred, and wild enthusiasm followed -- clamoring to join, adding their \$15 to the swelling fund; were the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council at 8:56 P.M., reconvening as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a 10-minute general recess at 9:00 P.M. (Councilman Beasley left the meeting at this time.)

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

13. ZONE CHANGE 68-26, WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL, R.A. LOWE, AND LEWIS E. WILLIAMS. Change of zone from R-1 to R-3 on property located on the west side of Rolling Hills Road approximately 300' south of Dalemead Street. The Planning Commission recommends denial.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil; it was ordered filed, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen announced that this is a public hearing and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for DENIAL. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial (Absent: Councilman Beasley).

14. APPEAL OF CUP 68-41, NEWTON-PACIFIC (R.J. LINNELL). Appeal for Conditional Use Permit to allow the reopening of a cocktail lounge at 3144 Pacific Coast Highway. Denied by the Planning Commission November 6, 1968.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil; it was ordered filed, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on this matter.

Mr. Don Hitchcock, attorney at 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, representing Mr. Linnell, reviewed the history in this matter and the circumstances surrounding the subject request, noting that the

establishment has been inoperative less than six months, with some \$11,000 worth of equipment installed therein in a building designed to accommodate this type of business which has so operated for two years as a cocktail bar with entertainment and no food.

Discussion followed on the intent and value of the conditional use permit, ABC controls (including a report on the recent meeting relative to this matter), with further comments regarding "policy" - Mayor Isen stated that the Planning Commission does not make policy for the City Council, the reverse being true, and this is an area which should be explored at some later date with increasing friction becoming apparent. The subject request, in Mayor Isen's opinion, is without complication involving a change of ownership, but otherwise the same type of business, ABC-approved, and the fact that the establishment was closed for a period of time is immaterial.

Staff conditions were then reviewed, with particular attention to "no rear access" and how this would be accomplished. Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon explained that there must be a legal exit at the back of the building, but hardware on the inside of the building will prevent "walk-in" traffic. Mr. Hitchcock recommended that the words "for public purpose" be added to the conditions. Planning Director Shartle recommended that the Resolution state that a license be obtained from ABC with the conditions imposed by the City.

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: Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of CUP 68-41, subject to Staff conditions: (1) The conditional use permit be subject to revocation if the Planning Commission determines at any future date that the operation is a nuisance to the neighborhood; (2) (Amended) There be no rear access for public purpose (west or south walls of the building) to the cocktail lounge; and (3) All entertainment to be subject to License Review Board approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, as follows:

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

It was specifically clarified by Councilman Johnson that his motion for approval does not include the Staff recommendation that the roof sign be removed, with no additional signs to be allowed without prior approval of the Planning Commission. So that the record will be clear, roll call vote was again taken on Councilman Johnson's motion above, and this clarification regarding the signing; the vote remained the same.

Mayor Isen commented, acknowledging the right of every Councilman to vote as he desires, that it seems far afield to him in a situation of this nature, with an investment of \$25,000 or more, whereby it could be killed by negative votes -- whether the operation is liked or not, it is legal; it is governed by the State; there are vested rights and a substantial investment.

In rebuttal, Councilman Wilson deemed the Mayor's remarks out of order -- each Councilman has a right to his own opinion in actions that they feel are for the best interest of Torrance. That is the way Councilman Wilson intends to vote and intimidation is unwelcome.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30620; SUBDIVIDER, Don Wilson Builders. Tract located on the south side of 235th Street west of Crenshaw Blvd. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to conditions.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter; there was no response. Councilman Miller moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with Staff recommendations for approval, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

16. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30602; SUBDIVIDER, Gallareto Design and Construction Company. 35-lot tract located on the north side of Spencer Street east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

City Manager Ferraro requested that a condition #13 be added: That the tract be required to use Torrance Municipal Water. Mr. Clark Leonard, Lanco Engineering, was present, and explained that the reimbursement provided by Dominguez Water makes its service preferable. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that service is possible in this area, because it is Torrance Municipal Water area with established lines; further, the tract to the north was likewise required to take Torrance Water.

Concern for any possible problems relative to the sump was expressed by Councilman Johnson. Assistant City Engineer Weaver advised that there is sufficient capacity in the sump to accommodate the subject subdivision. Discussion followed on the history of this sump, the pending law suit status, an amended complaint now having been filed, with court action appearing necessary.

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

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with Staff recommendation for approval, subject to conditions, adding condition #13: "That the tract be required to use Torrance Municipal Water". The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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17. RESOLUTION approving variance as applied for in the Planning Commission Case No. V68-4; South Bay Convalescent Hospital.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-272

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V68-4 - SOUTH BAY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-272. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

18. RESOLUTION approving variance as applied for in the Planning Commission Case No. V68-6; National Supply Division, Armco Steel Corporation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-273

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY NATIONAL SUPPLY DIVISION, ARMCO STEEL CORPORATION, IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V68-6.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-273; his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

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A ten-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time - 10:00 P.M.

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19. ORDINANCE amending Division 9 to establish new standards for multiple residential development. (REGULAR and EMERGENCY ORDINANCES.)

Mayor Isen invited anyone who wished to speak on this matter to do so at this time.

Mr. Frank Wilson, architect, at 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, stated that an R-3-character neighborhood is dependent on a number of factors -- only one of which is density; Mr. Wilson does not believe that

diminishing the number of units per acre to the extent proposed by the ordinance is a good idea, and should be moderated to some extent. Further, the proposed parking seems amiss inasmuch as it requires the same number of spaces for a bachelor unit as would be required for a 3 or 4 bedroom apartment. Mr. Wilson added that he feels more ground open space for green area should be required as well. It was noted that Planning Commission review of plans may permit, based on design, 700 square feet of land area per dwelling unit instead of the required 1000 square feet. Councilman Johnson thought 900 square feet might be a more realistic figure, and suggested such a compromise.

Mr. Bob Dunn, 4005 Pacific Coast Highway, stated that good planning is evidenced in updating the apartment standards - however, he is concerned about the requirement of 300 ft. per unit for recreation area, which forces costly subterranean construction. Further, Mr. Dunn has plans virtually ready for plan check, with some \$20,000 invested therein, and designed under the old ordinance. At Councilman Sciarrotta's question, Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that if this ordinance is passed by the Council, within seven days any builder, architect, or designer may bring his plans in, whatever their shape, for review to ascertain that they have substantial working plans and something more than just a plot plan; then there will be an additional 45 days in which to complete the plans and get them in for plan check.

Next to speak was Mr. David Reese 1901 Century City, who advised that he is in the process of developing 264 units on Del Amo, and that he does not think the number of square feet per unit is the criteria for developing open space; it seems to him there must be a more reasonable method, and has been accomplished by them with 700 sq. ft. units mentioned above. FHA Standards were described by Mr. Reese -- it was also his feeling that, relative to the parking, that 1½ to 1 with 1 space for 10 units for visitor parking is a requirement that the developer can handle.

Mr. George Blair, 47 Empty Saddle, Rolling Hills, advised the Council regarding land in Torrance recently acquired by him, with the hope of acquiring additional land at the end of the street, that they are in the process of determining the manner of development with an integrated plan for the entire street. Mr. Blair then inquired as to the amount of information necessary on their preliminary plans; Mayor Isen advised that this decision has been left to the discretion of Building and Safety Director McKinnon. Mr. Blair then described his proposed units, and his intent to develop over a period of time, and the hope to acquire additional land across the street and integrate the entire development. Councilman Miller inquired as to how Mr. Blair can integrate the balance for which there are no plans. Mr. McKinnon reiterated that the requirement will be substantial plans (no pencilled sketches on butcher paper) and there is absolutely no possibility of his turning his head the other way. There is no way to solve Mr. Blair's problem, Mr. McKinnon continued, he does not own the land and he cannot integrate development now nor can he make a firm commitment, but there is relief through the Planning Commission -- it can be assumed they are reasonable people and if they see four or five apartment houses already constructed which are not objectionable or obnoxious that they will allow him the same right to continue, but a guarantee is not possible.

Mr. Richard Cooling, architect, 205 Avenue I, Redondo Beach, inquired as to the effective date of the 7-day cut-off. Mr. McKinnon advised that if the emergency ordinance is passed by the Council, it will start tomorrow, November 27th, with the legal holiday on Thursday included.

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

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved, in reference to the parking, that the parking area be one car in a garage for each dwelling unit plus 1/2 additional parking space for each dwelling unit which may be open area parking, plus one additional parking space for each 10 units or portion thereof to be used as visitor parking.

It was the comment of Mayor Isen regarding the above motion that to require more parking spaces would serve to make the cost of units just that extra prohibitive; further, there is no way to make tenants park in the garages; and the provision of 1½ seems reasonable to him.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved that the 1000 ft. requirement be maintained. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the requirement be 900 ft. in lieu of 1000 ft. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Miller's motion carried as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1937

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW STANDARDS FOR MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL (APARTMENT HOUSE) DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOT AREA AND DIMENSIONS, LAND AREA AND OPEN SPACE, SETBACKS, YARDS, GARAGES, PARKING, REFUSE AND STORAGE AREAS, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AREAS, UNIMPROVED AREAS, SWIMMING POOLS, AND ACCESS; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 1937. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1938

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW STANDARDS FOR MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL (APARTMENT HOUSE) DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOT AREA AND DIMENSIONS, LAND AREA AND OPEN SPACE, SETBACKS, YARDS, GARAGES, PARKING, REFUSE AND STORAGE AREAS, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AREAS, UNIMPROVED AREAS, SWIMMING POOLS, AND ACCESS; AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1937 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1938 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that the procedure for granting relief, as set forth in detail in a,b,c, on page 3 of communication for agenda item #19, be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

The proposed ordinance to enlarge the scope of the waivers was discussed, and it was agreed not to enact it at this time; should it prove burdensome it may be returned for consideration.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

20. PROPOSED PRAIRIE AVENUE OFF-RAMPS, SAN DIEGO FREEWAY.  
Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council approve the concept of the proposed changes by the Division of Highways to the southbound ramps of the Freeway at the Artesia Boulevard crossing.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the concept of the proposed changes of San Diego Freeway at the Artesia Boulevard crossing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

21. RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of an easement deed from Dominguez Properties for a slope easement, Del Amo Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Anza Avenue, and authorizing payment therefor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-274

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN

EASEMENT DEED FROM DOMINGUEZ PROPERTIES, A PARTNERSHIP, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE SUM OF \$748.44 TO DOMINGUEZ PROPERTIES THEREFOR.

(Del Amo Boulevard)

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-274. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

22. Resolution re: sanitary sewer easement from Southern California Edison Company.

Withdrawn.

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - STORM DRAIN IN 230TH STREET, 230TH PLACE, AND ARLINGTON AVENUE: B 68-56; JOB #68074. Recommendation of Public Works Director that contract be awarded to Chet Kohler, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Director, and that all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

24. Report on use of Entradero Sump to receive drainage from Tract 22704.

Commenting on the excellent quality of the subject report, requested by him, Councilman Johnson moved that it be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

Noted by City Manager Ferraro was the fact that there will be an investigation of the City's original acceptance from Dominguez to determine the exact conditions in the transmission of the easement to the City.

REAL PROPERTY:

25. Recommendation of City Attorney for permission to hire attorney Richard Reimer to help with the Quinn Dairy condemnation trial.

Mayor Isen inquired of City Attorney Remelmeyer if there were a possibility of settlement by his office wherein time and money might be saved -- Mr. Remelmeyer advised that negotiation appears impossible, but Mr. Reimer will provide valuable assistance to this end.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney to hire attorney Richard Reimer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing installation of a FOUR-WAY STOP on Newton Street at its intersection with Vista Montana and Anza Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-35 WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-275. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Beasley).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

27. Airport Commission and Airport Manager submitting their recommendation re: Council delegation to Airport Commission of certain Airport matters.

Noted by Mayor Isen was the attendance of Airport Commissioners Bell, Marousek, Morgan, and Chairman Blaisdell in behalf of this request. The merits of the request were discussed, and the delegation of the matters defined in the report, a la Planning Commission, was deemed desirable.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the subject recommendation; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

28. Request of Pacific Coast Little League.

Heard earlier in the meeting.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. National League of Cities request for appointment of voting and alternate delegate from Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Mayor Isen be appointed as Voting Delegate, 45th Annual Congress of Cities, and that Councilman Johnson be the alternate Voting Delegate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

30. Commendation of Mr. Wayne Pollaccia.

Withdrawn.

31. ORDINANCE providing license tax for coin operated washing machines.
32. ORDINANCE providing license tax for bulk vending machines.

Requests had been received from attorneys on these matters that they be continued. MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Items 31 and 32 be continued to the Council meeting of December 17th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. Request for approval for more than one person to attend Governor's Safety Conference in Sacramento December 12-13, 1968.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Johnson, in view of the size of this particular Conference, that the request be granted so long as the budgeted \$120 is not exceeded. Councilman Johnson then MOVED that as many Safety Commissioners may attend the Safety Conference as wish provided they stay within the budgeted \$120. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

34. Report from City Manager re: Analysis of Maintenance and Construction cost estimates - proposed Civic Center Water Fountain.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that the Council instruct the City Manager and Building and Safety Director to authorize the inclusion of the proposed reflective pool in the architectural preliminaries and construction drawings of the Civic Center annex. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Uerkwitz commented on the Steering Committee for this project (composed of members from the general public) who will present a recommendation to the Council. Further reported by Mr. Uerkwitz was that Mrs. Pettie, Robinson Pettie and Company, who is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee, has been designated as Financial Coordinator for the Chamber on the project. The Steering Committee, referred to above, will concern itself with the aesthetics of the program.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

35. ORDINANCE NO. 1934.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1934.

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 BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND ERIEL AVENUE AND

BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY AND 185TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-15.  
(CAL GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1934 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

36. ORDINANCE NO. 1935.

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

ORDINANCE 1935

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-23.  
(UNIMART, INC.)

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1935 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

37. ORDINANCE NO. 1936 providing for a Recreation Activities Fund for payments thereto and disbursements therefrom for purposes of Recreation programming.

City Treasurer Rupert requested that the second reading of Ordinance No. 1936 be held, because of technical reasons, for three weeks, to the meeting of December 17th. There were no objections.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

D. Report re: Tract 30301.

Councilman Uerkwitz reported on his understanding that construction is underway in the subject area even though there are substandard footings. Director of Building and Safety McKinnon advised that this is absolutely false, certain construction was stopped to permit proper investigation -- the builder was required to provide an additional geological report after the permits have been issued but before concrete is poured, confirming that the excavations are truly proper and deep enough. The stringent requirements were outlined by Mr. McKinnon -- they must dig the entire trench and see that every foot is properly bedded; further, there is absolutely no impropriety, the progress is based on the latest scientific engineering methods, with absolutely no need for concern. A further requirement pointed out by Mr. McKinnon is that after the building is built that the geologist certify that all conditions of water control have been met on each and every lot -- the many precautions taken were unknown to the residents, and the requirements,

the stringent requirements, are all being met. Such concern as evidenced by these residents is always appreciated, Mr. McKinnon added, it being his wish that they had paid him a personal visit for clarification and elimination of their fears.

In view of Mr. McKinnon's reassurance of the strict requirements, and the investigation that has been made, Mayor Isen MOVED that management, through Mr. Ferraro and Mr. McKinnon, properly answer the letter of November 14th from Marilyn and Charles Bentz and the letter of November 11th from J.B. Franks, which appear on the November 26th agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. With extreme regret, City Manager Ferraro announced the resignation of the City Personnel Nurse, Mrs. Gladys Bostick, effective December 7th, due to the recent death of her mother and the family demands which necessitate her relocation in Michigan.

39. A "meeting of the minds" relative to the Pacific Outdoor Advertising billboard (CUP 68-36) on Del Amo Blvd., following meetings with Mr. James Sample, was reported by City Manager Ferraro; the Council will be properly advised of the conditions imposed in the very near future.

40. Assistant City Manager Scharfman referred to the pre-Council presentation by the State Employees' Retirement System regarding the 50/20 Plan, and the necessary scheduling of meetings with System representatives, the Finance Director, and Police and Fire personnel; Mr. Scharfman will then return to Council with a recommendation on December 17th.

41. Councilman Wilson stated that at the Council meeting of November 19th the motion was made and passed that the Charter Review Committee wind up its affairs and submit its current draft with modifications, if any, to the Council on or before December 31st. It is the feeling of Councilman Wilson that the Council has an obligation, not only to the Charter Review Committee but certainly to the citizens of Torrance, that the many hours spent on the charter review not be wasted; if the review was originally warranted, the Council should certainly be able to profit from what the Committee has done the past two years. It is the recommendation of Councilman Wilson that a Council Committee be appointed to take the report on December 31st for the purpose of further study to reap whatever benefits might be contained therein. Councilman Wilson thereupon MOVED that the next Council Committee be appointed to serve in this capacity. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion ensued. Councilman Sciarrotta commented that he feels this matter was prejudged before it was in its final form; it would have more meaning after the public hearings and perhaps be drastically revised, and is certainly deserving of presentation in final form.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Mr. Larry Bowman had stated that this first draft version embodies substantially the thinking and intent of the Committee, and that even further time than March 1, 1969 may be required -- with December 31st over a month away, there is substantial time for any revisions of the first draft, and that is the proper time for consideration by the Council as to "where do we go from here?" Action at this time is premature, Mayor Isen stated.

Concurring with Councilman Sciarrotta, Councilman Miller stated that it is the prerogative of the Council to do as it pleases with the material that is presented, and the Council Committee may prove helpful to all concerned and feels that the motion offered by Councilman Wilson is a most constructive one, as well as one of a simple, routine, uncomplicated nature.

As a member of the Charter Review Committee, Mr. Stanley Dunn, speaking for himself, stated that the impact of the recent Council action, makes it imperative that the Council take the action at this time to reestablish the morale of the Committee, it being their feeling that they have worked hard for 18 months, they have tried to do a complete review, and finalization by December 31st represents an overwhelming undertaking. To know that the Council will review what has been done would afford encouragement to this group, Mr. Dunn concluded, and perhaps provide the necessary incentive.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,  
and Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson; Mayor Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.  
(Committee: Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Isen.)

Councilman Uerkwitz commented that his "yes" vote is based on Mr. Dunn's remarks and the possible morale building effect of this action.

SEE MINUTES 12-17-68 Mayor Isen commented that he will be on the committee - morale beware! He added that it will undoubtedly be necessary for this committee to go through the existing Charter, and the suggested revisions, with great feeling on this matter in all segments of the City in evidence.

42. Offered by Mayor Isen at this time were his suggestions, referred to at the November 19th meeting, pertaining to citizen participation and the value thereof, long recognized by him, and evidenced by the many Commissions, etc. in existence. There is a need to maintain citizen interest, however -- if such interest can be maintained in "future goals", it is Mayor Isen's feeling that this can and will furnish a New England-type hall discussion and good things can certainly come out of it, a visionary effort and an "ivory tower" for the future. But Torrance's problems are immediate; they are NOW; to ignore present problems indicates a dereliction of duty of this Council in furnishing the leadership to solve these problems. With this thought in mind, Mayor Isen offered the suggestion that there be committees and a commission involving very active citizen participation, and referred to them as Immediate Action NOW Committee for

meaningful City participation to cope with existing problems where it appears there is no progress and which cannot be ignored. The biggest problem, without doubt, is the congestion in the streets, Mayor Isen continued, and the traffic problem with no immediate solution in sight, a problem that requires constant attention and great study and concentration, it would be his recommendation (along the lines of the early stages of the Airport when the Airport Commission was formed as a recommending body to the Council, the Water Commission formation, etc.) that a seven-member Street and Highway Commission, to be an absolute arm of City government and to function as a recommending body to the City Council, with their objectives to be, as indicated by their name, to constantly work for the improvement of surface streets, the widening of streets, putting through of paper streets, keeping after local City engineering, contacting the Board of Supervisors and the County to obtain their help and similarly from the State to work on some of the major streets being made into major highways with an attempt to have the State take over the jurisdiction so the expense might be absorbed.

Further proposed by Mayor Isen were three Committees, composed of seven members each: a Transit Committee to assist the Council in the area of our municipal buses, RTD competition, to present, if necessary, to the Legislature the possibility of subsidy (which now goes to Rapid Transit), etc., to work on promotion of the bus system in conjunction and cooperation with the Bus Superintendent.

The next Committee recommended by Mayor Isen was: Uniform Mailing for Torrance. To obtain this would be of untold value to Torrance, and a sorely needed accomplishment.

In the interest of attaining the utmost in efficiency, economy, and service in the operation of City government, Mayor Isen recommended that a 7-member Committee also be established to pursue this phase of needed NOW action.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Wilson that the Mayor's suggestions be turned over to the new Goals Committee to incorporate in their plans -- the suggestions are certainly most legitimate and now, with the new Goals Committee, there is a ready base now made for handling these issues.

Discussion followed on the effect of the Mayor's recommendations on the recently formed Goals Committee. Councilman Sciarrotta commented that it would seem to strip that Committee of activities; Mayor Isen reiterated that these matters are immediate matters which should be started immediately and disassociated from any future "goals" concept. It was the further comment of Councilman Wilson that leadership can be more effective when administered in a positive manner, rather than by obstructing or sidetracking, pointing out that the above matters are goals which have already been incorporated into the Goals Committee; to set up another parallel committee will present jurisdiction problems. Councilman Miller stated that this entire exercise is an attempt to neutralize the Goals Committee -- the problems that now loom up were in existence long before a Goals Committee was even thought of -- and to attempt such a parallel arrangement will end up with the sum total of zero. Complete disagreement was expressed by Mayor Isen who went on to describe the stimulation of community thinking that will result

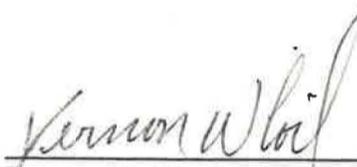
and he cannot agree that a Goals Committee is the proper way to go into matters of street improvement, etc. It was noted that no action is to be taken at this time.

Mr. Bill Roberts, 3937 West 188th Street, commented on the relationship of the preceding discussion, and the oral communications he has at this time: As proposed chairman of the Liaison Committee with the Citizens' Advisory Committee, it is recommended that the Council consider placing a top priority on the Select Systems Streets Project #SS31 which is the extension of Prairie Avenue from 190th to Del Amo so as to expedite the acquisition of the property and construction of the street, feeling that this will help a great deal in alleviating one of the City's present major traffic problems on Hawthorne Boulevard -- the funds for such a project coming from the Gas Tax Funds and are currently available.

As a second thing, Mr. Roberts advised that he has been on the sub-committee working on the uniform mailing address, and has contacted Congressman Charles Wilton's office who is on the Congressional Committee for the establishment of post offices; along with Torrance Postmaster Backlund and the Assistant Postmaster, and Mr. Roberts has obtained more than enough information to work with anyone who is interested in determining what is necessary to obtain uniform mailing.

In conclusion, Mr. Roberts stated that he hopes to be involved in the Goals Program, and hopes as well to involve himself in present needs as well as future needs.

There was no further discussion, nor business, and the meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

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

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APPROVED:



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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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