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Adjourned at 7:55 P.M. to December 17, 1968 at 5:30 P.M.

December 3, 1968

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council, and the 12th Annual Junior Citizens' Day observance, were held on Tuesday, December 3, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Junior Mayor Hubert called the meeting to order, and in response to roll call by Junior City Clerk Keberlein, the following Junior Councilmen were in attendance: Acree, Bishop Montgomery; Brenner, South; Durst, South; Griffith, West; Milligan, Bishop Montgomery; Somers, Torrance; and Hubert, North High. Also present were Junior City Clerk Keberlein, North High; Junior Treasurer Brown, Torrance High School; and Junior City Manager Johnson, West High School.

Senior Councilmen responding to roll call vote by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. (Councilman Beasley left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.).

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Junior Mayor Hubert, Miss Paula Keener, South High School, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The minister for the month of December, Reverend Edward L. Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation, at the request of Junior Mayor Hubert.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 1968 be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited 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 Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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A detailed explanation of Council procedure was furnished by Mayor Isen for the benefit of the large audience of students and others in attendance for the first time.

Introduced at this time by Mayor Isen was the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J.H. Hull, and his participation in this annual event was noted.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Item #10 considered separately.)

8. CLAIM of Kenneth Loo for vehicle damage on October 30, 1968, at Van Ness and 184th Street. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
9. Recommendation of City Clerk re: renewal of Blue Cross Employees' Group Insurance expiring December 31, 1968.
11. BUDGETED ITEMS IN EXCESS OF \$300:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1195.19 to Victor Comptometer Corporation for two calculating machines requested by the Finance Dept. - one requested as a replacement item and one for the new Budget Officer position.
2. \$510.51 to Cameo for 110 porcelain on aluminum or steel "Trespassing-Loitering forbidden by law" signs as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use at City sump and reservoir sites.
3. \$389.81 to J. Jones Company for 25 2" water valves as requested by the Water Department for water service as needed.
4. \$387.45 to Mine & Mill Machine Company for one only drill press (floor model) as requested by the Water Department for use in their operations.

5. \$862.47 to Econolite Corporation for miscellaneous traffic signal repair and replacement parts as requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use at the various street intersections and for replacement stock "as needed".

6. \$1699.95 to Zumar Industry for 212 only baked enamel "Stop", "No-U-Turn" and "Tow Away-No Stopping" street signs and mounting hardware as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use at various locations throughout the City.

7. \$1127.98 to Consolidated Paint Company of Los Angeles for 110 gallons of Garlock school bus yellow paint and 10 gallons of Garlock white and black paint, requested by the Garage Superintendent as part of our City equipment clean-up and repainting program.

12. CLAIM of McIntire & Quiros, Inc. for sewer damage. Recommendation of City Clerk that claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with recommendations on Items 8,9,11, and 12. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

10. Award of Contract - two Park Motorscooters, B68-52.

Councilman Uerkwitz inquired as to how the scooters are used, and further clarification on the bid itself.

Park Superintendent Clemmer described their use and value in providing for considerable area to be cared for in faster time, with room for tools and material to be transported from one area to another. The trade-in bid brings the price down to \$1343.50, and makes it the low bid.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director that Council accept the low bid of George Patterson, Inc. and approve of the awarding of the contract for the two Park Motorscooters to them in the amount of \$3,087, including tax, and rejecting all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(No agenda item #13.)

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In reference to Item #9, renewal of Blue Cross Employees' Group Insurance, City Clerk Coil reported that, based on the good experience of the City this last year, it has been possible to improve the plan by (1) increasing major medical from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and (2) from a ward bed to a semi-private room. Mr. Coil then introduced Blue Cross representatives, Mr. Olney and Mr. Drasil; Mr. Olney stated that they are looking forward to a new year with the City of Torrance, and will be happy to serve the City in 1969.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

- 14. RESOLUTION establishing "No Stopping 2-9AM and 4-6PM, Sundays excepted" on both sides of Hawthorne Boulevard between 182nd Street and 190th Street and between Torrance Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard.

A letter from Bullock's expressing their approval of this action was read aloud by Junior City Clerk Keberlein.

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

RESOLUTION 68-276

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ART. I OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-242 WHICH ESTABLISHES NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-276; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

- 15. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting for approval First Amendment of Acme Airport lease agreement.

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

RESOLUTION 68-277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED OCTOBER 1, 1959, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND ACME AIRCRAFT COMPANY, A PARTNERSHIP.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-277. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 16. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting for approval request for new petroleum agreements with Shell Oil Company, Standard Oil Company, and Union Oil Company to reflect current fueling fees.

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

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RESOLUTION 68-278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS WITH SHELL OIL COMPANY; STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC.; AND UNION OIL COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST SAID PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-278; his motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

17. Excused absence requested for Commissioner George Kurtz.

Councilman Johnson MOVED to concur with the request of the Library Commission for an excused absence for Commissioner George Kurtz at their November 18th meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

PROCLAMATIONS:

18. PROCLAMATION - BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK - DECEMBER 9-15, 1968.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed. Junior Mayor Hubert joined in so proclaiming.

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JUNIOR COUNCIL AGENDA:

I. Herman's Barbecue.

II. Youth Employment Program.

III. Youth Club - Donations of a quonset hut and books.

Leadership of the meeting was assumed by Junior Mayor Hubert for consideration of the above agenda items. The presentations by the students that followed represented extensive research and analysis of the decisions faced by the Junior Government, and were expertly handled.

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The hour being 6:35 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Council recess, reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a 10-minute general recess at 6:37 P.M.

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ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

- 19. ORDINANCE declaring a moratorium on the construction of buildings or structures in an area bounded by Hawthorne Boulevard on the west, Madison Street on the east, 234th Street on the north and 236th Street on the south, and declaring the presence of an emergency.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question as to why the moratorium - why couldn't the regrading be done on this project as the property is purchased? City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that such a moratorium is needed for the reason that if there is to be any rectification of the problem in that area, it will have to be done en masse; once construction is started (including most of the property fronting on Hawthorne Blvd.) there would be the problem of bringing it up to where it should be -- an example would be grading; a master grading plan has to be developed for the entire area; streets must be put in in accordance with that master grading plan; storm drains, if necessary, and sewers. It appears to Mr. Remelmeyer, as well as to Planning and Engineering, that if a moratorium were not declared any construction in the area would tend to defeat the purpose of the study of trying to bring it up to where it should be. Further noted by Mr. Remelmeyer was the fact that the moratorium is only for a 90-day period, during which time the Planning Department, Planning Commission, the City Manager and his Staff must make a study and return to the Council with a report and recommendations.

Discussion followed on possible hardships that might be created (plans not yet having been submitted on a proposed restaurant); City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that the moratorium would not include Lomita Boulevard. It was generally agreed that the 90 days was sorely needed to resolve the problems; Mayor Isen felt it imperative that the Hawthorne Boulevard frontage be given priority in the solution.

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

ORDINANCE 1939

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD ON THE WEST, MADISON STREET ON THE EAST, 234TH STREET ON THE NORTH, 236TH STREET ON THE SOUTH, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1939 as an Emergency Ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

20. ORDINANCE 1938.

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

ORDINANCE 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 Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1938 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

21. The resignation of Administrative Assistant Ciborowski was announced by City Manager Ferraro; Mr. Ciborowski is leaving the City of Torrance to take a position with Occidental Life Insurance Company.

22. City Manager Ferraro introduced the children of famous parents in the audience on this eventful Junior Citizens' Day: Christine Cripe, Nick Borgwat, Water Commissioner Brooks' son, Dr. Hull's son, Kathy Miller, and Nancy Stephenson.

23. Mr. Dick Cook, 309 Calle Mayor, reported generally favorable progress along Calle Mayor with the beautification, etc. with the exception of the fact that the street has been left with many deep cuts and a pretty unattractive sight -- a remedy for this situation was sought by Mr. Cook. The history to date on this matter was furnished by Director of Public Works Nollac. Mayor Isen directed management and Engineering to do everything possible to resolve this situation in the best possible manner.

(Councilman Beasley left the meeting at this time - 7:30 P.M.)

24. On behalf of the students, Junior Mayor Hubert expressed their gratitude to the City of Torrance and the Torrance Unified School District for permitting participation in this outstanding event. Like gratitude was conveyed by Mayor Isen. Each of the Junior Councilmen expressed their thanks for a most rewarding day.

25. In reference to the paying-quantities resolution, Councilman Johnson advised that he and City Attorney Remelmeyer appeared before the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors recently, and they passed a resolution designed for them which they will process up to the California Real Estate Association and to the Real Estate Commissioner soliciting their support of the resolution, which should serve to convince the Legislators that the people of California really want and need this program. Councilman Johnson also expressed his pleasure at the progress in South Torrance with much improvement in evidence.

26. An apparent conflict in laws regarding the possession of fire-arms has been brought to the attention of Councilman Miller which affects programs planned on shooting ranges in Torrance for teenagers. City Attorney Remelmeyer will investigate this matter and report back by December 17th, if possible.

27. Councilman Sciarrotta presented a petition bearing 170 signatures requesting the construction of two tennis courts at Hickory Park. Investigation of the feasibility of the request was asked by Mr. Sciarrotta.

28. A meeting regarding the Civic Center Fountain will be held on December 4th, Councilman Uerkwitz announced, and interested parties were invited to attend.

29. Mayor Isen reported on the invitation received for the Council to attend the Fiesta of Guadalupe on December 7th; City Clerk Coil was directed to convey the regrets of the Council since they will be at the convention in New Orleans on that date.

30. Further introductions were in order. Councilman Miller introduced Torrance's Homecoming Queen, Linda Wilson, and co-player of the year from the Sky League, Terry Watters. Sons of long time friends were noted as well with Junior Councilman Acree and one of the proponents who made an outstanding presentation, young Mr. Salisbury.

31. Mayor Isen advised that Mr. Mel Wagers, president of the Torrance Adult Club for nine years, is resigning from this office due to increased activities, with a farewell dinner for him scheduled for January 20th. It seems most appropriate to Mayor Isen that he be recognized at that time with a permaplaque commending his efforts; Mayor Isen so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Resolution Number 68-279 was assigned at this time, with the formal presentation of the resolution to be returned to the December 17th meeting. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-279; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

32. In order to closer coordinate the activities of the Torrance Youth Council with the Youth Welfare Commission, it was suggested by Mayor Isen that the Chairman of the Torrance Youth Council be a permanent, voting, \$10.00 per month member of the Youth Welfare Commission, and that the ordinance or resolution be amended accordingly. Mayor Isen requested that both the Youth Council and the Youth Welfare Commission advise the Council as to their feeling and recommendation.

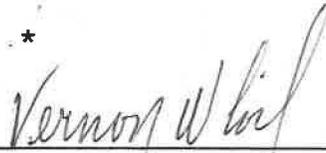
relative to this suggestion. Mayor Isen has renewed this suggestion hoping that favorable recommendations will come from the Youth Council and the Youth Welfare Commission, with the Council to consider same.

33. A letter from Mrs. Monty Koslover, 145 Via Monte D'oro, regarding street lights in need of repair, was read aloud by Mayor Isen. Immediate remedial action was requested by Mayor Isen; Traffic Engineer Horkay and City Manager Ferraro will comply.

34. The pleasure and appreciation of the Council to the junior citizens for this noteworthy occasion was conveyed by Mayor Isen.

At 7:55 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to December 17, 1968 at 5:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance