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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1970, at 4:35 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

Present were Councilman Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Isen clarified that the scheduled Executive Session is for the purpose of continuing discussions regarding employee demands, to instruct the City Manager as to how to meet and confer with the employees.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the Council recess at this time - 4:37 P.M. - to go into Executive Session for the above outlined purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

The Council returned at 5:30 P.M.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council reconvened at 5:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Lieutenant Mickey Fischer, Torrance Police Department, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Robert Dehn, Chaplain, Golden Hours Convalescent Hospital, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Isen referred to the minutes of March 3, 1970, and requested that they be approved with Revised Pages 18 and 23; the corresponding pages of the original minutes to be torn out and these revised pages substituted.

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MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 1970 be approved, with revised pages #18 and #23. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that 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 was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - None.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (Page 1).

PRESENTATIONS:

12. Award of permaplaque to Mrs. Dorothy Barnes Beagle and Mrs. Anton Mare for their part in obtaining as a gift to the Torrance Public Library one of the famous DeWitt M. Lockman "Connie" paintings.

Mayor Isen advised that the permaplaque recipients are unable to be present. It was agreed that the presentation would be made on Tuesday, March 31st, at 5:30 P.M.

It was further noted by Mayor Isen that the Employee Service Pin Awards will be made on March 31st as well.

10. INVITATION - WEST POINT CHOIR, TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL.

Sergeant First Class Bob Button of the 6325 Information Unit, extended an invitation to City officials to attend a performance of the West Point Choir at Torrance High School on Friday, April 3rd, at 7:30 P.M.

11. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARN-IN.

(Heard later in the meeting).

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

13. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:
(Considered separately).
14. NOTICE OF COMPLETION:
Final payment on demolition contract to Valley Loader Service.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

1. That Council accept the work; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor.

15. Communication from Planning Director requesting permission to advertise Planning cases for the March 31st and April 7th Council meetings, due to the cancellation of the March 24th meeting.

16. LOAN FROM WATER REVENUE FUND TO WATER MAIN EXTENSION REVOLVING FUND.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That Council approve appropriation of:

1. Loan in the amount of \$5,000 from the Water Revenue Fund to the Water Main Extension Revolving Fund;
2. Amount of \$15,000 from the Water Main Extension Revolving Fund for construction of approximately 1,200 feet of 8-inch water main along 232nd Street, west of Arlington Avenue.

17. CLAIM of Gerald S. Richey for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

18. CLAIM of Maurice A. Hatten for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

19. CLAIM of Harvey W. Johnson for personal injuries.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

20. CLAIM of George V. Michenfelder and Nancy L. Michenfelder for alleged negligence, malfeasance and wrongful acts of Does I and II, Police Department Officers, City of Torrance.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #14,15,16,17,18,19, and #20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1,071.00 to L.F.E. Electronics for two major traffic signal controller components as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
2. \$1,527.75 to Center Line Products (Bauer traffic paint) for 600 gallons of white and yellow street marking paint as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
3. \$455.49 to Zumar Industries for 100 traffic sign "U" posts and 6 warning signs as requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$3,675.00 to Econolite Corporation for 1 only USED (4 months old) complete T-1055 traffic signal controller complete with cabinet and wiring - Solid State. (This unit new sold for over \$5,000.)
5. \$471.56 to Van Lingen Body Shop to repair a black-and-white police car (Unit #7079) as requested by the City Garage.
6. (Considered separately).

B. REIMBURSABLE:

7. \$1,723.05 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one only 6"x3" Hersey meter with bronze case and check valves on main and intermediate flow lines. This service is for Reynolds Metal Company and payment has already been received for this service.

C. SPECIAL:

8. \$707.86 to Western Bookbinding Company for 370 adult books.
9. \$305.45 to Prentice-Hall, Inc. for 44 adult books.
10. \$1,049.70 to Orco Microfilming Service for the following:
89,028 16MM film frames on original negative film;
33 rolls of duplicating diazo film.

Considered separately:

6. \$427.04 to Dervis Truck Body to add ladder racks, vise brackets, and open top shelving on five truck bodies they are presently building for us previously approved by Council.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Uerkwitz that it might be possible to complete this job in the City Yard rather than contracting it out. City Manager Ferraro recommended that this matter be held for two weeks so that additional information might be obtained; there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to approve agenda item #13, deleting item #6. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

35. RESOLUTION urging repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-69

A RESOLUTION OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL FOR
REPEAL OF TITLE II OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY
ACT OF 1950.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-69. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Mr. Thomas N. Shigekuni, 23807 Ladeene, as a representative of the Japanese-American Citizens League, urged repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and elaborated upon the inequities of this legislation.

Mayor Isen was in agreement that the entire Act is a blight on the Bill of Rights, and that Council action supporting the subject resolution would be in order. Discussion followed, and the Council was generally in agreement as to the need for support. City Treasurer Rupert reported on further support to repeal the Act by the California Delegation, on a non-partisan basis.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

21. Petition from 53 citizens requesting Council to reconsider the decision of the Planning Commission on CUP 69-53, Harry Kissel.

Noted by Mayor Isen was earlier Council action referring this entire matter back to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject communication/petition be referred to the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections and it was so ordered.

22. MORATORIUM ON NORTHEAST CORNER OF CARSON AND MAPLE.

- A. ORDINANCE placing a moratorium on the occupancy of property located on the northeast corner of Carson Street and Maple Avenue and declaring the presence of an emergency (Humble Oil Station).
- B. ORDINANCE placing a moratorium on the occupancy of property located on the northeast corner of Carson Street and Maple Avenue and repealing the emergency ordinance relating to the same matter (Humble Oil Station).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2067

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CARSON STREET AND MAPLE AVENUE AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.
(Humble Oil Station).

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading on Ordinance No. 2067. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2067 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2068

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CARSON STREET AND MAPLE AVENUE, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2067 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.
(Humble Oil Station).

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading on Ordinance No. 2068. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2068 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. MORATORIUM ON MADRONA AVENUE BETWEEN SPENCER STREET AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

- A. ORDINANCE placing a moratorium on the construction and demolition of buildings and structures within the area described herein and declaring the presence of an emergency (Madrona Avenue between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard).
- B. ORDINANCE placing a moratorium on the construction and demolition of buildings and structures within the area described herein and repealing the emergency ordinance relating to the same matter (Madrona Avenue between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2069

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

(Madrona Avenue between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard.)

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2069. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2069 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2070

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2069 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

(Madrona Avenue between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard.)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2070; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2070 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. Administrative Reorganization No. 12 - Assistant Police Chief - Police Department.

Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to hold the matter of Assistant Police Chief to the meeting of March 31st, to await the P.O.S.T. report. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

25. Letter from Civil Service Commission regarding Classification Study - Administrative Librarian and Principal Librarian, with amendment to Salary Resolution and Revised Class Specifications for Administrative Librarian and Principal Librarian.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 69-183 BY DELETING THEREFROM THE CLASS OF CHIEF LIBRARIAN AND ADDING THERETO THE CLASS OF ADMINISTRATIVE LIBRARIAN.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-70. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

26. Acquisition of 232nd Street - Robinett Property.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that this matter be held over to the March 31st Council meeting, noting that this is agreeable with the homeowners. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

27. RAY VANE LEASE - REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF RENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER/AIRPORT COMMISSION.

That the January, 1970 rent for Parcel II of the Ray Vane lease in the amount of \$502.00 be waived.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Commission and Airport Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. Substandard-Size Lots - Del Amo Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

That the City take no action to acquire the remainder of the subject seven lots and that they be treated in the manner already authorized by the Planning Commission and the City Council for all the lots in this section of Del Amo Boulevard.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Assistant City Manager Scharfman clarified that the "manner" above referred to, authorized by the Planning Commission, and Council-approved, is to declare all these lots buildable, but that each lot would have to come before the City Council if waivers were needed for setback requirements. It was also noted that this is not in contradiction -- one being a statement of policy, the other a requirement of law; the law would require that before a waiver is granted that the proponent actually go through the process, per City Attorney Remelmeyer. Mr. Remelmeyer added that should the Council feel under certain circumstances that a "buildable" lot is impossible and does not make any sense to permit building, the Council would have the option of so declaring -- the policy is not iron-clad in that sense.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the above recommendation of the Assistant City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Johnson referred to the map enclosed in the backup material and Lots 24 and 23, noting that Lot #22 quite likely could be purchased at this time, which would package these three lots for a better development at a later date. Councilman Johnson requested that Staff negotiate with the owner of Lot #22, with the possibility in mind of an overall package; there were no objections.

Roll call vote on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

29. RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute subject City-State participation agreement for the modification of channelization, traffic control system & safety lighting at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor; and to appropriate \$20,000 out of State Gas Tax Funds to cover the City's share of the improvement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATED AS DISTRICT AGREEMENT NO. 2549 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BE INSTALLED AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CALLE MAYOR.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-71. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that \$20,000 be appropriated out of State Gas Tax Funds to cover the City's share of the improvement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

30. AWARD OF CONTRACT for purchase of 4 buses.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council accept the bid submitted by General Motors Company and award them the contract for four only Transit type coaches in the amount of \$108,864.72 including tax.

Councilman Johnson MOVED that the City purchase four buses, 33-passenger, in the total amount of \$154,533.60. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that this matter be referred to the City Manager for consideration at budget time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Leo Salisbury came forward to comment that the above motion is most appropriate.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

31. ORDINANCE adding Article 8 to Chapter 5, Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code to prohibit the public display of sexual material.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2071

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 4, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SEXUAL MATERIAL AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2071. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2071 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was the comment of Mayor Isen that there has been considerable control over lewd material from magazines or books, but that this ordinance goes a step further, and the Council is to be congratulated, in that it is trailblazing, with no question in the Mayor's mind that it is absolutely legal. Mayor Isen added that this ordinance will serve to combat the lewd, obscene photographs and materials used in connection with the advertising and display of obscene motion pictures, and could also be used in connection with stage plays or other public exhibitions.

Roll call vote for adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2071 was unanimously favorable.

Noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer at this point was the need to revise the wording of SECTION 2. Page 1. It should read: "NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:" The Council ordered that it be amended accordingly.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2072

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 4, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SEXUAL MATERIAL. AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2071 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2072. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2072 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mrs. Lillian Watson, 504 Paseo de las Estrellas, stated that if the above ordinance is a political situation, it is an unwise one; in her opinion such an ordinance has far-reaching effects. Deputy Attorney Allen advised that the ordinance had been in preparation since last September, and was not of the political moment.

Continuing, Mrs. Watson stated that her concern is that there may be a progression if this ordinance is allowed to be passed, at what point would ordinances be allowed to be passed as to political viewpoints, etc.? Further, this is of such a nature and of such concern and has such far-reaching influences that it should not be settled in this manner without more discussion. Mayor Isen responded that this is an emergency as far as he is concerned, with community demands that something be done; this is an effort to curb obscene material as it affects pedestrians on

the sidewalk, including boys and girls en route to school; as it affects the community welfare in a community that does not appreciate these things.

Mrs. Watson concluded her remarks with the comment that she had reservations, apparently shared by the City Attorney, as to the ability of the ordinance to stand up in court; further, there could be adverse affects to very nice people who own drug stores, etc. Mayor Isen recommended that Mrs. Watson read the ordinance -- it does not apply to material on drug store stands, etc. Mrs. Watson further felt there should first be review by the Youth Welfare Commission.

Mr. Don Diroll, 26314 Delos Drive, stated that he felt the Council would be violating his civil rights if they did not pass this ordinance.

Next to speak was Mrs. Stella Billings, 4129 West 178th Street, who concurred with the comments of Mrs. Watson in reference to obtaining the opinion of the Youth Welfare Commission. Mayor Isen responded that he knows these problems as well as the Youth Welfare Commission, and the graphic illustrations on display do not require any recommendation from the Youth Welfare Commission, or any other Commission, in such a situation; there is a need for action with which the Youth Welfare Commission would be in full agreement, and which meets with the approval of the largest segment of this community.

Mrs. Billings then stated that she is not afraid of what her children might see or hear -- she is more afraid of the big social problems; it is a matter of personal privilege what people are doing or saying or printing; further, this would be the perfect chance for teenagers to appear before the Youth Welfare Commission in this matter. In conclusion, Mrs. Billings stated that she is very proud to be a member of ACLU who has tested these things.

Roll call vote on approval of Ordinance No. 2072 was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilmen Beasley, at the time of his "yes" vote, that he admired the courage of Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Billings in expressing their opinions before the City Council; an ordinance admittedly containing many private thoughts of him and his colleagues!

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

32. ORDINANCE NO. 2064.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2064

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 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD SOUTH OF
DALEMEAD STREET, DESCRIBED IN ZONE
CHANGE CASE 69-26, AND REPEALING
ORDINANCE NO. 2058.
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2064 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. ORDINANCE NO. 2065.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2065

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO
CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING A STREETS AND
HIGHWAYS COMMISSION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2065 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. ORDINANCE NO. 2066.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2066

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS
OF TABLE 15.202 OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE,
1961 EDITION, AND TABLE 9-1-B OF THE
UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1967 EDITION,
GOVERNING THE LOCATION OF TANKS FOR THE
STORAGE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND OTHER
FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2066 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. Withdrawal of Appeal of CUP 69-51, Bayco Enterprises
(Robert Collins and Francis P. Torino). (Information
Item B).

Noted by Mayor Isen, for the record, re: APPEAL OF CUP 69-51, BAYCO ENTERPRISES (Robert Collins and Francis P. Torino). Request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of an apartment house in the C-2 zone on property located on the east side of Ocean Avenue midway between 226th and 230th Streets

and described as a portion of Lots 21 and 22 of the Meadow Park Tract. A letter from the proponent requesting withdrawal was received by Planning Director Shartle, and Mr. Shartle's communication of March 17th indicates that the matter has been withdrawn on their application and will not appear on the March 31, 1970 Council agenda.

Further noted by Mayor Isen was City Attorney Remelmeyer's advice that a withdrawal in a case like this is tantamount to a denial - with the same rules applying, i.e. six months before anything can be done.

The foregoing being for the purpose of public record, rather than concurrence, according to Mayor Isen.

37. RESOLUTION commending Ron Taylor.

It was reported by Mayor Isen that basketball star Ron Taylor will be honored on April 1st at the Sports Arena, and it was his recommendation that this Torrance boy be recognized by the Council on this occasion.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING RON TAYLOR
FOR HIS REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE IN PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-72, to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Permission for the City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk to attend the City Clerks' Association conference in Palm Springs April 26-29, 1970, with appropriate expenses, was requested by City Clerk Coil. Councilman Beasley MOVED to approve the subject request; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Staff meet with the proponents and opponents of the fourth city on the Peninsula, and offer the City's services and assistance in problems that may develop -- an alternative such as joining the City of Torrance, using our facilities rather than those of the County, etc. might be pursued as well.

40. Mr. Bill Roberts, 3937 West 188th Street, protested removal of his political signs this date and attributing this to a directive from the Mayor. He was ruled out of order by Mayor Isen, and

instructed to follow the long established procedure of submitting complaints in writing to the City Manager.

41. Lieutenant Charles Oates, Torrance Police Officers Association, referred to the pending report from the City Attorney relative to police salaries, and reiterated their feeling that they are entitled to a mid-year salary increase. Lieutenant Oates added that there may be some problems in regard to retroactivity of the salary increase, and, therefore, in order to keep with the County increase, it is requested that the 11% pay raise for policemen be effective with the pay period of April 6th.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication referred to management, which is the Council representative. There were no objections.

With the arrival of a representative, the Council at this time considered:

11. Oral Communication from the National Environmental Learn-In Committee presenting their plans regarding National Environmental Learn-In Day.

Mr. Gary Fox, 4714 Maricopa Street, a student at West High School, explained National Environmental Learn-In Day, to be held on April 22nd throughout the nation in various colleges and high schools who will be taking an active part in acquainting themselves with pollution.

Permission of the Council was requested by Gary for the following:

1. Walk the streets with a litter pickup detail;
(Approved by the Council).
2. Clean up parks and fields, as well as private lots, with respect to litter;
(City Attorney Remelmeyer could see no problems in this regard inasmuch as these people are volunteers.)
3. Ring doorbells to advise residents of program at school; literature will be passed out as well.
(City Attorney Remelmeyer will check this out further.)
4. Pass out literature and invitations at shopping centers for their program.
(This would require permission of the shopping center, being private property.)

City Manager Ferraro requested permission to post notices at City facilities -- there were no objections.

Mayor Isen asked that an appropriate Proclamation be prepared for this event also.

It is planned, according to Mr. Fox, to clean up Torrance Beach, various speakers will be on campus, films on pollution will

be shown, an aluminum can and paper drive will be held -- it is hoped to set up an ecological study area from funds received from this drive.

Councilman Wilson commended this very constructive program and expressed the hope that these youth efforts would be properly recognized.

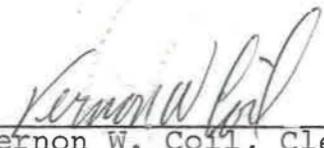
City Librarian West introduced Karen Isaac of his Staff who is planning a series of programs for this event and cooperating with the schools as well.

42. Mr. Loren Schwink, 24035 Ocean Avenue, stated that he is chairman of the Torrance "Support your Local Police" committee, referred to the earlier remarks of Lieutenant Oates and outlined the contribution to the community made by the police officer, the dangers of this position, and their need for recognition and respect -- it was his plea that the Council recognize the need for the requested pay increase. (A copy of Mr. Schwink's verbatim remarks was furnished City Clerk Coil, and is a matter of record.)

43. Mr. George Surber, 1109 Elm, was in agreement with Mr. Schwink's remarks -- Mr. Surber stated he is a member of a nearby police force who has found it necessary to lower its requirements to such an extent that the quality of the employees hired has sadly deteriorated, rather than raise the salaries commensurate with the responsibility and hazard of the job. Mr. Surber does not want to see this happen in the City of Torrance.

At 6:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 31, 1970, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

16. Council Minutes
 March 17, 1970