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MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Call Meeting to Order:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, December 15, 1964, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. Roll call:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Lyman joined the meeting a few minutes late.
Absent: None. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. Flag salute:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Blake Burnison led the salute to our flag.

4. Invocation:

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation and later when Father O'Gorman arrived, he also invoked divine blessing on the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. Approval of minutes:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 8, 1964 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. Approval of demands:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Vico,
Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

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 was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen briefly explained Council procedure to the audience and remarked that certain routine items would be handled in the interim between the start of this meeting and the arrival of all persons interested in the hearing on Martin and Brady.

36. ORDINANCE NO. 1558 - Case No. 64-80 - Loring Bigelow

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1558

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-80. (Loring Bigelow).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1558 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

37. ORDINANCE NO. 1559 - Case No. 64-69 - Torrance Planning Commission.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1559

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-69. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1559 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

38. ORDINANCE NO. 1560 - CASE NO. 64-72 - ST. CATHERINE LA BOURE CHURCH.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1560

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-72 (St. Catherine La Boure Church).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt ordinance No. 1560 at its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman Absent).

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Councilman Lyman joined the meeting.

39. ORDINANCE NO. 1561 - Case No. 64-73 - GULF OIL CORP.)

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1561

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-73. (Gulf Oil Corp. of California).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1561 at its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

33. RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE OCEAN VIEW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC., FOR THE GENEROUS GIFT TO THE CITY OF A PARCEL OF VALUABLE LAND.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-253 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilman Sciarrotta and his second agreed that included in their motion was the instruction that the resolution be prepared in perma plaque format.

34. BEAUTIFICATION OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE Recommendation of City Manager that Council instruct the City Manager and City Attorney to take the necessary actions to establish an involuntary assessment district for the beautification of the center median on Hawthorne Avenue between 190th Street and Pacific Coast Highway, under the provisions of the Improvement Act of 1911.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Manager be instructed and authorized to take the necessary actions to establish an involuntary assessment district for the beautification of the center median on Hawthorne Avenue between 190th Street and Pacific Coast Highway under the provisions of the Improvement Act of 1911, as recommended. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS:

8. HEARING ON STANLEY R. MARTIN AND JOHN P. BRADY. City Attorney submitting transcript of Civil Service hearing; minutes of October 14th and November 4th meeting of the Board; Findings of Fact, Verdict and Judgment.

Mr. Blake Burnison, stenotype Court Reporter, was present to record the complete proceedings and he was introduced by Mayor Isen. William J. MacCabe represented the two former officers, and C. F. Catterlin, represented the City of Torrance.

Mr. MacCabe inquired if all councilmen had read the transcript and was told they had. He called attention to the fact that the Commission consisted of three men present on November 4, 1964, one of whom did not vote. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated a quorum would be necessary and a majority of that quorum would be sufficient to carry the motion. All three commissioners who were present signed the verdict.

Another point brought out by Mr. MacCabe was that the Civil Service Commission hearing should have been only on the one point as to whether the resignations were voluntary. Additional factors colored the hearing. Review should also be restricted to the one point of whether or not the resignations were obtained by duress. Mr. MacCabe said the actions of other officers in the Police Department were material if they relate to this issue.

The presentation by Mr. MacCabe on behalf of his two clients was followed by rebuttal by Mr. Catterlin and a brief reply thereto by Mr. MacCabe.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and declare a recess before the Council's discussion. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

At 6:00 the Council recessed and after reconvening Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Redevelopment Agency meeting follow immediately on the heels of this hearing. Councilman Olson seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

The Council held a brief discussion on the matters presented on the Martin and Brady matter and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in denying the appeal of petitioners, advising that the Commission's recommendations should be accepted and consenting to its finding and decision that the resignations of the police officers, Martin and Brady were not procured by duress. Councilman Miller seconded that motion and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Olson - for reasons given previously with respect to this matter. Mr. Olson formerly worked with Mr. Martin and members of his family.

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Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn in order to meet as the REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

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This being the evening when the Council is host to the members of the working Press, Mayor Isen acknowledged and introduced the members who were present and who will join the Council for dinner following this meeting.

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The Council members returned to the meeting and it was called to order.

9. VACATION OF A PORTION OF VIA LADO, TRACT NO. 23988. Hearing on Resolution of Intention to Vacate, No. 64-229. City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption resolution ordering the vacation.

Affidavit of Publication and Posting were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF VIA LADO, TRACT NO. 23988 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-254 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

10. CASE NO. 64-88 - CHANGE OF ZONE - TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Third and final hearing on a change of zone from A-1 and C-3 to R-3 on property located on the north side of Artesia Boulevard, between Yukon and Glenburn Avenues. Recommended for approval.

Mr. N. O. Drale asked the depth and was told it does not go as far as 171st Street. Otherwise no one came forward on hearing.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. CASE NO. 64-92 - CHANGE OF ZONE - YOSHISUYE TENTO. Third and final hearing on a change of zone from R-2 to R-1 on property located at 1885 W. 182nd Street. Recommended for approval.

Affidavit of Publication on Items 10 and 11 was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to approve. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE, CASE NO. 64-76, Westchester Enterprises (Henry Griswold).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1562

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-76. (Henry Griswold).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1562 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. ORDINANCE, CASE NO. 64-77, Westchester Enterprises (Henry Griswold).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1563

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-77. (Henry Griswold).

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1563 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. RESOLUTION, CASE NO. 64-78, Westchester Enterprises (Henry Griswold).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 21X OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR BY WEST-CHESTER ENTERPRISES (Henry Griswold, President) IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-78.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-255 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30102, Subdivider, Johanna Nelson, Engineer, Rush Surveying. 6 lots zoned A-1, located between 229th Place and 230th Street, west of Pennsylvania. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of Final Tract Map No. 30102 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. Application for Survey and Planning funds - Meadow Park Re-Development Project.

This matter was taken care of earlier in the meeting. City Manager Ferraro said there was a resolution on the subject and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING UNDERTAKING OF SURVEYS AND PLANS FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-252 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Re. zoning and restrictions placed upon property located south of Carson and east of Crenshaw.

City Manager Ferraro asked to have this item referred to Staff and there was no objection.

18. WAIVER OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN FRONT OF PRAIRIE AVENUE FOURSQUARE CHURCH. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that requirement for sidewalk installation be waived until November 1, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

19. DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5-E, RETENTION BASIN AND OIL WELL. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that City purchase the oil well within Lot 42 in Tract No. 3218 per offer of Pacific American Oil Co.

City Manager Ferraro said before the Council takes any action he would like to have authorization to hire an appraiser to determine more accurately requirements. After an appraisal is made, the subject should be back on the agenda.

Councilman Miller moved to authorize the City Manager to hire an appraiser as requested. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

After explanation by City Attorney Remelmeyer, Councilman Beasley changed his vote to affirmative.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. SENIOR STRUCTURAL INSPECTOR. Civil Service Commission Chairman submitting revised class specification.

21. ASSOCIATE PLAN CHECK ENGINEER. Personnel Director, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting revised class specifications.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to approve Items listed as 20 and 21 above. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-122 TO ADD THE POSITION OF ASSOCIATE PLAN CHECK ENGINEER TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-256 in connection with Item 21 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION submitting recommendation of approval at first reading of ordinance governing appointments and terms of members of the Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Beasley moved to consider the ordinance printed on blue paper and without any changes. Councilman Miller seconded. At the request of Mayor Isen, therefore, the City Clerk assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1564

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 8.11 AND 8.29 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ALSO KNOWN AS THE PERSONNEL BOARD, THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR ARTICLE XII TO BE ADDED TO CHAPTER 2 OF SAID CODE RE-ESTABLISHING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS THEREOF, the GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1564 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta and Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen, with the comment that it is "poor government and a very poor ordinance" and his vote was a vigorous "NO."

23. Reminder from City Clerk that December 5, 1964 was deadline for Civil Service Commission to submit new Civil Service Ordinance to Council for consideration, with recommendation from City Manager that the time be extended thirty days to January 4, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to extend the time thirty days as requested and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection although Councilman Beasley commented it started in 1946.

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - GRADING, PAVING, STORM DRAINS, ETC. AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that H. N. Hanson Construction Co. be awarded the contract in the amount of \$49,170.66, with additional \$10,000 for the job from the Airport fund to be appropriated.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. INFORMAL BID ON FIRE HOSE. Recommendation of Fire Chief, with concurrence of City Manager, that 1½" and 2½" fire hose be purchased from American Rubber mfg. Co. in the amount of \$2060.

26. REQUEST TO EMPLOY GENERAL PUMP SERVICE, INC. Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer, Street Superintendent, requesting authorization to employ General Pump Service, Inc., to furnish labor, equipment and material to repair pump for #3 water well and sand pump and surge well. Estimated cost to be \$4,000.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendations as stated in both items numbered 25 and 26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

27. ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CITY DUMP - GRADING PROJECT. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that unexpended funds from Jobs Nos. 63036 and 64013 be transferred to Job No. 64006.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

28. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

1. \$564.58 to Pierce Engineering for emergency repair on heat pump in Public Works Annex.

2. \$514.28 to UARCO, INC. for 25,000 payroll checks for the Finance Department.

3. \$352.56 to Electronic Data Cards for 350,000 IBM cards.

4. \$405.71 to Commercial Wholesale Electric for Park Department for sprinkling system in Torrance Park.
5. \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for Hersey Model Detector Check for Water Department.
6. \$2,132.78 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for Water Department.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the six above listed expenditures and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

29. REQUEST FOR RELEASE PERFORMANCE AND MATERIALS LIEN BOND AND RETURN OF \$5000 SECURITY DEPOSIT TO AIRPORT LESSEE NORMAN-CHACKFIELD INC./ GEORGE WHITTLESEY. Airport Manager Egan submitting recommendation bonds be released and security deposit be returned.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

30. PARK AND RECREATION - LEASE OF DEL AMO PROPERTY TO BABE RUTH AND LITTLE LEAGUES. Chairman of Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, recommending renewal of lease on City property located at Cabrillo Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard for a period of five years.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of a five year renewal, from March 1, 1965 to February 28, 1970. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUS SYSTEM:

31. EXTENSION OF TRANSIT ADS INC. ADVERTISING AGREEMENT. City Manager Ferraro asked that this item be withdrawn from the agenda and, there being no objection, it was.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

32. CITY TOWING SERVICE. City Manager submitting recommendations and proposal and contract for towing and storage services.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City maintain its present procedure on towing for the City. Councilman Vico thought it should go to bid. Councilman Lyman agreed and moved to concur in the second recommendation. There was no second to either motion and Councilman Miller moved to hold the item for two weeks. Councilman Vico seconded and the matter will be on the December 29th agenda, roll call vote being unanimously favorable.

35. CARNIVALS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1565

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.408 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "CARNIVALS CIRCUSES, RODEOS OR ITINERANT SHOWS" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16.408 ENTITLED "CARNIVALS, CIRCUSES, RODEOS OR ITINERANT SHOWS; REGULATIONS" AND SECTION 16.408.1 ENTITLED "CARNIVALS, CIRCUSES, RODEOS OR ITINERANT SHOWS; FEES" TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS AND TO INCREASE THE LICENSE TAX.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1565 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. CLAIM FROM LAW OFFICE OF WINDRESS & SCHULTZ ON BEHALF OF TORRANCE PILOTS' ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny the claim implied in this communication regarding T Hangar plots T-12, 26, 27 and 28, and refer it to the Legal Department. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The balance of the communication was referred to Management to bring back to Council if and when necessary.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. City Manager Ferraro stated the South Bay Daily Breeze is planning an edition dedicated to its new building in Torrance and has asked that the City of Torrance place an ad therein. He recommended an appropriation of \$300 for this purpose and Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Mr. Bill King, Advertising Manager of the Breeze, said \$500 had been spent with another publication and the letter to the City Manager from Mr. Curry had asked that the City take a full page of advertising, the cost of which is \$725, made up to the specifications of the City. Mr. Ferraro's request for \$300 instead was in the interests of frugality.

Mr. Curry called attention to the large amounts of fees paid to the City in connection with the new building as well as the benefits to be derived from the taxes and asked for some consideration of the full page ad, especially in view of the reams of publicity the Breeze has given Torrance.

Councilman Beasley moved to authorize the \$725 page ad and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Vico feared the other papers would also expect that amount of advertising. Mr. Beasley mentioned that the City's legal advertising business goes to the Herald and Councilman Olson favored spending \$500 only with the Breeze.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute that there be authorized \$500 and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote failed the motion as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

Roll call vote on the original motion, for a \$725 full page ad, was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

42. City Manager Ferraro stated that Kenneth Hahn of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors had authorized the following statement: he will recommend financial participation to complete the cost of right of way, acquisition and engineering of Del Amo Boulevard between Hawthorne and Anza. The amount is not definite but the City is asking \$150,000 and a resolution will follow on this vitally needed project.

43. City Attorney Remelmeyer described a proposed moratorium on demolition of structures in the urban renewal area. In order to qualify for urban renewal there must be a certain percentage of substandard structures and it is therefore necessary to prevent the demolition of certain existing structures.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1566

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE REMOVAL, ALTERATION OR DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY HAWTHORNE AVENUE, MADISON STREET, LOMITA BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1566 as an emergency measure at this, its only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

44. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked also for consideration of proposed ordinance and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1567

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF "THE UNIFORM HOUSING CODE" 1964 EDITION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1567 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE "UNIFORM HOUSING CODE" 1964 EDITION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-257 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

45. City Attorney Remelmeyer was very sorry to report the death of Robert ^{Up} Pennell, formerly a prosecutor of the City of Torrance, who has practiced law here for a number of years and suggested when the Council adjourns this evening that it be in his memory. City Manager Ferraro has arranged for flowers, on behalf of the Council.

46. Mayor Isen said he is now ready to make a very important communication which has been awaiting further progress on the new Superior Court Building on the Civic Center. He referred to the South Bay Daily Breeze of Thursday, September 3, 1964: "Capital Projects - Supervisors get County Program. In a ten year county capital projects program of \$406,639. 169, including \$11,000,000 for South Bay was submitted to the County Board of Supervisors by County Administrative Officer Hollinger, etc. \$2,500,000 to the Harbor General Hospital, etc." He said he is particularly interested in a paragraph of the item regarding \$547,000 recommended for the South Bay Municipal Court Building, Torrance, for a four-court addition for projected needs through 1980. Mayor Isen stated the only logical place for the Municipal courts would be as an addition to the Southwest District Superior Court building so that the legal business of the area would be transacted on Torrance Civic Center. He felt it would be in order to implement this by a resolution indicating Torrance City Council approval of the removal of the South Bay Municipal Court to the Civic Center here as an adjunct of the Southwest District Superior Court and that the judges, clerks, and other interested parties be informed of the City Council's thinking on the subject. He suggested the City Attorney have a resolution along this line ready for Council consideration on the December 29th meeting date.

47. Mr. Nickolas O. Drale was present and asked about the project of improvement of Sartori from Torrance Boulevard to Dominguez, as one of the important downtown streets. Mayor Isen said the City Manager is looking into it. Mr. Drale described the bad condition of the street and asked some consideration for the people in the downtown area who started this community and have paid in a lot of taxes. Mr. Drale and Councilman Miller were a committee to do something about this street before Mr. Drale left the Council last spring.

48. Mr. Jack Rhino (sp. ?) asked about the completion date of Del Amo Boulevard and City Engineer Nollac said about six months before the advertising for bids, contingent on right of way acquisition.

49. Mr. Herbert Herald, formerly 4236 West 182nd Street, said he was promised that his utilities could be turned on in the three unit apartments, in return for a \$2500 assignment in lieu of bond. He has now learned that is not true. He has purchased land to move the front house and is anxious to secure renters for the apartments. The Council is completely familiar with the problem involving Mr. Herald's property. Mr. Shartle spoke, as did Mr. McKinnon and their statements were not identical to those of Mr. Herald. Two units have been turned on. Mayor Isen did not feel that Mr. Herald would forfeit that \$2500, but there seemed to be circumstances under which he might. Mayor Isen moved that Mr. Herald be permitted to have the utilities turned on. Mr. McKinnon said the \$2500 assignment is not a bond - it is some sort of loosely written statement prepared at the bank. It might be possible for the City to go to court and claim such hardship as would award them the \$2500 but it is not a guarantee or a bond. These people were helped out to get into the one apartment - then the second - now if the third is permitted, there will be no claim to the \$2500 without going to court and showing hardship. The burden of proof would be on the city.

Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Shartle said their departments have spent a great deal of time trying to assist the Heralds who could not get a performance bond and this loose form of guarantee was accepted to help them out to the extent of one apartment only. They got two and are now asking the third.

Councilman Vico moved that the request of Mr. Herald be denied. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller who asked if Mr. Herald had not agreed to remove the front house. Mr. Herald answered that the signature to the agreement was obtained under duress - that he did not sign - that his wife signed for him although she had no right to do so as it is his sole property.

Roll call vote on the motion to deny was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council wished all a Merry Christmas and Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn to December 29, 1964, a 5:30 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The time of adjournment of this meeting was 7:45 p.m., and the Council adjourned in memory of Mr. Robert P^{an}nell.

Vernon W. Coil

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

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance