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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING

A pre-Council meeting for the purpose of a Program Report on the 6-Year Capital Improvement Program was convened at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

In attendance were Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Talbert.

Finance Director Dundore reported on the Capital Improvement Program, analyzing the financing of such a program for the review and consideration of the Council at this time, and specific action at a later date.

Mayor Isen requested that the current 1967-68 Capital Improvement Program appear on the Council agenda for February 27th.

A ten-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time - 7:50 P.M. - to await the hour of the regular meeting.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 13, 1968, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. Also present: City Clerk Coil, City Manager Ferraro, and City Attorney Remelmeyer. City Treasurer Rupert was absent, due to illness.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Girl Scout Karen Useldinger of Troop #288 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Wally Kornegay, First Nazarene Church, opened the meeting with the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sergeant Charles Oates referred to Item 35, Page 11, of the Council minutes of February 6, 1968, and pointed out that Line 10 of this item should read: ".....would recommend to the entire council that the retirement bill negotiations begin about March 1."

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the February 6th minutes be approved as above corrected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

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6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all regularly audited bills be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Talbert, Vico 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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience was given by Mayor Isen.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. Presentation of Permaplaque to Victor Women's Club for its outstanding contribution to the development of the Victor Park, and receipt for their donation of \$5,000 toward construction of a picnic shelter at Victor Park.

The gratitude of the Council, administration, Mr. Van Bellehem, and the Park and Recreation Commission was conveyed to the President of the Victor Women's Club by Mayor Isen in the Permaplaque presentation in recognition of their generous contribution.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. APPEAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 67-37, KAROSEN COMPANY.
Request was for Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a combination service station and automatic car wash at the northwest corner at the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and Newton Street in a C-2 zone. Request was denied by the Planning Commission and recommended for denial by the Planning Department.

Councilman Beasley explained that he had requested review of the subject case by Council because of his acquaintance with the location of Newton and Hawthorne, and his feeling that it is time for this unsightly corner to develop.

Mr. Paul Slonecker, 24430 Neece, was present to read aloud his letter of protest, and urge that the City Council support the stand of the Planning Commission in their denial of the conditional use permit.

Also present, Mr. Isaac Gore, with a letter of protest for the proposed combination service station-car wash operation -- his residential property being adjacent to the subject location, and there already being an abundance of service stations in existence at the present time in this area.

Mrs. Frances Miramontes, 24457 Hawthorne Boulevard, was present and in agreement as to the need for fixing up this corner; she further advised that the property line for the proposed development goes through her bedroom which represents something of a legal battle. The presence of rats, skunks, weasels, snakes, etc. in the old building adds to the need for redevelopment of the corner. At Councilman Miller's question, Mrs. Miramontes clarified that she is not, however, in favor of the subject development since it necessarily must involve her property to make it a decent looking corner.

Mr. Lewis J. Gill, representing the property owners, exhibited a rendering of the proposed car wash, and expressed agreement with the state of bad repair of the existing building and the unsuccessful attempts to keep the windows boarded up and the resultant invitation to vagrants, undesirable characters, and potential injury to juveniles, along with the ever present fire hazard. Mr. Gill also alluded to the M-1 zoning which would allow light manufacturing which could create noise and parking problems, pointing out the gas stations already in existence on Hawthorne and the fact that the proposed operation would merely be a gas station with two pumps and a fully automatic car wash which would be in the two bays ordinarily used for greasing cars, eliminating the large assortment of personnel usually associated with a car wash. A description of the mechanics of the car wash operation was also furnished by Mr. Gill.

Joining in protest, Mr. Sheldon Grossman, owner and operator of the Mediterranean Car Wash on Pacific Coast Highway a few blocks away, who pointed out the noise caused by the air dryers and vacuum cleaners in a car wash, and further feels that another car wash in the same area will not solve the problems stated here.

Mrs. Bessie Slonecker stated that the reference to the M-1 zone on this property is in error - it is a C-2 zone.

Mr. Robert McNair, 3792 Newton Street, expressed his confidence in the Torrance Planning Commission -- their unanimous denial makes him feel certain that the proposed development does not represent an improvement for the neighborhood. It is his hope that the Council will follow the Planning Commission recommendation for denial.

Next to speak was Mr. Joseph Capenetto, owner of Walteria Plaza at 24431 Hawthorne Blvd., who stated that he is against this project as well -- his main objection being to the car wash which will result in water coming down the alley and undesirables in the neighborhood.

Operator of the Mobil Station across the street, Mr. Joe Cudd protested the construction of another gas station on this remaining corner and recommended that another type of business be considered.

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

Councilman Lyman commented on the fact he has been concerned in the matter of conditional use permits that half of the problem is dealing with proper zoning and development along those lines; the other half being an economic argument with the competition wanting the Council to make a determination on the type of enterprise to be permitted on a specific corner, which is of further concern if a business in unsuccessful. Mr. Lyman recommended that the Council not become involved with such problems in this case as to the number of gas stations per corner, proximity of other car washes, etc.

Mayor Isen commented on the pioneering of attractive service stations by way of the conditional use permit, and that no such upgrading is evident in the rendering of the subject request.

A need for further information pertaining to landscaping, hours of operation, etc. was acknowledged by Councilman Beasley who moved that CUP 67-37 be referred back to the Planning Department for further information and recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta that the matter be disposed of this evening by concurring with the Planning Commission recommendation for denial. His motion was seconded by

Councilman Miller, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert,
and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Vico.

Mayor Isen stated that the substitute motion met with his favor for the reason that he is aware of the problem at this location, the beautiful corner represented here, and he is satisfied there is a better use for this particular piece of property rather than a coin-operated car wash.

It was the statement of Councilman Miller that the fundamental problem lies with the fact that although it is zoned for commercial usage it is adjacent to residential property, and it is important that the uses be defined to protect these residential areas from commercial encroachment.

Councilman Vico stated that all of Hawthorne Boulevard will eventually be commercial -- to say nothing of the rats, bee-hives, snakes, etc. -- a service station seems inevitable.

His concern for the condition of the building and children's safety was reiterated by Councilman Beasley.

It was the consensus that it would be well for the Health Department to check the condition and possible dangers at the building on this property, and Building and Safety Director J. S. City McKinnon was directed to so follow through.

10. Communication from Dan E. Butcher re: Precise Plan for Zone Change Case #65-55 with recommendations from City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the requested time extension be granted, and that this matter be referred to the City Attorney, pending submission of the revised ordinance governing these matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. PROPOSED VACATION OF SANTA CLARA STREET BETWEEN ENGRACIA AND MULLIN AVENUES; PETITIONER: SOL BURNS
Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council approve and adopt RESOLUTION of Intention to vacate subject street, and setting a date for a hearing thereon as March 12, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE SANTA CLARA STREET BETWEEN ENGRACIA AVE. AND MULLIN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-26, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Council Public Works Committee submitting one of three items discussed at Committee meeting on January 23, 1968.
(Appeal of Ralph Garland regarding paving requirements on Tract No. 21205 at 190th Street and Prairie Avenue.)

Councilman Lyman advised that it is the Committee recommendation that the relief requested in this matter be granted by the Council, concurring with the Planning Commission recommendation, and so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 12A. Appeal of Ralph Garland regarding paving requirements.

Included in above action.

13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY ON OCEAN AVENUE.
Recommendation of Public Works Director as outlined in letter of transmittal.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works: (1) That Council accept the work on the subject improvement; and (2) That final payment be made to the contractor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

14. RESOLUTION to prohibit parking on the south side of 190th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-27, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. RESOLUTION authorizing the installation of two-hour parking restrictions - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sundays excepted, on both sides of Crenshaw Boulevard between Carson Street and Monterey Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-116 WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Talbert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-28; the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. EMERGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCE re: transfer of County Library Personnel. Cover letter and action of Civil Service Commission submitted.

Mayor Isen inquired as to the number of people affected by this "blanketing in"; City Librarian West advised that there were 14 such County employees. Mr. West further explained the recruitment difficulties encountered, and his feeling of good fortune in having acquired 14 high caliber, experienced employees who have had the benefit of a County civil service examination.

Reference was then made by Mayor Isen to the enabling law suit; City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that within the City Charter this constitutes "blanketing in" because these employees have not taken a competitive examination to become members of the Torrance system, and will require a validating suit.

Officer Philip Joseph, Torrance Police Officers Association, voiced their objection to the manner in which the subject ordinance was drafted -- brought before the City Council in September at which time it was referred to the Civil Service Commission, then back to Council in January, and now before the Council as an emergency ordinance -- Mr. Joseph added that exams could have been given in this period of time. The primary objections, however, are to the "blanketing in" or the lateral transfer and the fact that these people are being brought in without a medical examination and which may represent Workmen's Compensation and retirement costs to the City. Officer Joseph further requested that his organization be notified in advance of the friendly court suit so they may have representation in attendance.

Concern was then expressed by Mayor Isen for the possible absence of necessary areas of knowledge and physical fitness in applicants who are permitted to bypass regular Civil Service procedure.

Councilman Lyman moved that the subject item be filed and a competitive examination be given. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Prior to roll call vote a lengthy discussion ensued. City Librarian West recited the history of the personnel picture for the Torrance Library System and the hazard to the library openings represented by the above action. At Councilman Sciarrotta's question, Mr. West advised that in no case does the transfer to the City mean a promotion for the County employee; in fact, in some cases it represents a lesser job title. Personnel Director Donovan reported that the Civil Service Commission was very much in favor of the procedure before the Council; Mr. Donovan added that it is customary that when a public agency takes over another public agency to bring over those qualified employees without competitive examinations. Councilman Miller evidenced concern for violation of civil service regulations by such transfers, with reference to shades of the Wooldridge case. Mayor Isen could see no reason for the bypassing of competitive examinations, since it is apparent that the affected employees are highly qualified, and that such testing would reflect to the credit of the department head and the City.

Mayor Isen called for the roll call vote on Councilman Lyman's motion that this item be filed and a competitive examination be given. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ORDINANCE approving class specification of Intermediate Library Clerk and amending the Salary Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1849

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1765 TO ADD A NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1849 at its first reading. Councilman Vico seconded, and roll call vote was:

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

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On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, this Council meeting was recessed for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 9:05 P.M., followed by a ten-minute recess at 9:06 P.M.

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FISCAL MATTERS:

18. CLAIM of Mrs. Adele Bellows for damages to vehicle and personal inconvenience that occurred January 19, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Mayor Isen moved that the subject claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

19. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of certain agreements for Architectural and Interior Design Services, Torrance Public Libraries, between the City and Earl Heitschmidt.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST CERTAIN AGREEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES (TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARIES) BETWEEN THE CITY AND EARL HEITSCHMIDT & ASSOCIATES

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-29, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. Request of Councilman Beasley to attend meeting of League of California Cities Committee on Transportation and Freeway in Sacramento.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with Councilman Beasley's request, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

21. Request of City Manager to attend the spring meeting, League of California Cities, City Managers Department, February 28-March 1, at Palm Springs.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the City Manager's request. His motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

22. Award of Contract to extend frozen food contract to Kermins Frozen Food Company.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject extension be granted, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

23. BUDGETED AND SPECIAL ITEMS IN EXCESS OF \$300.

Councilman Talbert requested further clarification on Item #6 - Purchase of 10-channel Recorder for the Police Department, and action was withheld on that item at this time.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of items 1 through 15, with the exclusion of Item #6:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$536.45 to Western Highway Products for 118 traffic control signs requested by Traffic and Lighting Department.
2. \$456.10 to Industrial Electronics, Inc. - L.A. Division - for 36 each 1000 watt flood light bulbs requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for game lighting at Torrance City Parks.
3. \$1635.90 to Prismo California Company for 580 gallons of street marking paint requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$1064.00 to Essick Machinery Company for one (1) only asphalt spreader (tow model) budgeted by the Street Department.
5. \$529.01 to I.B.M. for one (1) only electric typewriter requested by the City Librarian for library staff use.

C. SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY BOOKS:

7. \$9266.79 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc., c/o A.C. McClurg and Company for 2124 adult non-fiction books.
8. \$770.00 to G.P. Putnam's Sons, c/o Henry C. Channing for 91 adult non-fiction books and 46 juvenile books and book processing kits.
9. \$1435.56 to West-State Book Company for 266 adult non-fiction books.
10. \$1583.11 to Harper & Row, c/o Jack H. Dawley, for 380 adult non-fiction books.
11. \$956.13 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Harry Rinehimer, for 195 adult non-fiction books and 10 juvenile books and book processing kits.
12. \$812.54 to McGraw-Hill Book Company, c/o Norbert Weber Library Services, for 113 adult non-fiction books and 20 juvenile books and book processing kits.

13. \$1155.11 to Collier-MacMillan Library Service for 193 adult non-fiction books and 15 juvenile books and book processing kits.

14. \$590.73 to Prentice-Hall, Inc., c/o Dick Armijo for 98 adult non-fiction books and 10 juvenile books and book processing kits.

15. \$2114.70 to Doubleday and Company, c/o John Thorne, for 442 adult non-fiction books and 20 juvenile books with book processing kits.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

In reference to Item #6, Sergeant Eugene Erbetta, Torrance Police Department, explained the purpose served by the recorder and its playback value, the fact that the Magnasync recorder does meet the necessary specifications, and that such a recorder was an approved 1967-68 budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of Item #6; his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

24. Communication from the Jaycees of Torrance submitting for your consideration a request that the City offer financial assistance to the Miss Torrance Pageant.

Mr. Ralph Grippo, Jaycee President, was present to introduce the large number of Jaycees in attendance, and particularly Mr. Jim Berger who formally requested financial assistance from the City, in the amount of \$750.00, for the Miss Torrance Pageant.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to allow the sum of \$750.00 for the promotion of the Miss Torrance Pageant. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Prior to roll call vote, there was discussion regarding the role of the Chamber of Commerce in this event, as well as the more extensive coverage now afforded by the Jaycee program.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Grippo, at Mayor Isen's request, advised that the Torrance Jaycees are approaching a membership of 100, and are one of two locals in California who will receive a Gold Chip Award in national recognition, making this group one of the outstanding Chapters in the United States.

PARKS AND RECREATION:25. AMERICAN STANDARD LAND IN PUEBLO AREA

Recommendation of Director of Recreation that Council accept the offer of American Standard to lease two acres of land at \$1.00 per year for an indefinite term, land to be used for community recreation in Pueblo area and the Council approve an appropriation of \$16,555 from General Fund to purchase 1½ lots (Plan A). That Council authorize negotiations with Southwest Savings and Loan for Lot 56 and a portion of Lot 55. That Council request the City Attorney's office to prepare appropriate lease for American Standard property.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur with the above recommendations. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. Request from Gold's Furniture and Appliance Store, 4310 Artesia Boulevard, for Temporary Permit for Parking Lot Sale.

City Manager Ferraro added condition #5, which came up at Staff meeting: "No wires are to be strung across Artesia Boulevard, a State highway, for the purpose of erecting signs."

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the request, subject to the conditions imposed including #5 above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. Report from Finance Director re: Water and Rubbish Collection, Delinquency Procedure.

Councilman Beasley moved to reaffirm the Council policy on the payment of water bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

28. AWARD OF CONTRACT - WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM 1968

Recommendation of Public Works Director that contract for the subject program be awarded to B.E. Taylor and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the contract be given to B.E. Taylor, the low bidder, and all other bids rejected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Ronald Wright, representing one of the unsuccessful bidders, commented on the Torrance bid procedure and what seemed to him to be certain inequities on the Weed Abatement Program. Director of Public Works Nollac advised that Mr. Wright has apparently been misinformed on certain of the statistics presented, and noted that bids cannot be compromised - in this case the bid was put out and the low bid has been presented by Mr. Taylor.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion that the contract be awarded B.E. Taylor.

29. RESOLUTION placing on the ballot as one proposition two amendments to the City Charter, to wit: Compensation for members of the City Council and compensation for the Mayor.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out the need for correcting Sec. 7, Item (b) to read: "In addition thereto, members of the city council shall receive their actual and necessary expenses while

engaged on City business. Demands therefor shall be made in a manner provided by the city council by ordinance."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING ON THE BALLOT AS ONE PROPOSITION AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 9, 1968, TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO WIT: AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE 6 RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND AN AMENDMENT TO SAID CHARTER ADDING SECTION 2 TO ARTICLE 12 RELATING TO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-30, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried with a 4-3 vote, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta, Talbert, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Vico.

30. Arguments for ballot propositions for General Municipal Election, April 9, 1968.

The recommendations of City Clerk Coil and City Attorney Remelmeyer that arguments against the passage of the initiative ordinance to repeal the City's Housing Code, and one in favor of passage of the proposed Charter amendment increasing the pay of the Mayor and Councilmen, be prepared, resulted in the following action:

Mayor Isen moved that Building and Safety Director McKinnon be delegated to prepare the argument against the passage of the initiative ordinance to repeal the City's Housing Code, such argument to come back to the Council for approval. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, and approval was unanimous.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Manager be delegated to prepare the argument in favor of passage of the proposed Charter amendment increasing the pay of the Mayor and Councilmen, such argument to come back to the Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

31. Award of Contract, Heating and Air Conditioning of the Engineering Building, Civic Center.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of Building and Safety Director McKinnon that the low bid be accepted and the contract awarded to W.M. McAfee Engineering Company, and all other bids rejected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert, and there were no objections.

32. RESOLUTION congratulating the City of Carson.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF CARSON ON ITS INCORPORATION.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-25, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. PROCLAMATION - NURSERY EDUCATION WEEK - March 3-9, 1968

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 3-9 as Nursery Education Week, and further proclaimed the month of February as AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. City Manager Ferraro reported that there are only six citizens remaining on the Golf Course Feasibility Study Committee, out of the original 15 members. It was the consensus that six members would suffice (this feeling revised later in the meeting).

35. At the risk of being out of order, City Manager Ferraro respectfully requested reconsideration of Item #16 re: transfer of County Library Personnel since he deemed it of sufficient serious importance. Councilman Miller thereupon moved to reconsider this item; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

City Manager Ferraro added to the earlier arguments that the protests at this meeting were not in evidence at Civil Service Commission meetings on this matter; the facts in the Wooldridge case are not applicable in this case; only the Civil Service Commission can make a determination as to whether an exam is applicable; and all the groundwork in these proposed transfers has been done openly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the City. Reiterated by Personnel Director Donovan was take-over procedures in public agencies, with City Librarian West adding that recruitment difficulties are many. There was no action taken to revise the earlier action taken by the Council.

36. The need for clarification on Information Item G - Proposed Thoroughfares extending southerly to Lomita Boulevard - was referred to the Council Public Works Committee on a motion by Councilman Beasley, which was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and unanimously approved.

37. A request from City Manager Ferraro to depart from the usual procedure of formal application to work with Mr. Don Wilson on his development near Beryl Street was granted on motion by Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and unanimously approved.

38. Assistant City Manager Scharfman reported that meetings with school officials have established that the bus systems cannot be merged. In view of this, the committee meeting on this matter scheduled for February 19th was cancelled.

39. A 30-day deadline for June ballot measures, according to City Clerk Coil, has been established by the Board of Supervisors.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta advised that interest has been expressed by the Guatemala Marimba Band in participating in the Armed Forces Day Parade, with details yet to be worked out.

41. Also reported by Councilman Sciarrotta was action taken by the Council Committee on cost-of-living increases for the City Clerk and City Treasurer, it being noted that they fall in different categories - with the Committee recommending that City Treasurer Rupert be allowed \$25.00 per month for use of his automobile in investing the City's money, and that a 2½% salary increase be given City Clerk Coil. Discussion followed on the mileage allowance for Mr. Rupert, and final action was taken in two separate motions: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that City Clerk Coil be given a 2½% salary increase, retroactive to January 1st. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Councilman Sciarrotta then moved that City

Treasurer Rupert be allowed \$25.00 per month for car allowance for the purpose of investing the City's money, with no other mileage allowance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

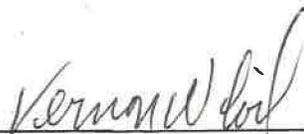
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

42. Councilman Talbert referred to the Golf Course Feasibility Study Committee (Item #34) and the considerable citizen interest that has been expressed to him, and recommended that the membership be expanded rather than functioning with the present six members. It was agreed that each Councilman would submit a name to so serve at the Council meeting on Tuesday next.

43. On behalf of absent City Treasurer Rupert, Mayor Isen specifically called attention to Information Item I, Schedule of investments and earnings.

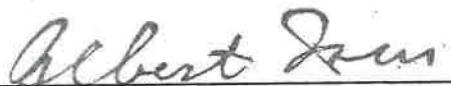
44. Sergeant Charles Oates, Torrance Police Department, representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, reported on various conflicts with local groups, and the need for "equal time" in presenting the views of the Association. Sergeant Oates requested Council approval that reasonable time off be granted to enable such presentations. It was the recommendation of Councilman Sciarrotta that the request be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion on the legal aspects of the subject request.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:20 P.M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance