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Adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, April 30, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Fire Chief Lucas led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd Newlin, Associate Pastor, First Methodist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 23rd meeting were not yet available, and their approval was held.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

The absence of signatures for the Approval of Demands, due to the pending, unresolved status of the Council Finance Committee, was noted. Mayor Isen moved that any three Council members, including the Mayor, may sign the Demand sheet, with Approval of Demands by whole Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to prepare the proper Resolution. Action on the regularly audited bills was held until after recess at which time they would be reviewed and the proper signatures obtained.

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.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of the procedure employed at City Council meetings.

City Clerk Coil at this time presented Certificate of Election permaplaques to Councilmen Johnson, Uerkwitz, and Wilson, accompanied by warm applause from the audience.

Mayor Isen referred to the recent "orientation" meeting for the new Councilmen, and an afterthought pertaining to the Library Bonds, it having been understood by the previous Council that the cost of retiring these bonds would be paid out of the General Fund, and that this Council should be so advised, and, further, should be a consideration of City Manager Ferraro in his search for monies.

Forthcoming Council meetings were then discussed. With the League of California Cities biannual Mayors and Councils Institute slated for Tuesday, May 21st, it was agreed that the Council meeting be scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Council adjourn on May 14th to May 23, 1968 at 5:30 P.M.; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Noted as well was the June 4th Primary Election, it having been a dark night for the Council in the past. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the June 4th Council meeting be dispensed with. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

Unfinished business pertaining to the matter of policy regarding Council Committees and Commission appointments was pointed out by Mayor Isen, and comments and discussion invited.

Councilman Miller was the first to speak in reference to the Council Committees, commenting that it has always been his feeling that the Committee system has always been very effective and proper, with objections to this long standing arrangement only recently being voiced; the criticisms being that Councilmen get an unequal background on subject matter, a sensitivity when the entire Council ignores the Committee recommendation, possible violation of the Brown Act, the "prestige" committee assignments, and the lack of participation by the Mayor on Council Committees. Mr. Miller did not feel that these were valid criticisms - outlining his experience, representing many extra hours, on Council Committees which represent a continuity of thinking that cannot otherwise be obtained. It was tentatively suggested by Councilman Miller that perhaps a rotating arrangement every six months would serve to eliminate some of the problems, or perhaps along the lines recommended by Councilman Wilson whose comments follow.

Prefacing his remarks with the comment that a review of the Committee meetings indicates that some of the attendance has been rather sporadic, and that perhaps there should have been more meetings in the interest of expediting Council business, Councilman Wilson stated that he would agree that the whole Council should be informed on all the issues as completely as possible so there would be no feeling that a matter was being "railroaded" through the Council, but envisioned as well was the time consuming process of the whole Council hearing all the arguments on each and every matter before them. It was, therefore, Councilman Wilson's recommendation that one Councilman be appointed to serve as Chairman of the Committees (perhaps consolidating some of the Committees) with a Committee for each Councilman (including the Mayor) to chair on a 6-month or 1-year rotation basis, with the two additional Councilman to be so rotated as required.

Councilman Johnson suggested that there be a two-man rotating system for the Council Committees, with assignments in order as a problem occurs, which will permit all the Councilmen to become familiar with all the problems and issues, and the two-man committee seems a fairer, more equitable and automatic way in which committees could operate. It was further clarified by Councilman Johnson that each committee would stay with their assignment until completion. Problems of major significance should be considered by the entire Council, Councilman Johnson stated. He then moved that the 2-man rotating system for Council Committees be approved. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Opposition to this suggestion was voiced by Councilman Miller who felt that such an arrangement would defeat any form of continuity of the problems, expressing instead preference for Councilman Wilson's three-man rotating arrangement which would represent some stability and yet provide the desired rotation.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated that he does not favor a two-man committee, citing the consistent political practice of committees to hear, investigate, and recommend, and would favor Councilman Wilson's recommended 3-man arrangement, with perhaps the Chairman serving a longer period of time.

It was noted by Councilman Beasley that the handicapping of committees could result in the need for additional Council meetings, who recommended continuity in the committees as well, relating his own experience on the importance of being informed in relation to your committee assignment; he would favor Councilman Wilson's recommendation.

Questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz was the 2-man vs the 3-man committee and the Brown Act. City Attorney Remelmeyer referred to his Opinion 68-38 pertaining to the Brown Act before the Council at this meeting, and further advised that for the purpose of the Brown Act it would not make any difference whether the committee were two or three, the point being that there is less than a quorum of the full body, so the same rule of applicability or non-applicability would apply to a 3-man committee as to a 2-man committee. Councilman Uerkwitz then commented that there would seem to be no need for continuity from one problem to the next, unless there is close association, since each problem will be resolved with a report back to the whole Council; further, Councilman Uerkwitz would not agree that a Chairman of a committee would be more knowledgeable, since a rotation arrangement would prove an education in all areas, as well as fairly distributing the work load.

Mayor Isen first remarked on the refreshing atmosphere of Councilmen who want to take on assignments and welcome the extra work -- the argument for continuity was without merit, in Mayor Isen's opinion, each problem being a separate problem, and it is a matter of sharing the work load. It is his further opinion that a 2-man rotating ad-hoc committee arrangement is the most flexible, it being easier for 2 people to get together; a Chairman and two rotating committee members would prove cumbersome and impossible to keep track of. In the case of vital problems - such as the 50-20 Retirement Plan, the Madrona-Maple alignment, the Sign Ordinance, etc. - the Council as a whole should become a 7-man committee and meet in special session. Records of committee meetings, and attendance, over the past year were read by Mayor Isen, who stated that the need for drastic overhauling is apparent, and the 2-man committee seems to him to be the most equitable and in the best interest of properly solving problems as they arise. Mayor Isen added

that Councilman Wilson's recommendation would be of great value if the purpose of these committees was to ferret out problems, but in view of the fact-finding services of the various Commissions to whom many matters are referred, the committee's purpose is to properly expedite Council business as it occurs.

Discussion followed on the implementation and mechanics of such an "ad hoc" arrangement, and the value of a 2-man or 3-man committee. It was finally agreed that a 3-man committee would best serve the purpose. Councilman Johnson had no objection to so amending his motion; however, he reiterated his desire for the rotation method.

At this point Officer Philip Joseph, President, Torrance Police Officers Association, inquired if the Charter specified that there be a Police and Fire Committee; City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that it does not. It was then Officer Joseph's recommendation that the entire Council plan to serve as the Police and Fire Committee, since they sometimes have 4 or 5 issues going simultaneously, and more problems are anticipated in the near future.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That an ad hoc committee of three members be selected in alphabetical order by the Mayor for each problem that comes up, to be followed through to its completion, and that there be no standing committees. Councilman Johnson withdrew his earlier motion, as did Mayor Isen his second. Councilman Sciarrotta's motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. An amendment to the motion was offered by Councilman Wilson, that this plan be tried out for six months; the amendment was acceptable to Councilmen Sciarrotta and Uerkwitz. The substitute motion, as amended, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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Mr. J. Walker Owens made two announcements: The second annual South Bay Day in Sacramento will be held on May 2nd, with some 20 representatives to be in attendance with many worthwhile activities planned. Secondly, the annual Armed Forces Day, slated for May 18th, and attendant events, with the parade to be televised for the first time in history. He then introduced Mr. Bill Melville who announced that it will be "Torrance night" at the Dodger Stadium on June 3rd.

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Mayor Isen returned to the action taken above regarding the 3-man committees to direct City Attorney Remelmeyer to work out some satisfactory notification method, and that a record of the assignments be maintained by the City Manager's office. City Manager Ferraro was also requested to furnish a list of any unfinished Committee business.

Referring then to Item 9 on the April 29th agenda - Airport Matters - Policy re: City building and operating T-hangars and approval of subtenancy of Jule Executive Transport, Inc. on certain leasehold, Mayor Isen launched the new system, appointing Councilmen Beasley (who will serve as Chairman), Johnson, and Miller to assume this task.

At 6:45 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, to be followed by a ten-minute general recess. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

The meeting resumed at 6:55 P.M. Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Coil to put the matter of Commission appointments on the May 7th agenda.

- 8A. RESOLUTION COMMENDING TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH THE INDIAN OASIS SCHOOL OF SELLS, ARIZONA.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMEMORATING THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ESTABLISHING A SISTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH THE INDIAN OASIS SCHOOL OF SELLS, ARIZONA AND ENDORSING THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PROGRAM.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-84. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - 1968

RESOLUTION authorizing and instructing Public Works Director to abate nuisance on properties listed in Resolution Nos. 68-75 and 68-76.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolutions of Intention declaring parcels described in Resolutions No. 68-75 and 68-76 to be a public nuisance and providing for the abatement thereof. Public Works Director Nollac advised that there were no exceptions.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that they be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCES LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTIONS NOS. 68-75 AND 68-76.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-85, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. ZONE CHANGE 68-13, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.
Request for zone change from M-1 to C-3 and C-4 on property located at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway and the north side of Pacific Coast Highway from Crenshaw Boulevard to Madison Street. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, and there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Councilman Miller moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. RESOLUTION approving a Precise Plan as provided for in the Torrance Municipal Code as applied for by South Del Amo Corporation in Planning Commission Case No. 68-1.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY SOUTH DEL AMO CORPORATION IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 68-1.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-86. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. IMPROVEMENT OF NORTHEAST CORNER OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND 188TH STREET
Recommendation of Public Works Director as outlined in letter of transmittal.

Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendations of the Public Works Director. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

12. CLAIM of Jesse E. McDonald and Mable J. Shaw.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen; there were no objections and it was so ordered.

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT - POST AVENUE LIBRARY BRANCH FURNITURE B68-16
Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and City Librarian to award contract to Burt C. Gentle Company.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with above recommendations a and b. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following eight listed expenditures:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$369.74 to Moore Business Forms for 588,000 continuous forms for data processing equipment requested by the Data Processing Division.
2. \$416.33 to Dearth Machinery for one fork assembly and one drag-link assembly needed by the City Garage to repair a Wayne Street Sweeper.
3. \$373.28 to Victor Comptometer Corporation for one "Multimatic" Calculator requested by the City Library for use in library operations.
4. \$378.00 to Rapid Blueprint Company for the printing of one month's issue (6200 copies) of the "Recreation Reporter" requested by the Recreation Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

5. Two City buses were involved in traffic accidents - Unit #329 on April 8, 1968 and Unit #333 on April 17, 1968. A California Highway Patrol report shows "other" parties at fault in both accidents. Inasmuch as it was imperative to get both buses repaired and back into service as soon as possible, Torrance's insurance agent, representing Farmer's Insurance, recommended we take both buses to one of their recognized repair shops for heavy units (M & M Carriage Shop, 15746 South Vermont, Paramount, California) to have the units repaired. Although our insurance is \$500 deductible, Farmer's Insurance agent stated they would begin proceedings to collect the total costs of repair which were: \$1710.74 for Unit #329 and \$1086.20 for Unit #333.

Recommendation: Although the repair is underway, it is requested that Council approve the expending of \$500 for each bus repair as part of the deductible amount of our insurance with the \$1000 expected to be recovered for the City by our insurance company.

C. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY BOOKS:

6. \$469.36 to Grosset & Dunlap, Inc. c/o James F. Chapman for 145 juvenile books and 29 book processing kits.
7. \$562.85 to Lord Book c/o M.W. Chapman for 151 juvenile books.
8. \$382.14 to Lukather's Book Shop for 88 Adult non-fiction and 15 reference books.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

Councilman Uerkwitz commented at the time of his "yes" vote that he is awaiting additional information from City Manager Ferraro pertaining to Item #3.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION authorizing third amendment of Lease Agreement with Karl and Elizabeth Frudenberg.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND KARL AND ELISABETH FRUDENFELD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-87; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

16. REQUEST OF SOUTH BAY REALTY COMPANY FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION ON TRACT NO. 30170 TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS.
Recommendation of Public Works Director that request be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. OPINION RE: PREEMPTION

Mayor Isen expressed gratitude to City Attorney Remelmeyer for the research and clarification furnished in the Opinion regarding A.B. 114 and S.B. 425.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the City Attorney's recommendation that he be authorized to communicate Council approval of S.B. 425 to the Legislature and to the Governor immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

18. Request for waiver of parade permit and \$500 fee for Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the request that the parade permit and \$500 fee be waived for Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 18A. Letter from City Manager re: Underground Utilities.

Speaking on the proposed Underground Utilities Committee was Mr. Lew Jenkins, District Manager, Southern California Edison Company, 505 Maple Avenue. Mr. Jenkins stated that the recommendations of City Manager Ferraro have been reviewed, and it is their feeling that the best interests of the City would be best served through a Committee rather than a Commission, it being their further hope that such a Committee would consist of technically involved people rather than emotionally activated members.

Based on the successful experience of the Traffic Commission composed of administrative staff, Mayor Isen was of the opinion that a Committee of technical experts composed of three members delegated by Mr. Ferraro along with experts from the utility companies would have merit.

Councilman Uerkwitz was of the opinion that representation by the Planning Commission was of great importance, along with Staff and utility representatives, as well as Citizens' Advisory Committee and Torrance Beautiful Commission, with a limitation on the number of members -- in short, City Manager recommendation #2.

Mr. Jenkins then outlined the many considerations in the establishment of an Underground Utilities Committee, including the adoption of procedural ordinances, and reiterated his feeling that the composition of the Committee should be professional in nature.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Recommendation #1 be adopted, a Committee composed of technical experts, in addition, that there be three ex officio members, without vote, from the utility companies.

Prior to a second on the motion, Councilman Johnson expressed concern that a Committee so composed of highly technical people would not lend itself to the proper balance, and a lay person could provide the tempering factor. It was Mr. Johnson's feeling that there should at least be a Planning Commissioner on the Committee.

Discussion followed on the makeup of the Committee. Councilman Sciarrotta amended his motion, that there be a professional staff of five, which would include the Planning Director, along with three ex officio members, without vote, from the utility companies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18B. TWO RESOLUTIONS authorizing contract for the services of Real Estate Appraisers.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND HOWARD S. MARTIN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-88. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHARLES P. MORGAN AND ASSOCIATES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-89; the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 19. ORDINANCE NO. 1863 repealing Article 5 entitled "Yards" and substituting a new Article therefor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1863
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 5 ENTITLED "YARDS" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE THEREFOR IN ORDER TO RECODIFY THE SECTIONS FOR CLARITY; ADDING THERETO A PROVISION PERMITTING OVERHANG INTO THE SIDE STREET YARDS; AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO YARD AREAS FOR SCHOOLS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1863 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 20. ORDINANCE NO. 1864 adding Section 93.2.38 to the Torrance Municipal Code providing for off-street parking for pool halls.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1864
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 93.2.38 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR OFF-STREET PARKING FOR POOL HALLS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1864 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 21. ORDINANCE NO. 1865 re: Minor Modifications, Planning and Zoning Relief, and a Filing Fee therefor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1865
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 28 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR MINOR MODIFICATIONS OF CHANGES OF ZONE, VARIANCES, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, DIVISION OF LOTS, WAIVERS, PRECISE PLANS AND OTHER FORMS OF PLANNING AND ZONING RELIEF; AND ADDING SECTION 99.1.8 PROVIDING A FILING FEE THEREFOR.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1865 at its second and final reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. ORDINANCE NO. 1866 re: "Yield Right-of-Way" Signs.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1866
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 61.4.12 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO INSTALL "YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY" SIGNS AT THOSE INTERSECTIONS WHERE IT IS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY ENGINEERING STUDY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1866 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 23. Mayor Isen proclaimed May 1, 1968 as LAW DAY U.S.A.
- 24. Opinion #6838 pertaining to the Brown Act, prepared by City Attorney Remelmeyer, was noted by the Council and ordered filed.

The standard motion for Approval of Demands was now in order, having been reviewed and signed during the recess.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Council recessed at this time - 7:36 P.M. - to permit similar approval of demands for the Redevelopment Agency, reconvening at 7:37 P.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- 25. Chief Koenig announced that on Friday, May 3rd, Police Science Productions will be filming their most ambitious training film in Torrance at 3500 Torrance Boulevard, and an invitation was extended to the Council and City officials to attend and observe this filming.
- 26. Further reported by Chief Koenig was that the week of May 12th is National Police Week, along with Armed Forces Day, and that, for the first time in the South Bay area, the Military Order of the Purple Heart has recommended that the Purple Heart be awarded to Officer David Seibert, posthumously, and to Officer Lee Graber who was seriously injured on February 3, 1967. This signal honor will be made at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on May 17th.
- 27. Councilman Johnson referred to Information Item E regarding the letter from the Santa Monica City Manager on AB-101, concerning sales tax proposed for exclusive RTD use, and inquired if some action should be taken on this. Mayor Isen stated that it was his intent to refer this to City Attorney Remelmeyer to report back next week as to whether the factual matters here are as represented, and, if true, it might be well to take a stand along with Santa Monica.

28. A Daily Breeze editorial pertaining to political signs as "Ugly Signs of the Times" was read aloud by Councilman Johnson who recommended that there be some kind of mandatory, uniform political sign which would also serve to expedite their removal. The problem, an age-old one and presented after every election, appears to be without solution; City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he would look into the matter.

29. A problem of weeds at 23102 Greenwood was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta -- the offending property is across the street and is fenced but the problem persists. Public Works Nollac so noted.

30. Councilman Sciarrotta read aloud a prepared report pertaining to issues raised during the recent municipal election which left some distorted facts regarding zoning of industrial land to residential zoning, especially for the builders, which clarified these facts, such study having been made by Senior Planner James Hagaman.

31. Of further concern to Councilman Sciarrotta was a news release to the Daily Breeze, appearing in their March 31st issue, given by Airport Manager Egan pertaining to the possible use of a commuter jet service at Torrance Airport. Mr. Sciarrotta stated that there is no record that the City Council has ever entertained the idea of such a service, and recommended that in the future management review such statements prior to press release, since this pertains to policy and the Council alone is responsible for policy. Councilman Beasley pointed out that the Council has always stressed that the Torrance Airport is a private, noncommercial, executive airport, and at no time has it entertained thoughts concerning any commercial lines. Mayor Isen expressed strong opposition to any form of censorship for department heads by way of controlled press releases, and while the subject press release was unfortunate, no real harm was done. Councilman Johnson concurred in strong opposition to such censorship; Councilman Uerkwitz was also in agreement, but would want to make sure that Council policy be correctly interpreted and exclusively established by Council, the policy in this case now having been stated by Councilman Beasley. In the interest of confirmation of this policy, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that there be no commercial airlines, or freight service, except in emergencies, and that it be an executive flying field. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged the message in the motion, but noted that, in fact, commercial planes could land at Torrance Airport according to FAA regulations in an emergency situation.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.
NOES:	COUNCILMEN:	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEN:	Wilson (for the reason that he is unacquainted with future plans for the Airport and has no basis for either a "yes" or "no" vote.)

32. Councilman Uerkwitz advised of the acute need for visual assistance at Planning Commission meetings, and requested that the City Manager investigate the possibility of a projector arrangement to facilitate both Planning Commission and Council meetings in their public hearing cases.

33. The status of the bus situation was questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz. City Manager Ferraro related the various efforts underway, and will furnish a progress report at the next meeting.

34. A dangerous traffic situation at 171st and Prairie was reported by Councilman Wilson; remedial action by the Traffic Engineer was recommended.

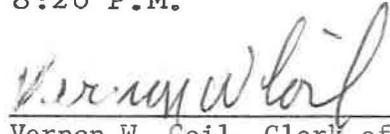
35. From the audience, Mr. G.R. Enright, 229 Via Los Altos, reported what he deemed improper impounding of his car by the Torrance Police Department. Mayor Isen moved that this matter be referred to the City Attorney for investigation; if Mr. Enright is correct within the law that he be refunded the \$15.50 expended by him in recovering his car. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Wilson qualified his "yes" vote with the request that the ordinance be reviewed.

36. Ray Saukkola, President of the Torrance City Employees' Association, requested that the preliminary budget for 1968-68 be made available to employee representatives to permit them sufficient time for study and enable them to make an adequate presentation before the committees. Discussion followed on this request, and it was agreed that the past procedure of distribution of the budget to employee representatives on the same date as to the Council would be maintained.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

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