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Torrance, California
June 18, 1968

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, June 18, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

It was noted by Mayor Isen that in addition to his many other activities, Mr. Ray Saukkola graduated from Law School on June 14th, and he was invited to lead in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Daniel B. Weaver, Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 1968 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None announced.

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On behalf of the City Council, Administration, and the citizens in attendance, Mayor Isen warmly welcomed the good neighbors from the City of Carson present, and introduced Mayor John A. Marbut; Councilmen H. Rick Clark, John L. Junk, Gilbert B. Smith, and Sak Yamamoto; City Clerk Marilyn Cortina, City Treasurer Dorothy Carter; and City Manager Fred Bean, followed by an explanation of City Council procedure at Council meetings.

PRESENTATIONS:

9A. Donation of land for Columbia Park by Columbia Broadcasting System.

Introduced by Mayor Isen were CBS representatives George Nichalaw, Robert Mackey, Ted Denton, Richard Sinclair, and Larry Attebery.

Mr. Nichalaw, on behalf of CBS, expressed their great pleasure in the presentation of this corporate gift of some 17 acres of land for park purposes to the City of Torrance, and the fine asset that will be represented by the Columbia Regional Park. The sincere appreciation of the City was conveyed by Mayor Isen.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING A CORPORATION GRANT DEED OF GIFT FROM COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND THE CITY CONTAINING COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS UNDER WHICH SAID PROPERTY WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM FOR THE RECORDING OF THE AFORESAID DEED AND AGREEMENT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-126. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote, it was the comment of Mayor Isen that he has reviewed the conditions coming from CBS and all they are is a matter of protecting the antenna with the underground wires, and that it be used for park purposes within five years from the time of this gift or it would revert to the corporation.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the further comment of Mayor Isen that a gift of this nature cannot be taken for granted, in view of the struggle for park land, and certainly calls for proper acknowledgment by this Council, with permaplaques in order. Accordingly, Mayor Isen MOVED that permaplaque resolutions thanking the Columbia Broadcasting System, as well as Milt Meyer and Ronald Moran, be drawn up and presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 9B. Report of conditions of Federal Park Grant.
 Special study by Citizens' Advisory Committee.
 RESOLUTION authorizing Director of Recreation to submit an application for a Federal Grant for acquiring a regional park.

Held for discussion later in the meeting.

37. LIBRARY PRESENTATION:

City Librarian West reported the action taken by the Library Commission at its June 10th meeting in their approval of the interior of the Library and their recommendations for the exterior, to be presented by Mr. Wendell Mounce, Earl Heitschmidt and Associates, at this time. The three proposed schemes - A, B, and C (C being the preference of the majority of the Library Commission) - were displayed, along with the materials to be used (a large brown aggregate being the Library Commission recommendation).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Library Commission both as to the material and to the exterior. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

In reference to the recommendation of the Library Commission pertaining to the basement, City Librarian West advised that he will prepare a further report and detailed analysis on this matter for the information of the Council.

(The following items were taken out of order.)

24. ORDINANCE amending Civil Service rules and regulations for the administration of personnel system to provide appointments be made from open eligible list only after the promotional eligible list has been exhausted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1885

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM (THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES) TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTMENTS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE SHALL BE MADE FROM THE OPEN ELIGIBLE LIST ONLY AFTER THE PROMOTIONAL ELIGIBLE LIST IS EXHAUSTED.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1885 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

In reference to his "no" vote, Councilman Wilson stated that he feels there should be further discussion; in any event, there should be consideration of the Executive Committee's alternate procedure, and, on this basis, he is opposed to this action.

27. Communication from City Manager re: Salary Survey.

City Manager Ferraro advised that the Salary Survey report before the Council is for their information, with the resolution and/or ordinance relative to this to be on the June 25th agenda.

Ray Saukkola, president of Torrance City Employees' Association, requested clarification regarding the percentage raise for employees effective July 1st; Councilman Johnson advised that he had verified that the consensus of the Council had been that the increase be 5%, concurring with the suggestion offered at the budget workshop by Mr. Sam Hunegs to effectuate the salary adjustments in October instead of November.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon MOVED that the salary adjustments go into effect October 6, 1968. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further comment was made by Mr. Saukkola, on behalf of the miscellaneous employees, in that on three separate occasions the City Manager's office has been asked to recommend an increase in the vacation benefits that are available to the miscellaneous employees of the City, adding that they have made a survey of the four agencies used for the bench-mark survey as well. Mr. Saukkola further advised that presently City employees receive 10 days per year until they have been here five years; starting with the sixth year through the tenth year, an additional day of vacation is received; after ten years, for every two years worked an additional day of vacation is received. In the four agencies compared, according to Mr. Saukkola, they provide that the employee will receive three weeks (15 days) vacation after five years of service. It is requested that effective January 1, 1969 that the City increase the vacation benefits for the miscellaneous employees to provide for 15 days vacation after five years of service, and for the 5th through the 15th year it is requested that the present procedure be followed. The requested date of January 1, 1969, Mr. Saukkola continued, is for the reason that most of the vacation schedules have already been set up for the current calendar year. Further, in the case of miscellaneous employees, usually when one goes on vacation his work load is absorbed, or his work is waiting for his return, and that this arrangement would not add materially to this year's budget.

Councilman Beasley MOVED that the City Manager be instructed to provide a study on this matter to the City Council within sixty days. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

22. ORDINANCE amending Section 14.1.30 of the Code regulating standby pay for Water Department personnel to provide payment at overtime rate for standby duty.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk assigned a number and presented for its first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1886

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1.30 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ESTABLISHES REGULATIONS FOR STANDBY PAY FOR WATER DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE PAYMENT AT OVERTIME RATE FOR STANDBY DUTY.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1886 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Sam Hunegs, on behalf of Local 1117, expressed their thanks to the Mayor and the City Council for the manner in which they have adopted the salary ordinance, an outstanding example of collective bargaining on the "give-and-take" basis, and will keep Torrance in the front of other California cities in terms of employee treatment.

HEARINGS:

10. BUDGET HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 1968-69

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on the City Manager's proposed budget for the 1968-69 fiscal year.

The affidavit of publication was presented by City Clerk Coil. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the affidavit be filed, his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter.

Mrs. James Van Oppen, 23648 Susanna Avenue, responded, reading a prepared statement: "The decisions we face today will have far-reaching effects on the taxpayers of this City, their children, and their children's children. It will take courage, foresight, imagination and integrity to make those decisions in the public interest. No new programs should be adopted without adequate provisions for their financing now and in the future. The management of public money is a trust and it should be used in the public interest. Our well planned Capital Improvement Program should not be scrapped for the benefit of any special interest groups within the City. We have been offered the opportunity to secure for this community a 52-acre park under unique circumstances which would take advantage of a private land offer, which has been nicely disposed of, along with cooperative financing from local, state, and federal sources. We urge you to support this sound and reasonable proposal with your courage, your foresight, your imagination, and your integrity."

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be continued to June 25th, 8 P.M.; seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

(Short-cut action on non-controversial items follows:)

16. AWARD OF CONTRACT - DRAILLE DRIVE CUI-DE-SAC & SHARYNNE LANE
Recommendation of Public Works Director that contract be awarded to C.A. Ruggles and all other bids be rejected.

18. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27475; Subdivider, Richard Capellino
Recommendation of Public Works Director and Planning Director that subject final tract map be approved.

28. CLAIM of Robert L. Stanton for car damage that occurred May 2, 1968 at Sepulveda and Madrona. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to City Attorney.

29. CLAIM of Donald E. Davis for damages to his car on May 29, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

30. CLAIM of Phillip E. Ross, Sr. for car damages on June 1, 1968, at Middlebrook and Cabrillo. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

31. Award of Sporting Goods bid, B68-33, for Fiscal Year 1968-69. Recommendation as outlined in letter of transmittal.
32. Award of Contract for liquid chlorine, pitt chlor and muriatic acid, B68-35. Recommendation as outlined in letter of transmittal.
33. Purchasing Supervisor submitting for Council approval budgeted and special expenditures over \$300.

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$451.58 to Safeway Sign Company for twelve 48" x 48" reflectorized traffic directional signs requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department to be used at various locations throughout the City of Torrance.
2. \$437.47 to Superior Wholesale Electric for six Mercury ballast street lamps (high-power), requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for replacement purposes.
3. \$645.75 to Prismo California Company for 150 gallons of yellow and 100 gallons of white street marking paint (Bauer Paint) requested by the Traffic & Lighting Dept.
4. \$361.20 to Heat and Power Equipment Company for 21 boiler tubes (Bryan Model #322) requested by the Recreation Department for use in the heater system at Benstead Plunge.
5. \$1136.94 to Joslyn Manufacturing Company for 4 high-powered park lights and 24 ft. aluminum posts requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for use as night lighting at Lago Sego Park.
6. \$507.11 to Superior Wholesale Electric for 300 ft. of wire; 100 ft. of flex conduit; 17 flourescent corridor lights plus other miscellaneous fixtures and parts requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for upgrading the lighting at the Main Library.
7. \$1123.65 to Standard Carriage Works, Inc. for painting one Aerial Ladder Fire Truck - type B-85 Mack Pump #Q75HD8-75-18717 as requested by the Fire Department.
8. \$1661.10 to R.G. Arnold Company, Inc. for replacing floor tile in the buildings at Sea Aire Park and Walteria Park.
9. \$308.07 to the I.B.M. Company for 240,000 data processing cards as requested by the City Librarian for book cataloging on our data processing equipment.
10. \$516.60 to American Sprinkler & Supply Company for replacement parts for City sprinklers requested by the Park Department.
11. \$841.65 to Mobile Radio, Inc. for parts and labor to install a new Motorola Base Radio Station Model #C73MHB1140AR.
12. \$519.75 to Playground Corporation of America for a piece of playground equipment called a "Concrete Climber" which was requested by the Recreation Department for use at Paradise Park.

13. \$414.02 to Dearth Machinery Company for one replacement fork assembly and other miscellaneous parts needed for repair of downed Wayne Street Sweeper (Vehicle #653) as requested by the City Garage.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY BOOKS:

14. \$1718.06 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 21,250 clear and brightly colored book covers requested by the Library.

15. \$1806.90 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc. for 5934 book insert kits.

Bus Superintendent submitting for Council approval transportation contract with El Camino College for fiscal year 1968-69.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above stated items; seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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At 6:25 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a 10-minute general recess at 6:26 P.M.

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26. Communication from City Manager re: 50-20 Retirement Plan.

Councilman Miller moved that the subject communication be noted and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Another distinguished guest in the audience was introduced by his host, Water Superintendent John Borgwat, at this time: Mr. Karel W.H. Leeflang, M.S., Retired Chief Chemist-Bacteriologist, Provincial Water Works, Province of North Holland, The Netherlands; presently Chemical-Bacteriological Consulting Engineer, retained by Netherlands Institute for testing water works materials. Also introduced by Mr. Borgwat, with equal pleasure, was his wife, Mrs. Ella Borgwat.

11. MASTER PLAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS AMENDMENT, SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELDS. Determination of the location of 235th Place between Crenshaw Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue.

City Manager Ferraro advised that both proponents and opponents have requested that this matter be continued to July 9th, an 8 P.M. meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

9B. Report of conditions of Federal Park Grant.
Special Study by Citizens' Advisory Committee
Resolution authorizing Director of Recreation to submit an application for a Federal Grant for acquiring a regional park.

Mayor Isen introduced the discussion by stating that certainly the greatest thing in the world would be to have all the dreamed of parks, particularly a 50-acre regional park. However, the big problem here is money -- the budget has been balanced but the impact of the raises, the 50/20 plan, etc. will not be felt until the

1969-70 budget. In the case of the CBS Columbia Park the grading alone is \$70,000 on the 17 acres, the restoration of the radio ground system is \$25,000, \$10,000 for fencing; the intervening seven acres, at \$60,000 an acre, would represent \$420,000, with the cost of the land, plus improvements, representing a considerable sum. Also pointed out by Mayor Isen that, with the Federal Grant, there is still \$387,850 to make up in addition to the other expenses, which represents approximately 10½¢ on the tax rate. He then requested that Administration prepare a projection for a period of five years as to possible income and possible expenditure, taking into consideration the 50/20 Plan, longevity, etc. all put into effect to have employee morale the highest in the State. It is obvious, Mayor Isen continued, that the other employees are going to want some sort of benefit to justify the granting of the 50/20, and must be faced for the future budget. Noted as well were the cramped quarters at City Hall, with the proposed addition to cost approximately one million dollars; a proposed golf course; enlargement of the Joslyn Center.-- were the City to receive all the grants for this regional park, where is the balance of the money to come from? Further, the Park and Recreation Commission has under consideration a seven million dollar bond issue to improve parks throughout the City, representing approximately 14¢ on the tax rate. The burden of responsibility for this Council is evident, and Mayor Isen stated that he will not vote for a project, only to find the City in a financially bankrupt situation in a few years. In trying to establish a reasonable tax base and a good climate for business and industry and their sales tax, this has been the salvation of our City insofar as the tax structure is concerned, it otherwise being impossible to accomplish the things that have been done. If there is any effort to raise taxes to an appreciable degree, Mayor Isen is sure that the anticipated developments which will add to real estate taxes and sales taxes for this City will be diminished by any change of policy, and he is convinced of the importance of holding the tax rate. To take any action at this time in passing the subject resolution is daydreaming until a factual, critical report is at hand on the proposed projects and the expenditures incurred, Mayor Isen concluded.

Discussion followed on the acceptance of the land from CBS, with the understanding that it will be developed as a park, the federal funding aspect, etc. with Mayor Isen reiterating the difficulty of finding the money to develop the 27 acres, even with state and federal funding.

Councilman Beasley commented that, in his opinion, it will take approximately five years to allocate enough money to really develop the 17½ acres -- he is in favor of getting as much money from the government as can be obtained -- and would agree that additional information on the financing would be helpful, suggesting that the people might chose to vote for general obligation bonds to pay for a 50-acre regional park.

It was requested by Councilman Wilson that figures be furnished on the cost of developing the 27 acres at City expense versus what it would cost to operate under the 50 acres with the federal and state programs. Dr. Wilson concurred with Councilman Beasley in that this is something in which the people ought to express their wishes by way of their vote.

Councilman Uerkwitz concurred with Mayor Isen on the need for additional information on future projections.

Mrs. Agatha Berwanger, 5617 Andrus Avenue, urged that the Council not wait until the land is built up, in view of its rapid disappearance; it is important to think ahead, take chances, if necessary, and assure that there will be the much needed open space. Mrs. Berwanger added that she is glad the employees are happy, but the citizens need to be happy too.

Next to speak was Mr. Scott, 908 Patronella, ^{who} commended the City Council and City Manager for a fine budget, pointing out that Torrance is one of the lowest bonded cities in the County, with a reasonable tax rate, and Mr. Scott would like to see it stay that way. It was further noted that this is one of the most accessible recreation areas, and it is the hope of Mr. Scott that there will be a logical system of development for the parks and recreational needs of the City, recognizing the financial needs to do so and the responsibility of the Council in this respect.

Mrs. Gerald Turner, 4125 West 179th Street, expressed her concern for the possibility of a prejudiced attitude set by Mayor Isen's earlier remarks, commenting on her understanding of the bond measure proposed by the Park and Recreation Commission which would include development of the subject park. Further, the fact that the Police and Fire have been given a retirement benefit, therefore, the other citizens must do without parks seems unfair to Mrs. Turner, along with the inference that in order to have a park the tax rate must be increased.

Mrs. James Van Oppen first stated that her previous statement (Item 10, page 5) was on behalf on the League of Women Voters of Torrance, as is her present one: Since a few weeks ago the City of Torrance still had \$387,000, and it is only during the budget workshops that this money has been committed, it is a question of priorities, specifically referring to the 50/20 Plan and questioning its cost in 1974 as well as how many cities have adopted a plan of this magnitude. Mrs. Van Oppen went on to state that the adoption of the 50/20 Plan at this time when the City is in the kind of financial straits claimed by Mayor Isen is what everyone is saying that it is - it is a "political payoff" - and this is not the proper use of public funds. Mayor Isen commented on the community demands for adequate police protection, that the determination regarding the park awaits receipt of the requested information, and recommended that the citizens get behind the passage of a bond, as was done in the case of the Library.

Mrs. Rhona Port, 4540 Konya Drive, spoke in favor of seeking Federal funding for a park of this nature. She further labelled the 10¢ tax reduction a short time ago a mistake - that money should have been directed to a fund something like this wonderful 50-acre park. It would be a most worthwhile aim, according to Mrs. Port, to have Torrance known as the "City of Parks".

Referring to the 10¢ reduction in taxes, Mr. Vern Smith, 2816 West 182nd Street, stated that this amount would now look very good in the Capital Improvement Fund; adding that there are ways of picking up the necessary funds if it is so desired.

Mr. Sidney Croft, 614 Camino de Encanto, speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Riviera Homeowners Association, stated their recommendation that, at this time, on the basis of the facts available, they would be opposed to the Council passing a resolution making application quite so swiftly.

The Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, Mr. Bernard Dougan, stated that this Commission has been going out into the neighborhoods and holding monthly meetings wherein the theme has been a proposed bond issue where a considerable amount of the funds would

be used to develop Columbia Park; he urged further clarification, recommending that a Council Committee join with the Commission in such an effort.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that this matter be continued to July 23rd, an 8:00 P.M. meeting, to permit time for the report from the City Manager's office, and to give the citizens an opportunity for thought and discussion. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

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A five-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time - 7:25 P.M.

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12. VARIANCE 66-10, HARRY T. HAVILL - SPECIALITY ENGINEERING COMPANY. Request for an extension of a variance previously granted by the City at 2080 Washington Avenue, zone R-3. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Recommended for denial by the Planning Department.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for DENIAL. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried with the approval of all but Councilman Miller who voted "no".

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. ORDINANCE reclassifying certain property described in ZC 68-10, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1887

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 178TH STREET WESTERLY OF WESTERN AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-10. (TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1887 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. Communication from Planning Director re: recommendation by the Planning Commission that action be taken to assure the installation of underground wires on any future street lighting project.

Mayor Isen recommended that this communication be noted received, filed, and referred to the prospective Underground Utilities Committee. There were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

15. RESOLUTION requesting an allocation of County Aid of Cities Funds for the maintenance of the Select System Streets.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID TO CITIES FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM STREETS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-127, seconded by Councilman Wilson, with roll call vote unanimously favorable.

17. VACATION OF ASHLEY AVENUE, ROSLIN AVENUE, 173RD STREET AND CERTAIN ALLEYS IN TRACT NO. 9306 WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE. RESOLUTION ordering vacation of Ashley Avenue, Roslin Avenue and 173rd Street and certain alleys in Tract No. 9306.

Councilman Johnson requested confirmation that the above request cannot go forward without a precise plan; Planning Director Shartle confirmed that the zone change cannot become effective until the precise plan is approved.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF ASHLEY AVENUE, ROSLIN AVENUE, 173RD STREET AND CERTAIN ALLEYS IN TRACT NO. 9306 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-128. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

19. CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN EXTENSION IN HAWTHORNE BLVD. SOUTH OF 227TH STREET - APPROPRIATION OF 2106 GAS TAX FUNDS. Public Works Director recommends appropriation of \$4,700 from Section 2106 Gas Tax Funds for subject project.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Director and that \$4,700 be appropriated from Section 2106 Gas Tax Funds. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

20. Communication from City Attorney re: suit on Spencer Street Sump, C.N. Cake.

It was unanimously agreed to continue the subject item for one week.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

21. RESOLUTION ordering the City Traffic Engineer to prepare an Assessment diagram, plans, specifications, estimate and report pursuant to Streets and Highways Code, Street Lighting Act of 1919 for the installation of Street Lighting District No. 14.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 68-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE AND REPORT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 14, PART 1, (INCLUDING CHAPTER 8), STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919, AS AMENDED, FOR THE INSTALLATION, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 14, IN SAID CITY, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1968, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1971.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-129. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 1765, adding Senior Structural Plans Examiner to the Classification Plan and establishing the salary therefor.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk assigned a number and presented for its first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1888

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1765, ADDING A NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1888 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. Communication from Personnel Director and Civil Service Commission re: Revised Class Specification for Sanitation Foreman.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved, there being no objections.

FISCAL MATTERS:

34. Recommendation of Finance Director with concurrence of City Treasurer and City Manager for an appropriation from the General Fund for the first payment of 1967 Library Bond interest.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director that the amount of \$13,358.44 be appropriated from General Fund unappropriated surplus for 1967 Library Bond interest expense required by June 26, 1968. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

WATER OPERATIONS:

- 36. COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MODIFICATIONS TO WALTERIA RESERVOIR CONTROLS, B67-53.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Council concur in the recommendation that the subject project be formally accepted and that payment be authorized of the lump sum contract price in the amount of \$5,290.00 thirty-five days after acceptance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 39. ORDINANCE 1881

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1881

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO THE PACIFIC COAST GASOLINE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1881 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 40. ORDINANCE 1882

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1882

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 95.2.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "APPEAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL" AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 95.2.4 WITH THE SAME TITLE IN ORDER TO REGULATE THE PROCEDURE OF APPEAL ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1882 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 41. ORDINANCE 1884

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1884

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 5 OF RULE VII OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPLEMENTING THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE NO. 326,

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AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 5 OF
RULE VII ELIMINATING PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS
AND RETAINING SENIORITY EVALUATION IN
PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1884 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. Mrs. Donald F. Mead, 139 Paseo de Gracia, recalling the successful Library Bond campaign, stated that she felt it more appropriate for the Council to come back with a bond issue rather than the directive issued earlier in the meeting to the people to do so, in reference to the park

ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST - CITY OF TORRANCE AND CITY OF CARSON:

Attention was now directed to this special agenda of mutual interest and concern to both Torrance and Carson:

1. Postal service areas.

(38.) Concurring in the drastic need for uniform mailing addresses, Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Coil to assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-130

A CONCURRED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS OF CARSON AND TORRANCE REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT TO REVISE THE POSTAL SERVICE AREA SERVING BOTH CITIES TO COINCIDE WITH EACH CITY'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Resolution No. 68-130. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Marbut then expressed their gratitude at the opportunity to be in attendance at this meeting, outlining their postal zone problems, and his intent to present the above resolution to his Council tomorrow evening.

The past assistance of former Postmaster Clara Connor was pointed out by Mayor Isen, who urged as well that service clubs, homeowners groups, etc. campaign for these revisions in Torrance mailing.

2. Bus Service

Assistant City Manager Scharfman presented a report on bus service possibilities between the City of Torrance and the City of Carson, with the assistance of the projector, outlining various routes which would encompass an east-west route, present schedules and proposed schedules, fares, etc. Copies of this material were furnished the City of Carson; Mayor Isen recommended that the appropriate Staff members make a study of these plans, and report back to Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

3. Improvement of East-West Streets.

Director of Public Works Nollac elaborated on this subject, pointing out that the big problem in east-west traffic is that portion in the remaining County Strip and the City of Los Angeles between Carson and Torrance, specifically as pertains to Del Amo Boulevard and getting over the Dominguez Channel and San Diego Freeway. The

cooperation of his department was offered by Mr. Nollac in any manner in which they might be helpful to the City of Carson.

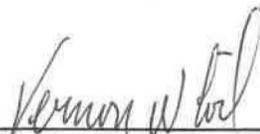
4. Senate Bill 425

Mayor Isen explained the effect of SB 425 and its importance to "home rule". City Attorney Remelmeyer then related the experience of the City of Torrance in the area of "topless" entertainment, with additional details furnished by Chief Koenig, and its short lifetime in Torrance, offering the information compiled in this involved proceeding to the City of Carson. Mayor Isen reiterated his suggestion that the City of Carson urge the passage of SB 425. Also recommended by City Attorney Remelmeyer was study of the conditional use permit procedure employed by the City of Torrance for research by the City of Carson, as well as the available services of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board. The value of the "parade ordinance" was additionally pointed out by Chief Koenig.

In conclusion, Mayor Isen expressed the hope that this had been a helpful session to the neighboring City of Carson and assured them of the continuing cooperation of the City of Torrance.

There being no further business, Councilman Miller moved to adjourn to June 25, 1968 at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, the hour of adjournment being 8:20 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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