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Torrance, California
June 25, 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 25, 1968, at 8:00 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: Councilman Wilson (out of town).

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, Girl Scout Jadeene Lambert, Troop 886, Victoria Knolls, led 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 May 28th meeting be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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 Johnson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None announced.

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Announced at this time by Mayor Isen was selection of "Miss Torrance" as "MISS CALIFORNIA" on June 21st and the considerable pride felt in this community on that accomplishment.

Council procedure was then explained by Mayor Isen to the standing room only, overflowing audience in attendance, primarily in the interest of Item #15, Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Company. In the interest of expediting the business before the Council, including the second hearing on the Budget, Mayor Isen determined that it would be in order to take Item 15 at this time, and return to the intervening items as soon as practicable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

15. CUP 68-6, CHANDLER'S PALOS VERDES SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY.
Petition for a conditional use permit to allow the operation of a sand and gravel quarry on property located at the southeast corner of the City, southerly of Hillworth Street. The Planning Commission recommends denial.

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

Mayor Isen then announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing.

Speaking on behalf of a majority of the residents in Victoria Knolls, Mr. Leighton Bowman, 2518 Ridgeland Road, stated their support of the applicant, Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel, in their request for a conditional use permit, it being their feeling that the stipulations set forth by the Planning Department would adequately protect the neighbors in the surrounding area. Further noted by Mr. Bowman was the fact that this is a long-awaited venture with the subject conditional use permit the remaining hitch, and he respectfully requested favorable consideration by the Council of their application.

Mr. Bill Roberts, 3937 West 188th Street, inquired if there were some way of subjecting Chandler's to refill the hole with dirt? City Attorney Remelmeyer replied that it would be possible for the Council to impose such a condition although it would seem at the present time that the filling of the pit is not necessarily germane to the issue since at the time the pit is to be filled, if it is to be filled with anything other than fill dirt, the applicant would have to get a special permit from the Council with the decision to be made at that time.

Mr. Jack Spahn, E.L. Pearson and Associates, 1551 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena, reported on the meeting with a number of the people who expressed opposition at the Planning Commission meeting, also in attendance was Mr. Robertson, Chandler's Sand and Gravel, wherein the proponent's proposal was revised from the original request in that they will request that approximately three acres of the subject ten acres be zoned as a temporary quarry site for four to six months to allow the fill-in of the existing hole at the end of Hillworth, and at the end of that time this same three acres be rezoned for trailer use. It is their intention to wrap the trailer park around the Hillworth residents so it will be completely buffered, as well as grading out, for a more satisfactory arrangement. The grading proposed will preclude any possibility for creating a hole and a potential dump. Mr. John Robertson, 52 Dapple Gray Lane, representing Chandler's, concurred with Mr. Spahn's remarks.

Strong objections to any likelihood of a future rubbish dump were voiced by the Council; Mayor Isen recommended that there be conditions running with the land that would make this objection abundantly clear to future Councils. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that it would still be possible to present such a request at a later time by the proponent. Mayor Isen reiterated, in view of arguments and misunderstanding that might exist say ten years from now, that the proper covenants should be prepared to run against the subject land, that they be recorded (it having been confirmed by the Title Company that they will show up on the title), this certainly places everybody on notice and a determining factor for future Councils.

Possible freeway routes were also discussed, when pointed out by City Manager Ferraro, and the possible alleviation of some of the problems.

Next to speak was Mr. William Fisher, 25982 Hillworth, Lomita, who first presented a petition with some 184 signatures of opposition, based on the Planning Commission presentation by the proponent. Mr. Fisher added that the suggestions made by Mr. Spahn, both at this meeting and the homeowners meeting, leave very little to object to, so long as a time limit were imposed. Also recommended for consideration by Mr. Fisher was the dust factor, the general nuisance of a grading and levelling operation, and the hours of operation.

Mr. Bill Phillips, City Attorney, City of Lomita, appearing in behalf of the City Council, to reiterate their original opposition -- however, in view of the revised opinion of the homeowners in the area, this would be somewhat modified. Mr. Phillips then related some of his research in connection with the Senness case and earlier hearings on this case. He submitted a letter and Case V67-24 (the Senness case) for the record, which was ordered filed by Mayor Isen.

Discussion followed on the dissimilarity of the subject request and the Senness matter, the controls that can be obtained, the park that has been promised (City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that the Council should dispose itself of the park problem - while morally committed, legally the Council is not - and the decision should be confined solely to approval or denial of the conditional use permit), compatibility with the City of Lomita, etc.

It was requested by Mayor Isen that there be a meeting in order to spell out the specific conditions, in addition to those contained in the Planning Department report - in the event the request is approved - with Staff members in attendance, along with Mr. Spahn, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Phillips, and other appropriately interested parties - such conditions to be thought out and clearly stated and so documented.

Mr. Bernard Dougan, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, stated that this Commission is wholeheartedly in agreement with the granting of this conditional use permit, and they would very much like to complete the exchange and build these people a park.

Mr. Ernest Weir, 2451 Palm View Drive, Lomita, alluded to possible traffic problems on his street. Mayor Isen referred him to City Attorney Phillips.

Health conditions prompted their locating in Lomita, according to Mrs. Paul English, 25837 Hillworth, and could be impaired by the dust that will be created; further, serious hazards have been presented by the holes on the subject property.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Department for approval subject to conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Isen further clarified that approval of the conditional use permit is based on the conditions contained in the supporting agenda material, with documented conditions to be furnished by Mr. Spahn and Mr. Robertson in line with their earlier presentation, along with any additional specific and protective provisions and conditions pertaining to dust, noise, traffic, etc. to be presented to the Council in the formal resolution.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(A 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time - 8:55 P.M.)

On resumption of the meeting, and the still at capacity audience in the interest of Item #38, Mayor Isen directed that this item be considered at this time, with earlier items, specifically the budget hearing, to be heard just as soon as possible.

38. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation of M.J. Pearson DBA Jule Executive Transport, Inc. for City's consent to take assignment of Peninsula Aviation leasehold.

Councilman Uerkwitz pointed out that the subject recommendation is in parts, with the direction of the petitioner quite obvious -- for the Council to go along with any part of this request will only open the door for a continued barrage for similar requests. To eliminate establishing any such precedent, Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED that the assignment of the Gerardin leasehold to M.J. Pearson (DBA Jule Executive Transport, Inc.) be DENIED in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

In connection with his second, Councilman Johnson commented that there appears to be some confusion in the minds of the Airport Manager and the Airport Commission as to whether or not jet fuel should be allowed on the Airport -- the Council has no such confusion, there being no question in that the policy has been and, in Councilman Johnson's opinion, should remain, NO JET FUEL STORAGE ON THE TORRANCE AIRPORT. Requests such as these should not be before the Council, Mr. Johnson added, and should be denied at Commission level or curtailed at management level.

Councilman Beasley added that it has been Council policy to keep any commercialization of jets off the Airport, such policy having been in existence some six or seven years, and concurs with Councilman Johnson in that the subject request could have been resolved at another level rather than necessitating their appearance at Council.

Concurring was Councilman Sciarrotta who pointed out as well that the Council had recently gone on record regarding their opposition to jets.

The right of appeal was pointed out by Airport Manager Egan, with Councilman Miller stating his firm opposition to the elimination of any right of appeal. City Attorney Remelmeyer noted Council policy wherein ANTS will not short-stop a single thing coming to Council.

Mayor Isen did not agree - with the definite policy regarding jet fuel established, it is not a question of appeal, and is an administrative decision starting in the Airport Manager's office. In this case homeowners have been harrassed, to the extent of having to pass out handbills, and it is unfair to them to make it necessary to be constantly vigilant and necessitate large numbers of citizens having to appear at Council meetings, as in tonight's case.

At Councilman Miller's question, the normal procedure of processing applications was explained by Airport Manager Egan; Mr. Miller reiterated his concern for due process and the right of appeal.

Mr. Ted Baciu, 4201 Paseo de las Tortugas, president, Riviera Homeowners' Association, concurred with Councilman Miller's comments regarding due process, noting that the subject item had appeared on both the Airport Commission and Council agenda as a mere transfer of a lease, with no reference to jets, and there is a need for more communication. It is the recommendation of his organization that the request be denied, especially items E through G. Mr. Baciu further reported on the recommendation of the Riviera Homeowners' Board, having studied the revenue of the Airport which is composed of two items - aeronautical revenue and commercial revenue on Airport property - and it seems that the aeronautical side is being supported by the commercial revenue, and, as a result, it is requested that the Council consider retiring the current Airport bonds with the revenue generated from the commercial side of the Airport revenue, clarifying that early retirement would permit revision of the Charter so that commercial revenue could then be funnelled into the General Fund, then aeronautical rates could be reviewed to ascertain if the aeronautical side of the Airport is self-supporting. It was further requested that Council look into a set policy to bring in the private aircraft pilot, now in need of space, making a compatible situation for this purpose and enhance the good image of Torrance Airport. Discussion followed on Mr. Baciu's comments, it being generally agreed that these suggestions were not germane to the subject request.

Councilman Johnson then acknowledged the need for due process, but requested that any such future requests indicate the deviation from Council policy. Airport Manager Egan advised that there is a need for a clear and concise statement of Council policy pertaining to jets, and urged that the Council prepare an ordinance outlining their specific desires. Councilman Miller then MOVED that the City Attorney bring back such an ordinance; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, but was later withdrawn.

Speaking at this time was Mr. Chris Korasis, 23102 Kent Avenue, recommended that, rather than an ordinance, the Airport Manager be reminded that his job is to serve the needs of the community, the feeling of the Council having been made abundantly clear, as well as the feeling of the residents.

The proponent, Mr. M.J. Pearson, spoke at this time explaining his proposed operation, as well as the explanation of the anti-jet policy of the Council by Airport Manager Egan to him; both present and future plans were described by Mr. Pearson and their desire to comply with all regulations.

Mr. George Brewster, 20610 Annrita, stated that it appears to him that the underlying problem in this matter has to do with the concern over noise - noting that an ordinance cannot be enforced which bans turbine aircraft; should it be desired to ban commercial turbine aircraft this may be accomplished by banning all commercial aircraft, which leaves a general aviation FAA-manned airport, it not being possible to discriminate against aircraft by propulsion-type. It was Mr. Brewster's suggestion that the ultimate solution would be to adopt an ordinance which would control the noise emanating from aircraft which operate out of the Airport which would be applicable to all types of aircraft.

A resident (name unintelligible) at 23222 Kent Avenue, stated that the request in this matter is merely to transfer a lease, and that any future plans would be subject to compliance with established policy; denial would be unfair.

City Coil Coil presented a petition bearing 30 names opposing the request; Mayor Isen ordered that it be filed.

Roll call on Councilman Uerkwitz's motion for denial was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial. (Councilman Wilson absent).

(A 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this point in the meeting -- 9:45 P.M.)

9. 2ND BUDGET HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 1968-69

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the second hearing on the City Manager's proposed budget for the 1968-69 fiscal year, and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. George Lewison, chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, stated their concern for the small amount of money allotted to the Capital Improvement Program. The general outlook was described by both Mayor Isen and City Manager Ferraro; Mr. Lewison deemed it optimistic and reiterated their desire that funds flow into this program.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Wilson absent).

10. RESOLUTION adopting annual budget for 1968-69.

Councilman Johnson moved that the reading of the subject resolution be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 1968-69.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-131. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

11. RESOLUTION increasing fees for refuse collection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 4 OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-123 ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 4 THEREFOR WHICH ESTABLISHES NEW RATES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that further reading of Resolution No. 68-132 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-132. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

11A. RESOLUTION increasing fees for use of swimming pool.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE SWIMMING POOL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR SUCH USE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 67-181 WHICH REFERS TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Further reading of Resolution No. 68-133 was waived on a motion by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Johnson, and unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

11B. RESOLUTION increasing fees for use of golf course.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE SEA-AIRE GOLF COURSE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR SUCH USE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 67-195 WHICH REFERS TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 68-134. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-134. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

12. RESOLUTION prescribing rules and regulations for use of the all-purpose Recreation Center and establishing a schedule of fees to be charged.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION 63-56 AND PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE ALL-PURPOSE RECREATION CENTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR SUCH USE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-135 His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

13. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE repealing existing salary plan.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1889

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1862 WHICH ADOPTED A REVISED THREE-STEP PAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1765 WHICH SECTION SETS FORTH OCCUPATION LISTS OF CLASS TITLES AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that further reading on Ordinance 1889 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Emergency Ordinance 1889 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

- 13A. REGULAR ORDINANCE repealing existing salary plan.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1890

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1862 WHICH ADOPTED A REVISED THREE-STEP PAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1765 WHICH SECTION SETS FORTH OCCUPATION LISTS OF CLASS TITLES AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1889 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 1890 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1890 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

13B. RESOLUTION adopting revised pay plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND AMENDING SALARIES OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF CITY EMPLOYEES IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-136. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was noted by City Manager Ferraro that it may be necessary to return on some of the narrative contained in the above resolution, which would not affect the basic resolution, and there was no objection.

14. MASTER PLAN STATUS.

It was agreed to hold this item until the July 2nd meeting, to permit further study of the material.

18. Memo from Councilman Johnson to Mayor and fellow Councilmen re: General Plan and changes thereto.

Held until July 2nd.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:STREETS AND SIDEWALKS19. GAS TAX FUNDS APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFERS.

Recommendations of Public Works Director as outlined in letter of transmittal.

20. GENERAL FUND TRANSFER FROM LANDSCAPING PROJECT TO IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BLVD. FROM 182ND STREET TO 190TH STREETS.

Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council approve the transfer.

21. INSTALLATION OF CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS ON GRAMERCY PLACE AT GUENSER PARK.

Recommendation of Public Works Director that \$6,750 from the 1967-68 Miscellaneous Minor Street Improvement Budget be used for subject improvement.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING

24. Recommendation of Traffic Engineer that the closing of Taylor Court in the 16400 block on July 4, 1968 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and midnight for the purpose of a neighborhood block party be approved.

25. Recommendation of Traffic Engineer that the closing of Evalyn Avenue between Carson and Lenore between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on July 4, for the purpose of neighborhood block party be approved.

26. Recommendation of Traffic Engineer that the closing of Kornblum Avenue in the 17000 block on July 4, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to midnight for the purpose of a neighborhood block party be approved.

FISCAL MATTERS

29. CLAIM of George and Lenora Corbett for glass breakage June 8-9, 1968. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
30. Recommendation of City Clerk re: Renewal of Bus Comprehensive, Fire and Theft Insurance expiring July 1, 1968.
31. Recommendation of City Clerk re: Renewal Airport Fire Income Insurance expiring June 30, 1968.
32. Contract for appraisal services with Mason, Mason & Mason to determine fair market value of property needed to improve Anza Avenue between 238th Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND MASON, MASON & MASON.

33. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor re: Asphalt Plant Mix, award of contract. (See Page 15)

34. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300A. BUDGETED

1. \$1030.42 to Brooks Products for 237 Meter boxes requested by the Water Department to be used for water service in stock as needed.
2. \$1806.53 to Constructors Supply for 62 gross (annual requirement) of 20 minute red safety flares for emergency use as requested by the Fire and Police Departments for delivery as requested.
3. \$307.44 to Pacific States Co. for six only 6 inch tees and six only 6 inch ells, cement lined, requested by the Water Department for stock as needed.
4. \$525.00 to F. Morton Pitt Company for 5,000 rounds of .38 caliber Super-Vel Special ammunition requested by the Police Department.
5. \$1104.01 to Kiesub Corporation for 52 cases (annual requiremer of flashlight batteries requested by the Fire and Police Departments.
6. \$1708.35 to Western Water Works & Supply Company for 700 each 3/4 and 1 inch water couplings and valves requested by the Water Department for stock as needed.
7. \$383.25 to J. Jones Company for 450 each 3/4 and 1 inch meter couplings as requested by the Water Department for stock as needed.
8. \$1136.94 to Joslyn Pacific Company for four (4) only hi-powered Joslyn park lights on 24 foot aluminum posts requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for night lighting of Hickory Park.

9. \$359.63 to Econolite Corporation for two (2) only 12 inch three-section traffic signal visors and two (2) only back plates for same requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department.
10. \$907.20 to Consolidated Electric Company for three (3) only lighting standards manufactured by the Kim Lighting Company for lighting of Los Arboles Park.
11. \$3808.50 to Caligraphics Printing and Publishing Company to print six (6) issues of the Recreation Department's publication called the "Recreation Reporter." to be printed every other month.
- .B. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - LIBRARY BOOKS
The following books were requested by the City Librarian.
12. \$1796.81 to Bro-Dart, Inc. for 21,250 protective book covers and book spray and glue material to be paid from bond funds set aside for book processing costs.
13. \$991.20 to N.A. Kovach for 104 reference books.
14. \$8459.33 to University Microfilms Inc. (Division of Xerox) for microfilm copies for the preceding 10 years of 125 different national magazines to be used as reference material in our Torrance libraries.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING

48. Recommendation of Traffic Engineer for the closing of 171st Street between Spinning Avenue and Daphne Avenue from 3:00 P.M. on July 4, 1968, for the purpose of a neighborhood block party be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve agenda items 19, 20, 21; 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 48, as above itemized. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

44. ORDINANCE 1885.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for its second 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 adoption of Ordinance No. 1885 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

45. ORDINANCE NO. 1886.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for its second 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 Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1886 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Sam Hunegs, Local 1117, stated that there should be much gratitude for the progressive City Council of Torrance -- a Council which has the interest and desire to treat its employees equitably -- a sentiment shared by all City employees.

46. ORDINANCE NO. 1887.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for its second 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 adoption of Ordinance No. 1887 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

47. ORDINANCE 1888.

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

Finance Director Dundore noted a correction to be made in Section 1: Range: should be 47 - Salary: should be \$1195 - 1254 - 1318.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1888, with the above correction, at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. *Wilson absent.*

At this hour - 10:25 P.M. - Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, reconvene as Redevelopment Agency, which was followed by a general 10-minute recess at 10:31 P.M.

16. ZC68-14, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Zone change on property located on the east side of Prairie Avenue from Hickman Drive to 183rd Street and both sides of 182nd Street from Prairie Avenue east of Doty Avenue. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The affidavit of Publication presented by City Clerk Coil was ordered filed.

City Clerk Coil advised that three letters of opposition have been received.

Following clarification and illustration on the screen of the proposed zone change by Planning Director Shartle, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

First to speak was Reverend Johnson, Prairie Avenue Church, who stated that commercial development on both sides of the church would be most unwelcome.

Mr. Levayne Forsythe, 4255 Newton Street, representing his family who own property at the subject location, stated their preference for retention of R-3 zoning, and that people in the area have not had an opportunity to voice this opinion, not being notified, and recommended that no change be enacted until the matter could be further heard. Mr. Forsythe added that he had no objection to the recommended RR-3 and C-R zoning desired by the other property owners, but that an exception be made in the case of his property, and that of the church and the property adjacent to the church.

Representing Mr. and Mrs. Muramoto, owners of property on the southeast corner, Mr. Mel Bernstein stated that they are in favor of C-R zoning.

Mr. Carl Metzler, 3921 West 182nd Street, advised that all the lots but one have been developed in his immediate area, it being his recommendation that this remaining lot be left R-2.

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

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation, with the exception of that portion lying between Prairie Avenue and the alley east of Prairie, north of 182nd, that area is to retain previously approved zoning of R-3 and C-3, subject to a Precise Plan, and the time limit that had been established previously for the submission of the Precise Plan now expired be extended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

17. ZONE CHANGE 68-8.

Councilman Beasley moved that this item be continued until July 23rd. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

22. Communication from City Attorney re: Suit on Spencer Street Sump.

Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to refer the subject report to the

City Manager for his investigation and analysis to clarify what actions have been taken by the City as well as the existing problems. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, with the specific request for further information on the houses that were released. Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (for the reason he feels most of the information is contained in the communication at hand)
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

At City Manager Ferraro's request, further clarification of the desired information was furnished by Mayor Isen: the entire problem from its inception, the tentative tract with certain conditions; the condemnation action, releases that were made on other things required as part of the tract which had not been done, when made, and how many; Staff recommendations, if any; what recommendations were made to the City Council to induce whatever their action was. The date of August 25th for this report met with the favor of all concerned.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS

23. AMENDMENT TO BUILDING AND MECHANICAL CODES
ORDINANCE adopting Uniform Building Code.
ORDINANCE adopting Uniform Mechanical Code.
RESOLUTION setting the hearing date for July 9, 1968, at 8:00 P.M. Council Chambers for the purpose of determining whether or not the Council shall adopt said Ordinances and Codes.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read the title of the following ordinances which will be set to hearing on July 9, 1968 (per Resolution 68-138 below), which will be considered for adoption on that date:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2 WHICH ADOPT AND AMEND THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1967 EDITION, VOLUME 1, AND APPENDIX THERETO.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, 1967 EDITION AND APPENDIX THERETO.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE "UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1967 EDITION, VOLUME 1" AS AMENDED, AND THE "UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, 1967 EDITION" AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-138; his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS

27. City Attorney's request to appoint Terry W. Kolhoff to the position of Deputy City Attorney, effective July 1, 1968 to September 20, 1968. His employment would be on a temporary, full-time basis.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Wilson absent).

28. RESOLUTION establishing its intention to approve an amendment to contract between the Board of Administration of the Public Employees Retirement System.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-139. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

33. Referring back to Item #33 re: Award of Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix (page 10), in attendance was Mr. Tom Fenner, Zone Sales Manager for Industrial Asphalt, residing at 769 Colado Street, Camarillo, who protested the procedure of the City's purchasing Department in obtaining valid bids, it being his understanding that the bidding procedure was merely a price check, with the contract slated to go to last year's successful bidder who had an option agreement with the City. City Manager Ferraro clarified that the option was exercised only because it represented the low bid - the lowest bidder would have been awarded the contract, in any event.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the earlier action of approval. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS

35. Council Committee on Airport Matters submitting their recommendation of William Bergsjo's subtenancy on Kidwell Leasehold.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Council Committee on Airport matters. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

36. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation of Gerald Glass DBA Torrance Aero Center for approval of building addition and sign on the Kidwell Leasehold.

Councilman Johnson pointed out the need for a policy relative to the Kidwell Leasehold. Airport Manager Egan agreed to come back with some declaration.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

- 37. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation of Mssrs. Blair and Scoufos for approval of subtenancy of the Halfway House on the Kidwell Leasehold.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

BUS OPERATIONS

- 39. Progress Report #2 - Torrance Municipal Bus System.

The subject report was ordered filed.

Mr. Marvin Anderson, 3720 Emerald, union steward for the drivers, inquired as to the status of the Council-recommended new bus schedule on the Los Angeles line. Traffic Engineer Horkay, assigned to this task, advised that additional data must be collected, but that a report will soon be forthcoming.

Mrs. Gertrude Ustis (?), 5320 Bindewald, commented on the long period of time buses have been discussed, with an increase in fare taking place, but no visible improvement, and urged that a route be determined.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- 40. Memo from Mayor re: Columbia Park.

Councilman Beasley requested that Staff, the City Manager and Recreation Director, review the subject memo and present the possibilities represented, and place on the July 23rd Council agenda. Mayor Isen had no objections, stating that he feels it important that the 7½ acres be safeguarded. Thereupon Councilman Miller moved that a moratorium be placed upon the 7½ acres. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. City Attorney Remelmeyer questioned the legality of a moratorium, and a substitute motion was offered by Councilman Johnson: That the subject correspondence be approved in principle, specifically requesting that the intervening piece of property be placed under condemnation, seconded by Councilman Beasley, and unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent). It was clarified that a Resolution of Condemnation be prepared by the City Attorney's office, and that this matter would be included on the overall hearing scheduled for July 23rd.

- 41. Visit of Guatemalan Students with attached itinerary of two-day program. (July 2-3, 1968).

Mayor Isen moved to concur that the requested Sister City program funds (\$300) be appropriated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

- 42. REQUEST OF STANDARD OIL CO. TO CONDUCT A GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY
 Recommendation of Public Works Director as outlined in letter of transmittal.

Director of Public Works Nollac explained the proposed geophysical survey. Mayor Isen recommended that a further condition should be: "Limited to two days of actual activity".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works that permission be granted subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

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

43. Report of Council Committee on Commissions.

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

49. RESOLUTION re: Hickory Park Acquisition.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-140

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF (A) NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$76,800.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-140. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

50. RESOLUTION re: Vegas Lease Acquisition.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-141

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF (A) NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$85,600.00.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-141. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. *Wilson absent*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

51. City Clerk Coil presented a letter from Brian Bell announcing his resignation from the Airport Commission, which was ordered filed.

At 11:50 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Monday, July 1st, at 6:30 P.M. for a bus trip to view proposed street alignments, Madrona, Maple, and Garnier, to be followed by a Council meeting at 7:30 P.M. on this subject. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Wilson absent).

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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED :

Albert Isaac

Mayor of the City of Torrance