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Torrance, California
July 2, 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, July 2, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss 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 Deputy City Clerk Moss.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Ellen Chaney, Torrance High School student, led in the salute to the flag, following Mayor Isen's introduction of Planning Commissioner/Teacher James Armstrong who described his unusual instruction innovation in a class labelled "Introduction to Local Government" for Senior students. Councilman Wilson commended this effort, and recommended active student participation in City government.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the June 11, 1968 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 Wilson, 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.

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Mayor Isen announced, with considerable pleasure, the winner of the "Battle of the Bands" was the Torrance High School group, "SYMBOLS OF TYME", sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce; a permaplaque resolution applauding the "Symbols of Tyme" would certainly be in order, and Mayor Isen so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Isen also reported on his conversation with Mrs. Allen, 20527 Osage, (FR 11424), inviting this group to appear in concert before the Council prior to an 8:00 P.M. meeting, with the date of July 23rd, at 7:30 P.M., tentatively suggested.

Further recommended by Mayor Isen was that a permaplaque resolution be prepared for Miss Sharon Terrill - the new "Miss California". Councilman Beasley so moved; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mr. Jerry Tarlow outlined the homecoming for Miss Terrill and the proposed itinerary of events.

Introduced at this time were the guests from Guatemala - ten dental students and interpreters Mr. and Mrs. Maestri - with Honorary Citizenship in the City of Torrance being conferred upon them by Mayor Isen.

A brief explanation of Council procedure was then given by Mayor Isen, and attention directed to the agenda items before the Council.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS:

- 8. CLAIM of Albert Parks for vehicle damages May 28, 1968 at Torrance and Crenshaw.
- 9. CLAIM of Joseph E. Shiplett for vehicle damages May 10, 1968 at Artesia and Hawthorne Boulevard.
- 10. CLAIM of John Kellam for vehicle damage sustained June 14, 1968.

(Recommendation of City Clerk that the above CLAIMS be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney.)

- 11. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director that the sand-blasting, guniting, recaulking and plastering of Victor E. Benstead Plunge be accepted as complete and satisfactory to the City and that final payment be made to the contractor.
- 12. Recommendation of Traffic Engineer re: appropriation of \$5000 out of 2106 Gas Tax Monies for design of traffic signals and storm drains in the vicinity of Anza and Carson Avenues.

13. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.

A. BUDGETED:

- 1. \$572.25 to Friden, Inc. for one only printing calculator Model #1217 requested by the City Airport.
- 2. \$335.22 to Gardena Flag Company for twelve California State flags and twelve United States flags requested by the Fire Department for their various Fire Stations.
- 3. \$359.10 to Western Water Works Supply for 200 lead and copper adapters requested by the Water Department for stock as needed.

4. \$817.95 to Remington Rand Corporation for two microfilm cabinets to house 2400 reels of microfilm requested by the City Librarian.
5. \$800.00 to Torrance Heating and Air Conditioning to install an exhaust fan (rated at 8000 cubic feet per minute) in the Police Pistol Range to exhaust powder smoke and lead dust which now accumulates in the range.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of agenda items 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 16. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

12. RESOLUTION requesting the State Legislature to defeat Assembly Bill 2010 (Residential Housing Development).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE
TO DEFEAT ASSEMBLY BILL 2010 (Residential
Housing Development).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-142. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. City Manager's recommendation re: Proposed Sale of City Property.

City Manager Ferraro clarified that the subject property would be of use only to the adjacent property owners, and will have to be a matter of negotiation.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that these properties be sold according to the procedure used in the past and that the City Manager and the City Attorney be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to do so, it being understood that it is a matter of negotiation with adjacent land owners. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. Resolution repealing Res. 68-124 and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute revised agreement with Eardley, Burchfield and Associates for Fire Station No. 1.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 68-124
AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT REVISED AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY AND EARDLEY, BURCHFIELD, AND
ASSOCIATES FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES - FIRE
STATION NO. 1.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-143; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. Award of Contract, Gasoline Bid for Fiscal Year 1968-69.

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

18. Communication from City Manager re: Torrance Municipal Transit System - Drivers' Uniforms.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager, noting the drivers' preference for the Harris and Frank uniform. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. Letter to Mayor and City Council from Fire Chief re: American Insurance Association Fire Defense Survey Rating of City.

Councilman Uerkwitz deemed the subject communication reporting the sizeable savings in fire insurance premiums worthy of special comment. Fire Chief Lucas related the background of this endeavor, dating back to the 1957 Survey, as well as the hopes for future accomplishments.

20. Resolution authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to execute Reciprocal Library Agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ESTABLISH A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-144; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

21. ORDINANCE adding Article 1, Chapter 7 to Division 7 of the Code to provide regulations and procedures for the removal of overhead utility facilities and for the installation of underground facilities in underground utility districts.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1891

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 7, TO DIVISION 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REMOVAL OF OVERHEAD UTILITY FACILITIES AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES IN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1891 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro called specific attention of the Council to the newly formed utilities committee. Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his earlier recommendation that there should be Commission or Committee layman representation on the utilities committee, acknowledging that he had been outvoted; Councilman Johnson concurred with this. Mayor Isen pointed out the potential future appointments of this nature.

Councilman Wilson then moved to approve the utilities committee as designated by the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

22. Planning Department submitting Master Plan Status and memo from Councilman Johnson to Mayor and fellow Councilmen re: General Plan and changes thereto.

Planning Director Shartle outlined past and proposed efforts in the development of a General Plan for the City of Torrance - the plans for the personnel in his department in such an effort, stating that approval of the requested two people would make it possible to bring to the Planning Commission a General Plan for adoption in approximately one year.

It was noted by Councilman Wilson the keen interest of such groups as the Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Citizens' Advisory Committee, as well as the Planning Commission, all of whom have been pursuing this effort; the need for guidelines is very evident, in Councilman Wilson's opinion, and it is his recommendation that steps be taken to make this come about.

Mayor Isen expressed his hope that a General Plan would not become so general as to become a Cloud 9 operation, adding that the evolvement of the General Plan has been underway a long, long time, with constant reports and studies which now need to be brought together. An important part of planning for this City, according to Mayor Isen, would be a uniform mailing address, and urged that interested groups campaign for a revision in the postal arrangement for Torrance. Mayor Isen concluded with the comment that he fails to see any evidence of bad planning that has resulted because of activities over the last fifteen years, with the possible exception of some of the older sections. Councilman Wilson interjected that it has been a matter of luck -- the way the City has jumped from crisis to crisis in trying to solve the problems without review of the overall problem and the many considerations including economics, traffic, recreation, etc.

Recommending a film titled "Changing Cities", Councilman Sciarrotta thought it very valuable for review by our Planning Department. Concurring with Councilman Wilson, Mr. Sciarrotta added that good planning is an inescapable necessity for cities.

Councilman Miller was of the opinion that the reference should be more to general guidelines rather than general plan, recalling past efforts in master planning and negative public reaction, recommending that the establishment of such guidelines be undertaken. Mr. Miller would be very much opposed to the hiring of a consultant as has been done in other cities.

It was the feeling of Councilman Beasley that development would be determined by the purchaser of the remaining vacant land, a completely unknown factor at this time.

Councilman Uerkwitz stated that changes in a General Plan would be anticipated, but that there would at least be an indication of what is proposed at this point in time, without any specific reference to zones.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that there is little doubt regarding the need for guidelines, and it is time that the Planning Department is given this assignment; recommended as well by Mr. Johnson was citizen and civic group participation in the formulation of the General Plan.

Representing the Planning Commission, Commissioner George Brewster reported that the consensus of this Commission is that there be concurrence with the general concept of advanced planning for the City -- then recognizing that the planning process breaks down into two very broad categories, the first being the establishment of goals and objectives; secondly, the development of some kind of plan expressing these goals in a format that can be used a reference in the future.-- and that there be no definition of the plan at this time, the goals being the first need. It is the feeling of the Commission that it is time to get on with the job, along the approach recommended by Planning Director Shartle in isolating two of his men for exclusive application to this job - establishing these goals and guidelines - within the budget as approved. It should be further recognized, Mr. Brewster pointed out, that if Mr. Shartle is permitted to undertake this assignment then some of the special projects may suffer, the direction being that these men are not to be taken off this project. The primary concern of the Commission is that the venture be launched.

Mrs. James Van Oppen, 23648 Susanna Avenue, representing the League of Women Voters, first alluded to the "fiscal suicide" represented in the 1968-69 budget, to which Mayor Isen took exception and requested that she remain moderate in her statements. The following prepared statement was read by Mrs. Van Oppen: "For the past year members of the League have been observing all meetings of the Planning Commission and have been greatly impressed by the problems and uncertainties created by piecemeal planning. At hearing after hearing we have seen decisions made on zone changes, variances, and waivers without the benefit of a General Plan for the City. We have seen a high-rise residential zone created and yet no overall plan exists as to where this zoning might best be used. We have seen dense development in some areas where the existing streets can hardly carry the traffic. We have seen disputes and uneasiness over the Airport, as there is no clearly stated direction for its development as it relates to the City as a whole. Open space is disappearing, and yet there is no statement of the ultimate recreational needs of this community nor a plan by which it might be realized. Without a General Plan we are pyramiding problems for which we shall pay dearly in the future. A General Plan may not be a cure-all but it certainly is an essential investment in Torrance's future. We urge you to make a policy statement tonight giving top priority to development of a General Plan by the Planning Department. We also urge you to stand behind your policy decision by giving them the tools necessary to do the job right."

Next to speak was Mr. Vern Smith, 2816 West 182nd Street, who was present on behalf of Mr. George Lewison, president of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, stating: "The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of such a program, believing that one of the reasons this project has been delayed over the years is the differences of concept of what a Master Plan is composed. The lack of universal viewpoints reflect itself at the Commission as well as at the Council level. Nonetheless we badly need a blueprint for the future. A plan that is subject to change, certainly, but we badly need an expediting of this program. Councilman Johnson has made some concrete suggestions, but to fail to carry out a complete General Plan will fail the public's best interest. It is suggested that the Planning Commission work closely with the Planning Department, and that a progress report be made to this

Council possibly every 90 days in order that the Council may maintain complete control of this program."

Councilman Wilson stated that the Council has heard very serious concern from the preceding speakers, and that the Council would be acting very negatively, very irresponsibly, as a Council were not some action taken. He, therefore, MOVED to permit the Planning Department to assign people to work on goals and objectives for a General Plan for Torrance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Beasley commented on the already burdened Planning Commission, questioning an assignment of this magnitude. Their willingness to meet weekly to assist in this effort was pointed out by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Johnson referred to his communication of June 12th to the Council pertaining to the General Plan and Changes Thereto, requesting that it be referred to the Planning Commission and City Attorney for their comments. Mayor Isen expressed some concern regarding the prejudging on zoning matters aspect of the plan, and recommended that there be clarification from the City Attorney on this point.

Mr. Brewster returned to relate the Planning Commission's thoughts on Councilman Johnson's letter, stating that by and large many of the things Mr. Johnson proposed are being done in some fashion at the present time; the overlays, etc. were not discussed since this is an area pertaining to the format of the General Plan which was deemed premature by the Commission; the legality was also of concern to the Commission; and, further, there was some reluctance for the reason that their independence in making recommendations to Council might in some way be dampened by having that policy expressed at the first of the year.

Mayor Isen reiterated his concern regarding uniform mailing, and then MOVED that this problem, and how to bring uniform mailing about in the City of Torrance be referred to the Citizens' Advisory Committee as a project of theirs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. Mr. Vern Smith, on behalf of the Committee, graciously accepted this assignment.

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At 7:14 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council recess and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a 10-minute general recess at 7:15 P.M.

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23. OIL WELL BEAUTIFICATION STUDY.

Planning Department report dated July 21, 1966. The Planning Commission concurs with it in concept and recommends approval of the report subject to certain changes.

Approval of the report was expressed, and it was directed to the City Manager prior to the drafting of an ordinance.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

24. WIDENING OF CARSON STREET - Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council adopt RESOLUTION dedicating City-owned property for street widening.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY, CARSON STREET.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-145. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. RESOLUTION requesting the City Attorney to bring a condemnation action for the widening of Sepulveda Blvd. between Arlington and Crenshaw Blvd.

Withdrawn, at the request of City Manager Ferraro.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

26. RESOLUTION instructing the City Treasurer to establish a special fund to be known as Street Lighting District #14. RESOLUTION approving and filing the report of the Traffic and Lighting Engineer. RESOLUTION declaring intention to order certain lighting standards installed and furnish energy and maintenance.

Withdrawn.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

27. RESOLUTION amending the salary resolution to clarify methods of payment and special compensation provisions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 68-136 BY CLARIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT AND CERTAIN SPECIAL COMPENSATION PROVISIONS.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-146. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

28. City Manager's recommendation regarding non-classified employees' salaries.

This item was ordered held for one week in order that the City Manager's salary might be incorporated in the report.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

29. RESOLUTION requesting the City Attorney to bring an action in court for the acquisition of real property in connection with the construction of Columbia Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARK, PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION FACILITIES: AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-147, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

30. Report from Council Committee on Commission appointments.

Councilman Sciarrotta elaborated on the recommendations of the Committee on Commissions, as outlined in their June 18th memo, as did Councilman Wilson on his preference for appointment by geographic sections. Councilman Beasley commented in this regard that geographic appointment would tend to pit one area against another, further noting that Commission members have the overall welfare of Torrance at heart. Councilman Milder felt there had been overdramatization of the geographical aspect, and concurred with the Committee report in general. Of interest to Councilman Uerkwitz were the qualifications of the Commission members, rather than where they reside, it being his feeling that the Committee recommendations represent compromise and consideration to insure that the best appointments are made. Mayor Isen recommended that Commissioners be sought from various active civic groups, with their community efforts known to the Council, rather than by a "want ad" method of selecting candidates.

Mr. Vern Smith reported that there is great feeling in the community that there is a need for Councilmatic districts, and that the Council should bear this in mind in reference to the subject policy.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council adopt the June 18th report of the Council Committee on Commissions. 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.

Implementation of the Committee's recommendations was discussed, it being noted that the ordinance now states that a Commissioner serve "until his successor is chosen":

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the action extending expired Commission terms for four months be rescinded; the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen then requested the pertinent information regarding Commission vacancies from the City Clerk's office, recommending further that July 29th, 7:30 P.M., be set as the date for interviewing applicants for Commission appointments, with the Council as whole convening at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for establishment of procedures to be followed. There were no objections. Also, that letters and applications go forth from the City Manager's office in this quest for talent.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27763; SUBDIVIDER, DON WILSON:BUILDERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Director and Planning Director that subject final tract map be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Uerkwitz recommended that there be a 6-month time limit in reference to the underground utilities. Councilman Sciarrotta so amended his above motion, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Information Item B:

The appointment of a new member of the Board for the Metropolitan Water District was discussed. Mayor Isen MOVED that the incumbent holder of the position as the City's representative be removed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Councilman Beasley recommended City Manager Ferraro as the successor, with Mr. Ben Haggott being the choice of Mayor Isen; it was agreed that this selection be left to a Personnel Session, and that this vacancy be advertised as well.

32. National Supply Franchise Fees.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1890

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss presented for its second and final 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 MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1890 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. Councilman Beasley directed his oral communication to the inferior quality of the water served at the Council meetings -- the lousiest he has ever encountered.

35. Meetings in Torrance on the proposed freeway routes were reported by Councilman Johnson who directed the City Manager to set up dates for these meetings at local high schools.

36. Councilman Johnson reiterated his recommendation that Madrona be made a 100 ft. wide street in connection with the action taken at the July 1st meeting on this proposed alignment; Mayor Isen

requested a recommendation on this suggestion from Director of Public Works Nollac and Planning Director Shartle, with action to be taken at the time of approval of the Resolution. Planning Director Shartle requested at this time that he be permitted to bring back to the Council a precise plan tying those streets down in detail and reserving the right-of-way; the Council concurred in this request.

37. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed his concern for the effect of the Building Code revision and the resultant hardships created, recommending that some thought be given to repeal of this measure which has resulted in a great injustice to the citizens of Torrance.

38. Councilman Uerkwitz reported on the efforts being made in revamping the Building Code, with a draft for review by the Council soon to be made available.

39. It was the recommendation of Councilman Wilson that proper recognition be afforded "Man of the Year" Robert Vroman and the honored musical group, Symbols of Tyme, by way of a permaplaque resolution; he so moved, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

40. Mr. Carl Gerson, president of the Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association, requested permission to have a picnic, with miniature rides, at El Retiro Park again this year, confirming that their group is incorporated and have adequate insurance. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that permission be granted, subject to adequate insurance to be set by the City Attorney, review by Building and Safety Director McKinnon, and further subject to review by the License Review Board, if required. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and approval was unanimous.

41. Mr. Nick Drale requested support of a proposition to appear on the November ballot to place a ceiling on property taxes in the State of California. This matter was referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer for his analysis.

42. Mr. Phillip Joseph, president, Torrance Police Officers Association, read a letter of appreciation from his organization for the time and effort extended by the Council in the establishment of the 1968-69 budget. Read as well by Mr. Joseph was a similarly complimentary editorial appearing on the front page of their newsletter.

43. Mr. Marvin Anderson, union steward for the bus drivers, requested a two weeks extension for putting the new schedules into effect. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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

APPROVED:
Albert Isen

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary