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Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Torrance, California
September 17, 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, September 17, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. James Berger, representing the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the meetings of August 29th and September 3rd be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all regularly audited bills be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, 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 Johnson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

Clarification was obtained from Assistant City Manager Scharfman relative to a request for a foster home, of interest to Mrs. Donald Armstrong who was present on this matter -- it was determined that a hearing had been held before the License Review Board, a favorable decision rendered, and not a matter for Council consideration unless appealed by the applicant, Mrs. Garner.

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Council procedure was outlined by Mayor Isen to those in attendance.

Mayor Isen proudly announced at this time his possession of a check in the amount of \$100,000 representing Highway through Cities Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard, 182nd Street to 190th Street, from Supervisor Hahn on behalf of the Board of Supervisors -- the check was relinquished to City Treasurer Rupert. Mayor Isen then related the events of a most rewarding meeting with Supervisor Hahn this date, along with Councilman Miller, wherein they were advised of possible interest by Los Angeles County in the development of the proposed regional park. Both Mayor Isen and Councilman Miller urged that no time be lost in solving the matter of the Edison Company property. Councilman Sciarrotta commended Mayor Isen and Councilman Miller for this significant progress.

A request for a letter of welcome for Torrance JC's, expected in Torrance in April, 1969, from the City Council, was presented by Mr. Jim Berger on behalf of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Uerkwitz thereupon MOVED that the City Council endorse the subject project of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and write the requested letter over the signatures of the Councilmen. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:9. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.A. BUDGETED.

1. \$989.63 to Park-Son, Inc. for 13 water gate valves requested by the Water Department for stock to be used for new and replacement service.
2. \$317.02 to Kelly Pipe Company for 120 feet of 6-inch pipe requested by the Water Department.
3. \$1118.66 to Electric Supply Distributors for 4000 feet of wire, one only electric circuit breaker switch panel, a timing device plus other hardware requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for a lighting installation at the City Yard.

4. \$603.75 to Lakewood Pipe and Steel for 100 reconditioned lengths of pipe cut to 11-ft. lengths requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for use as street name sign posts.
5. \$653.63 to Gymnastic Supply Company for 15 sets of gymnastic mats requested by the Recreation Department for use in their various athletic programs.
6. \$1141.67 to Cameo for 131 porcelain street name signs requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department as part of a replacement program for old street name signs.
7. \$731.43 to Cook Ford Tractors Inc. for one only heavy duty flail mower requested by the City Airport for use in weed abatement.
8. On August 27, 1968 Purchasing requested that Council approve an award to Game Time, Inc. for 12 heavy duty picnic tables requested by the Park Department. The requested award should have included the local representative from Game Time, Inc., by name, Mr. Robert Detmers. So, it is requested that Council approve the award to Game Time, Inc., c/o Mr. Bob Detmers for these tables.

B. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES -
Requested by the City Librarian.

9. \$1461.03 to Kater-Crafts Bookbinders for 1474 books of assorted titles.
10. Award of Contract - Renewal of Bus Lease Tire Agreement with B.F. Goodrich Company, 1968-69 Fiscal Year.
11. Award of Contract - Three New Transit Buses, B-68-46, 1968-69 Fiscal Year. + Three Air Conditioning Units for same.
12. City Manager request to attend ICMA Conference.
14. Award of Contract - Improvement of 182nd Street from east of Wilton Place to Gramercy Place, B-68-45, Job #67059.
15. Request of Harry Kissell for one year extension to complete public works improvements in Tract No. 30035.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with items 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Considered separately:

13. City Attorney request to attend State Bar Convention.

Councilman Uerkwitz questioned the underwriting of a portion of the subject request, being of the opinion that if there is sufficient reason for a partial underwriting there must be good reason for providing the entire amount.

Clarification was furnished by City Manager Ferraro regarding the fact that the subject conference is not a budgeted conference, but that there are direct benefits to the City, hence the token \$100 appropriation recommendation.

The guidelines established for both Council and Staff were reviewed by Councilman Miller. Mayor Isen added that he must reluctantly point out that this particular convention is not a City convention but rather a State Bar Convention with indirect benefit to the City. It would be his recommendation that if the City Attorney desires to attend this Convention that it be on his vacation time and at his own expense. A general discussion followed on the merits of the request.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and grant the request of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, but failed to carry with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that the City Attorney would be aware of the conventions which offer the most benefit to him as a professional person, and it seems to him that such judgment has been exercised in this case.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. Appeal of Home Occupation Permit 68-41, Billie M. Hayes, to allow the use of apartment at 3115 Merrill Drive, Apt. 43, as a model apartment for the sale and transfer of shares of stock connected with the cooperative apartment.

Councilman Johnson, the author of the appeal in this matter, explained that he had been contacted by opponents of the request who feel that this situation does not differ from any other circumstance where a broker wants to live in his house, use it as an office, and conduct his business from there, opposed by both the City and the Realty Board, and approval of this request opens such a door.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation of approval for HO 68-41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, commenting on a similar situation employed by Mr. Ray Watt at New Horizons, adding that the subject request is not a real estate arrangement but, rather, a stock transfer operation.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Isen invited the opposition to speak:

Mrs. Mary Day, residing at the Del Amo Co-op apartments, and affiliated with Kent Realty, protested the tactics used by Mrs. Hayes, outlining the difficulties that have been encountered in attempting to obtain cooperation in the sale of the apartments, along with the desire of other realtors to pursue their livelihood in being able to sell such apartments in face of the "closed door" policy now in existence at the subject apartments.

Mrs. Fran Bergeroff, owner of Fran's Real Estate, 1629 Crenshaw, stated that she is a broker, residing at 2940 West Carson, and that she does not operate an office out of her home but, rather, maintains a business office, a fact that was vigorously investigated by the License Department.

Next to speak was Mrs. Helen Horton, 3030 Merrill Drive, who stated that she had formerly been associated with Mrs. Hayes in the selling of real estate, a position from which she resigned. Mrs. Horton is opposed to the selling of the co-ops by Mrs. Hayes with her being singled out as the only broker permitted to so sell; adding that she too will apply for a home occupation permit, living in the front of the building and having a similar right. Further reported by Mrs. Horton were past attempts to rectify this situation, and the differing attitude at that time of Councilman Beasley.

Mr. William B. Peck, salesman with Alpine Realty Company, stated that he is owner of property in the co-op, and has had a listing there as well and encountered no difficulty in signing, holding open house, and complaints regarding restrictions in any manner seem unfounded to him. Copies of listings on this property by other brokers, including one for Councilman Johnson, were noted by Mr. Peck. At Mayor Isen's question, Mr. Peck confirmed that tenants of the apartments are free to list with whomever they choose.

It was the comment of Councilman Miller that in his some 20 years of real estate experience in Torrance, including listings in the subject co-op, no problems have occurred, it being the prerogative of the owners to list with the realtor of their choice. It was suggested by Mr. Miller that in view of the remaining three unsold units, that there be a termination date established for this request which will permit Mrs. Hayes, as a business woman, to adjust to the problems that are now confronting her and resolve them. It was the further comment of Mr. Miller that, in his opinion, there is a completely different psychological concept to selling co-op apartments as against selling a home.

Mrs. Day returned to read aloud a letter from Mrs. Hayes to the tenants of the co-op urging them to avail themselves of her services in selling their apartments, followed by other allegations of Mrs. Hayes real estate activities.

Mrs. Hayes was in attendance during the above and periodically responded without coming to the microphone.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED the question, which was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

It was then recommended by Councilman Johnson, in line with Councilman Miller's comments, that a time limit be established. Councilman Sciarrotta then amended his original motion: That the Council concur with the Planning Commission recommendation of approval for HO 68-41, subject to a one-year time limitation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Wilson expressed concern as to a possible conflict of interest for the Councilmen involved

in the real estate business. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that there would not be any such conflict of interest.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (for the reason he does not feel the business should be there, but the compromise is on the right track.)

Councilman Miller commented that his "yes" vote is based on the City Attorney's ruling that there is no conflict of interest.

Mrs. Day then requested a copy of the letter from the Board of Directors of the apartment, furnished the Council by Mrs. Hayes -- Mayor Isen ascertained that Mrs. Hayes had no objection, and City Clerk Coil complied.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

17. RESOLUTION accepting Lot 31 of Tract No. 21624 and Lots 38 and 39 of Tract 25311 for public street purposes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES, LOT 31 OF TRACT NO. 21624 AND LOTS 38 AND 39 OF TRACT NO. 25311 AND NAMING SAID LOTS, MANHATTAN PLACE, 180TH STREET AND 179TH STREET, RESPECTIVELY.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-211. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. Recommendation of Public Works Director and Planning Director that Final Tract Map No. 27828 be approved.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur in the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. RESOLUTION authorizing the quitclaim of City property within Tentative Tract No. 27828.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED TO ITS INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHIN TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 27828.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-212, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

REAL PROPERTY:

20. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of lease between the City and American Standard, Inc. with attachment re: request to purchase access property.

Mr. Reuben Ordaz was present, along with other Pueblo representatives, for this history-making moment.

City Manager Ferraro noted the reference to a "cyclone" fence (page 2, item 4 (b) stating this is presumed to be a chain link fence.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMERICAN STANDARD INCORPORATED FOR LEASE OF AMERICAN STANDARD PROPERTY BY THE CITY FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-213, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Formal action was also required in approval of the request of the Director of Recreation for an appropriation from the General Fund of \$18,795 for the purpose of acquiring access to land leased from the American Standard Company and to pay the cost for minimal development of this access land plus the American Standard leased land for recreation purposes. Also requested is authority to purchase on the south side of Del Amo Boulevard Lot 56 and a portion of Lot 55, Tract 9901, more commonly known as 2250 Del Amo Boulevard. Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Director of Recreation's request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Van Bellehem explained the difficulties of the land acquisition to date, but the outlook is now more optimistic, with a resolution soon forthcoming, and every effort will be made to expedite the matter in view of the No. 1 priority assigned this project by Council.

21. Offer to purchase City property by Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Sr. Administrative Assistant. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

22. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with County of Los Angeles for installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Redondo Beach Boulevard and the El Camino College access roadway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-214. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. RESOLUTION establishing 35 MPH prima facie speed limit on Calle Mayor between Pacific Coast Highway and Anza Avenue.

Strong objection to increasing the speed limit on this street was voiced by Councilman Uerkwitz, primarily for the reason of the many school children (including South High automobile and pedestrian traffic), representing many problems which have been aired before the Council previously. The idea of a speed limit, in Councilman Uerkwitz' opinion, is control, not adjustment; a police car at this location quickly assures observance of the speed limit, with 25 miles per hour a most realistic speed limit. Discussion followed on the custom of exceeding speed limits by 5 or 10 miles per hour.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 61-157, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES 35 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-215; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Wilson.

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

Councilman Wilson commented, regarding his "yes" vote, that in terms of reasonableness a 25 MPH speed limit would encourage an increase in the traffic rate here, as well as other parts of the City where this is the practice over the posted speed limit, resulting in the requested 35 MPH in any event.

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At 6:45 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council, immediately reconvening as the Redevelopment Agency. This was followed by a general recess/personnel session at 6:47 P.M. which lasted until 7:05 P.M.

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The outcome of the personnel session appointments were announced by Mayor Isen on resumption of the meeting.

The vacancies in the Torrance Safety Council and the Citizens' Advisory Council were filled as follows: Mark Brooks, Torrance Safety Council - Mrs. Genevieve Burchfield, Mr. William Borton, and Mr. Donald Mead, Citizens' Advisory Committee. Mayor Isen so nominated; the Council was polled, and approval was unanimous.

24. RESOLUTION prohibiting parking on Hawthorne Boulevard on the east side from the south curb of Del Amo Boulevard produced to a point approximately 320 feet south and on the west side of the south curb of Del Amo Boulevard produced to a point 330 ft. south.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-242 WHICH ESTABLISHES "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" RESTRICTIONS, BY ADDING A LOCATION THERETO.

Prior to taking action on Resolution No. 68-216, Mr. Benjamin Tooler, 20319 Hawthorne, was permitted to speak, and he advised that the above resolution would eliminate his present street parking, outlining the problems at this location further complicated by the existence of a telephone pole near the driveway. Director of Public Works Nollac agreed to be of assistance to Mr. Tooler in trying to arrive at some solution for his problem.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-216, which was seconded by Councilman Wilson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. Communication from City Manager re: TCEA request for additional vacation benefits.

Mr. Ray Saukkola, president of the Torrance City Employees' Association, reviewed the circumstances surrounding the subject request for additional vacation benefits. The results of the study, requested at budget time by the Council, are before the Council, and, as anticipated, represent a minimal cost, according to Mr. Saukkola, in terms of the total budget and benefit to the employees.

A general discussion followed on the request, along with other necessary considerations, and it was the consensus that this request was a proper matter for the 1969-70 budget.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved that the subject request be referred to the City Manager for consideration in next year's budget. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

FISCAL MATTERS:

26. Communication from City Attorney re: Services of Walter Anderson.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney re: the continued employment of Attorney Walter Anderson. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUS SYSTEM:

27. Communication from City Manager re: Torrance Transit System additional restroom.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, and that \$1200 be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve for this purpose. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried as follows:

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

28. RESOLUTION congratulating the Torrance Wild Mustangs Team on winning the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Championship at Gardena, California

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE TORRANCE WILD MUSTANGS TEAM ON WINNING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP AT GARDENA, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-217. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

29. PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTANTS WEEK -
SEPTEMBER 22-28, 1968
30. PROCLAMATION - TORRANCE COUNCIL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
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SEPTEMBER 16-20, 1968

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

32. ORDINANCE 1907.

Withdrawn.

33. ORDINANCE 1917.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1917

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 AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CITY BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND BERYE STREET TO THE WESTERLY CITY LIMITS, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-9.
(R.A. WATT COMPANY)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1917 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. ORDINANCE 1918.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1918

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PRECISE ZONING.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1918 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. White Front Parking Lot Landscaping.

Planning Director Shartle was pleased to announce that meetings on this matter had been successful, and that the landscaping will be somewhat less than 3% but it will encompass landscaping of the entire White Front parking lot. These plans were presented to the Council. Mr. Shartle added that it is their intent to start the landscaping after Christmas but that it will be completed by the first of April.

Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the landscaping plans for the White Front parking lot, as well as with the starting date. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen then referred to Emergency Ordinance No. 1908 wherein he was not called on to vote, and he requested that that ordinance be rescinded at this time, with the regular ordinance to come in due form, and that his vote be recorded as a "yes" vote. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. Reconsideration of Item 23 (speed limit on Calle Mayor) was requested by City Traffic Engineer Horkay to the extent of permitting a 1-month trial period. The Council declined to grant the request.

37. Councilman Johnson referred to recent Planning Commission action pertaining to the Capellino property on Hawthorne Boulevard and a requested automotive service center. It is his feeling that Council does not desire such a service center and that they would want to see the precise plan of development -- however, with a recently adopted ordinance, it is no longer necessary for precise plans to come to Council unless appealed by interested parties. Planning Director Shartle explained the large number of precise plans processed, a time consuming procedure, and the hope that the referred to ordinance would reduce much red tape, delay, and cost. Councilman Johnson further expressed his concern for future matters that might be overlooked -- Mayor Isen alluded to the notification of Planning Commission matters furnished by the Planning Department -- and City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that it merely be a matter of a Councilman advising City Manager Ferraro or Mr. Shartle that they desire such an appeal, it being their prerogative to do so, so long as it is done before the time for the appeal period lapses.

38. Councilman Wilson reported his pleasure in learning of the award to the Torrance Youth Council by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and urged participation by the City Council in supporting this Youth Council. It was agreed that the Council would attend their first meeting of the new season.

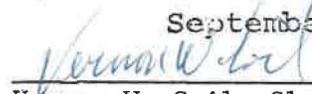
There being no further business, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

12. Council Minutes
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Mayor of the City of Torrance


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