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Adjourned at 6:35 P.M. to Thursday, October 3, 1968,  
7:00 P.M. at Torrance High School

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

ii. Council Minutes  
October 1, 1968

Torrance, California  
October 1, 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, October 1, 1968, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Wilson (illness). 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. Jack Hogue, Security Pacific National Bank, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Minister for the Month of October, Reverend Francis A. Rath, was introduced by Mayor Isen, and he opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the meeting of September 16th be approved as submitted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, 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 Uerkwitz, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Introduced at this time by Mr. J. Walker Owens was the newest member of the Chamber staff, Mr. Ernie Willbanks, who will be in charge of membership and public relations.

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A brief explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen.

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(In view of the large attendance on the Library Bond Bid Opening, this item was the first consideration, out of the regular agenda order.)

LIBRARY BOND BID OPENING - SALE OF \$1,550,000 BONDS, SERIES "B"

- 15. City Clerk submitting proposed RESOLUTION awarding bond to the best bidder, and rejecting all other bids, together with outline of procedure for the opening of bids and sale of bonds.

Mayor Isen first inquired if there were any bank representatives interested in submitting bids who had not yet presented same to the City Clerk. There was no response.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place fixed for the opening of bids for \$1,550,000 bonds of Torrance, California, designated "City of Torrance, Library Bonds, Election 1967, Series B," all in the denomination of \$1,000, or all in the denomination of \$5,000, at the option of the purchaser, and either 1,550 in number, numbered 1 to 1,550, inclusive, or 310 in number, numbered 1 to 310 inclusive, depending upon the denomination specified, dated October 1, 1968.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids on the Bonds. Councilman Beasley moved that the Affidavit of Publication be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Mayor Isen then directed City Clerk Coil, with the assistance of City Manager Ferraro, to open and read the bids, as follows:

1. First Western Bank and Trust Company, Los Angeles.  
 Cashier's Check in the amount of \$16,000 enclosed.  
 Net Amount of Interest: \$815,036.  
 Net Interest Cost 4.3937%

2. Weeden & Company, Los Angeles. Cashier's Check in the amount of \$16,000 enclosed.  
 Total Interest \$807,520.  
 Net Interest Rate 4.3532%

3. Security First National Bank, Los Angeles. Cashier's Check in the amount of \$16,000 enclosed.
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| Total Net Interest Cost   | \$804,219. |
| Average Net Interest Rate | 4.3354%    |
4. Wells Fargo Bank, Los Angeles. Cashier's Check in the amount of \$16,000 enclosed.
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| Net Interest              | \$790,750. |
| Average Net Interest Cost | 4.2628%    |
5. Bank of America, Los Angeles. Cashier's Check in the amount of \$16,000 enclosed.
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| Net Interest Cost | \$799,010. |
| Interest Rate     | 4.3073%    |
6. United California Bank, Los Angeles. Cashier's Check in the amount of \$16,000 enclosed.
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| Net Interest Payable | \$816,603.50 |
| Net Interest Cost    | 4.4021752    |
7. Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles. Cashier's Check in the amount of \$16,000 enclosed.
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| Total Interest Cost | \$797,015. |
| Net Interest Cost   | 4.29657%   |

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to refer the bids to a committee, composed of the representative of Rafferty and Company, Financial Consultants; the City Manager; the City Treasurer; and the Finance Director for checking and computation, with a report thereon to be made to the Council later in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

City Clerk Coil advised that a telegram had been received from the bond buyer in New York requesting that they be advised of the decision by a collect telephone call.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:8. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.A. BUDGETED

1. \$391.70 to Superior Wholesale Electric for 3,000 feet of wire of rigid conduit and two interval switches requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for completion of nightlighting project at the Lago Sego and Hickory Parks.
2. \$917.76 to Cameo for twenty-four traffic-speed signs requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

B. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES

(Paid from the Library Bond Fund)

3. \$340.20 to California Book Supply for 95 copies of Automotive Handbooks and Manuals.
  4. \$654.17 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc., c/o A.C. McClurg and Company, for 155 assorted books.
9. Purchase of Police Radios (WITHDRAWN).
10. Renewal of City Uniform Rental Contract, Fiscal Year 1968-69.
11. Recommendation of Water Systems Manager that \$355.51 be refunded to B.F. Goodrich Company.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Items 8, 10, and 11 be approved as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.

Considered separately:

12. Water Systems Manager recommending appointment of Commissioner Harry G. Matthews to fill former Commissioner Schwab's remaining term as the representative of the City on the Board of Directors of the West Basin Water Association.

Clarification was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz relative to any possible conflict in such an appointment, and was advised that this is normal procedure in this particular case, and, in fact, should serve as an "information only" item for the Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Water Systems Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

13. Recommendation of Public Works Director that the dedication of Anza Avenue from Pacific Coast Highway to Newton Street be accepted under the terms and conditions as outlined by Mr. Harry Kissel in his letter to the City dated 9-4-68.

Councilman Johnson requested clarification of the requirements to be borne by Mr. Kissell and those to be borne by the City, which was furnished by Director of Public Works Nollac.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14. Prairie Subdivision re: extension (WITHDRAWN).  
15. Library Bond Bid Opening - Heard earlier in the meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. Communication from Planning Director re: Proposed Limited Manufacturing Zone. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Attorney prepare the necessary ordinance; his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved. (Councilman Wilson absent).

17. Ordinance re: precise plan of development for Del Amo Business District (WITHDRAWN).  
18. ORDINANCE providing for waiver of fees for a conditional use permit applicant who had dedicated over 10,000 square feet for highway frontage.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1922

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 95.2.1 AND 95.4.1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER OF FEES UPON APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OR EXCEPTION THEREFROM.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1922 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

19. ORDINANCE providing for precise plan requirement on an existing zone.

City Attorney Remelmeyer questioned the wisdom of singling out a single area for the requirement of a precise plan, adding that it

can be accomplished by putting the District in a C-4 zone, and amending the C-4 zone ordinance to require a precise plan. It was the request of Mr. Remelmeyer that this matter be referred back to him for preparation of an appropriate ordinance. Information as to any possible conflict of interest, and a need for abstention, was requested by Councilman Sciarrotta who owns property in this area - City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that when the ordinance returns all will be able to vote on it.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the City Attorney prepare the necessary ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

20. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of right-of-way contract and easement deed with John D. Dandoy and Phillis Dandoy.

An amendment on Page 1 of the Right-of-Way Contract was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer -- the sum of \$220.00 each is incorrect; it should read "\$220.00 jointly".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND JOHN DALE DANDROY AND PHILLIS A. DANDROY.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-225. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).  
21. Withdrawn.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

22. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for the upgrading of railroad crossing protection in connection with the improvements of Crenshaw Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-226

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 ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING AND THE UPGRADING OF CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE CRENSHAW BOULEVARD CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE'S ALUMINUM SPUR TRACK, DESIGNATED BY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AS CROSSING NO. 2H-20.7-C.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-226. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

23. RESOLUTION authorizing the installation of 2-hour parking restrictions 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Sunday excepted on the west side of Garnier Street from Lomita Boulevard to Skypark Drive and rescinding Resolution No. 68-99 which covered only the northerly 200 feet of Garnier Street with similar restrictions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 68-99 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-116 BY ADDING A LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-227. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

24. Recommendation of City Traffic Engineer that an additional \$543.62 be appropriated out of 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover the City's share of the cost of installing traffic signals at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Freeman Avenue-Amie Avenue.

Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer in the appropriation of \$543.62 out of the 2106 Gas Tax Funds. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. RESOLUTION amending Resolution No. 68-136 to change the ranges for Senior Utility Maintenceman and Sanitation Leadman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 68-136 TO CHANGE THE RANGES FOR SENIOR UTILITY MAINTENANCEMAN AND SANITATION LEADMAN, SAID CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 1968.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-228, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing the destruction of certain records.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-229. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

26A. RESOLUTION requesting State Legislature to enact laws to provide for termination of unproductive oil leases.

A prepared statement, with copies available to interested parties as well as for the record, was read by Councilman Johnson relative to a brief prepared by Mr. Kenneth Delamater, attorney at law, in Canoga Park in which he proposes to get legislation in action to abate oil wells when the oil well becomes relatively non-productive, along with recommended solutions to this problem. City Attorney Remelmeyer has advised Councilman Johnson that the State has probably preempted the field regarding legislation of this type; accordingly, it is Mr. Johnson's suggestion that this Council proceed as follows: (1) Adopt the Resolution for this agenda item; (2) Authorize the City Clerk to forward copies of the Resolution to other cities having similar problems; (3) Request those cities to pass a similar Resolution and forward one copy to their State Representative and to the League of California Cities; (4) Request the Mayor and Councils Department of the League of California Cities at their forthcoming meeting this month pass a similar Resolution; (5) Request the League of California Cities to introduce legislation similar to that proposed by Mr. Delamater, and, in addition, request the State Legislature to permit the cities to legislate in this field, if the Legislature is not inclined to do so.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LAWS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF UNPRODUCTIVE OIL LEASES; AND FURTHER REQUESTING THAT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SPONSOR SUCH LEGISLATION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-230. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was the comment of Mayor Isen that this represents important and constructive legislation, deploring, however, the seeming lack of action by other cities, there being glaring inequities with no action by the Legislature which was attributed to powerful oil lobbies by Mayor Isen. To his mind the small landowner is in desperate need of a champion, and this should be a matter of grave concern to the legislators; the subject Resolution acknowledges the problem and is a step forward by this Council, and it should be followed through.

Concurring that this might be the right direction, Councilman Miller lamented the lack of action by the Legislature and felt that a demonstration of serious interest by the League of California Cities and other cities might bring about sufficient pressure to accomplish enactment of needed legislation, from a statewide point of view.

Mr. P.L. Lacombe, representing Standard Oil Company, referred to the above discussed problem, pointing out that these problems are in existence in old areas -- the new techniques of leasing and new ways of development are not involved, adding that the legislation that was brought about was done so by some confusion between a lease situation where the minerals were severed -- recommending additional research on the matter as well as other remedial methods offered by law.

It was clarified by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Resolution just passed does not commit the Council to Mr. Dellamater's formula for solving this problem, but there may be other methods -- the Council is asking the League to look into this and to support legislation to rectify this particular problem.

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At 6:20 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn as City Council to Redevelopment Agency, reconvening as City Council at 6:21 P.M.

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27. Re: Leo M. Harvey.

Mayor Isen requested that this matter be returned to the agenda in the form of a Resolution.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

28. ORDINANCE 1919.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1919

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE OIL CODE (CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE) TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF OIL WELL SITES: AMENDING THE PROVISIONS

GOVERNING STANDARD DRILLING CONDITIONS; AND  
ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH  
THE OIL CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1919 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

29. ORDINANCE 1921.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1921

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 95.3.13 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR REFUSE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS, REFUSE DUMPS AND RELOCATION OF REFUSE DUMPS; AND ADDING SECTIONS 94.1.13 ENTITLED "REFUSE DUMPS" REQUIRING LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL WATER CONTROL BOARD APPROVAL PRIOR TO APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FOR THE OPERATION OR RELOCATION OF SUCH PLANT OR DUMP.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1921 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

30. OPINION re: use of Trailer.

Councilman Beasley moved to ratify the opinion of the City Manager and City Attorney re: use of trailer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

31. Introduced at this time by Councilman Uerkwitz was Mr. Jim Conn, Manager, Pacific Telephone Company; Mr. Conn elaborated on the noteworthy project, COMMUNITY JAMBOREE, and expressed appreciation of the efforts of the City relative to this event, and extended an invitation to all present to attend -- the dates being October 7th through October 11th from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 P.M., admission free, at the Grand Theatre.

32. City Manager Ferraro reminded the Council of their intent to attend the Youth Council meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 7:00 P.M. in the Employees' Lounge. It was noted, regretfully, by Mayor Isen that he will be unable to attend due to a previous engagement, nor can Councilman Sciarrotta be present because of a class that evening.

PRESENTATIONS:Introduction and administration of oath of office to ten Police Reserve Officers.

Introduced, and appropriately commended, by Captain Robert Hammond, Torrance Police Department, were the Police Reserve Officers who have successfully completed the training course for this assignment. City Clerk Coil administered the oath of office to: Ronald Angell, Cecil Alter, Paul Chapdelaine, Victor Conde, Alvin Eldridge, Jerry Gruninger, David Large, Jr., Melvin Parker, Lloyd Sorenson, and Benjamin Wallace.

The congratulations of the Council were extended these officers by Mayor Isen.

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Returning to Item 15 - LIBRARY BOND BID OPENING.

The conference completed, City Treasurer Rupert announced that it is the recommendation of the City Manager, the Financial Consultant, the City Treasurer, and the Director of Finance that the bid on the City of Torrance Library Bond, Election 1967, Series B, be awarded to the low bidder - WELLS FARGO BANK.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read the following Resolution in its entirety:

RESOLUTION 68-231

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED \$1,550,000 BONDS OF SAID CITY TO THE BEST BIDDER AND REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS.

WHEREAS, at the time and place fixed for the opening of bids for the \$1,550,000 bonds of the City of Torrance, California, designated "City of Torrance, Library Bonds, Election 1967, Series B," and numbered 1 to 310, both inclusive, all bids were publicly opened, examined and read, and a tabulation thereof has been entered in the minutes; and

WHEREAS, the bid of the bidder hereinafter named is the best bid made by a responsible bidder for said bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. That the bid of WELLS FARGO BANK offering par, accrued interest to date of delivery and a premium of \$172.50 for bonds bearing interest payable annually the first year and semiannually thereafter at the rate(s) of:

11. Council Minutes  
October 1, 1968



*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVED:

*Albert Isaac*

Mayor of the City of Torrance