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Adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

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December 30, 1968

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Monday, December 30, 1968, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Beasley.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and Deputy City Clerk Moss. Absent: City Clerk Coil (illness).

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The tragic death of Officer Gary Rippstein, killed in the line of duty, was sadly announced by Mayor Isen. The condolences of the Council were offered his family, and one minute of silence in memory of Officer Rippstein, following the invocation, was requested by Mayor Isen. A memorial resolution was further requested by Mayor Isen.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

At Mayor Isen's request, Mrs. Donald Mead led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend E.W. Odell, First Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation, followed by one minute of silence in memory of Officer Gary Rippstein.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 1968, be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all property audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, as follows:

1. Council Minutes  
December 30, 1968

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz 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 Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

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The "calendar ceremony" was performed with great finesse by Councilman Johnson -- the unveiling revealing a 1913 calendar, a year paralleling 1969, and prompting reminiscences of early Torrance. Mayor Isen deemed 1968 a good year for the City, and expressed tremendous optimism for 1969 in the continued building of the greatest city in the nation.

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A brief explanation of City Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen at this time.

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Items #11 and #12 considered separately).

8. AWARD OF CONTRACT - (Purchase Order) - Replacement of Heat Pump/Air Conditioner in Airport Administration Building Reference Bid 68-60.
9. AWARD OF CONTRACT - (Purchase Order) Two Truck Utility Bodies and One Truck Dump Body with Hydraulic Hoist. Reference Bid 68-51.
10. AWARD OF CONTRACT - (Purchase Order) Diesel Tractor, Street Department. Reference Bid 68-53.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with recommendations of Finance Director on agenda items #8,9, and 10, and that all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

11. BUDGETED AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

Councilman Johnson requested clarification on the recommendation for item #14 re: Fire Department Rescue Vehicle. Finance Director Dundore advised that the recommendation should have been shown as "\$3,645.73 from Fred Gledhill Chevrolet".

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$335.34 to G.M.C. Truck and Coach of Oakland, California for miscellaneous repair parts requested by the City Garage for use in repairing a "downed" City bus. G.M.C. is the sole West Coast wholesale distributor for G.M.C. parts.
2. \$551.25 to J.O. Dircks Company for 100,000 rounds of practice ammunition primers requested by the Police Dept.
3. \$435.75 to A.D. Alpine Company for one only electric potters wheel requested by the Recreation Department for use in their Arts and Craft classes.
4. \$458.88 to California Electronics for eleven revolving amber safety beacon lights requested by the Park Department for use on City trucks.
5. \$359.10 to J. Jones Company for 300 pipe couplings requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
6. \$574.56 to Blinker Lite for fifty wooden barricades and 24 lighted metal barricades requested by the Water Department for use in their operations.
7. \$741.21 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for Hersey-Sparling water meter repair parts requested by the Water Department for meter repair "as needed".
8. \$417.69 to Western Water Works Supply Company for six only 4" and 6" water pipe repair clamps requested by the Water Department.
9. \$650.17 to Econolite Corporation for miscellaneous pedestrian and vehicle traffic signal replacement parts requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for signal repair and maintenance.
10. \$328.37 to Freeway Truck Parts for one only International replacement cylinder head requested by the City Garage for use on a "downed" vehicle.
11. \$1305.00 to American Aerial Surveys, Inc. for supplying an aerial photograph and drawing of a topographical map for the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project.
12. \$1781.33 to Xerox Corporation for 39 cartons of electrostatic toner needed for the copy operation of the City's Xerox machine requested by the Central Services Department.
13. \$1062.60 to Wardlaw Fire Equipment for eight only 10' lengths of soft suction hose (100% dacron-polyester) requested by the Fire Department as replacement items.
14. \$3645.73 to Fred Gledhill Chevrolet for Fire Department Rescue Vehicle.

15. \$437.47 to Superior Wholesale Electric for six mercury ballast flood lamps requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department for replacement purposes as needed throughout the City.
  16. \$1181.83 to Torrance Camera for a six-month supply of film and other assorted items requested by the Police Department for photo work with delivery of these items to be "as requested".
  17. \$537.81 to Riccobon and Company for 6,500 purchase order forms required by the Purchasing Division for contracting of needed equipment and supplies for the City.
- B. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - Library books and supplies requested by the City Librarian.
18. \$2443.40 to Carl J. Leibel - Division of Bro-Dart for 350 adult books, 23 reference books and 216 juvenile books.
  19. \$432.33 to Lord Associates for 112 juvenile books.
  20. \$405.72 to West-State Books for 67 adult fiction and non-fiction books.
  21. \$424.31 to G.P. Putnam's Sons for 59 adult books.
  22. \$2200.60 to Richard Pexton for 844 juvenile books.
  23. \$363.83 to Patterson Smith for 25 reference books.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with recommendation for approval of purchases outlined in Item #11. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried as follows:

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

12. RESOLUTION congratulating the Del Amo Financial Center.

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

RESOLUTION 68-287

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE DEL AMO FINANCIAL CENTER ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE 1968-1969 SWEEPSTAKES AWARD FOR ITS COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING IN THE 13TH ANNUAL COMPETITION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution 68-287. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. RESOLUTION granting Conditional Use Permit for construction and operation of gasoline sales area - Planning Commission case CUP 68-35 - Great Lakes Properties, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION 68-288

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE USE OF PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A GASOLINE SALES AREA AS PART OF A DEPARTMENT STORE DEVELOPMENT AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 68-35 - GREAT LAKES PROPERTIES, INC. (HAROLD H. STREIGHT AND JAMES W. FARINET).

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution 68-288, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

14. APPEAL OF S68-28, Leo Salisbury (Federal Sign Company, Agent). Request for permission to construct an oversize roof sign on a building under construction at 20457 Hawthorne Boulevard. Denied by the Planning Commission.

There was no response to Mayor Isen's inquiry as to the presence of the proponent. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for denial of S68-28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion for denial, notification procedures were discussed, it appearing unusual that the proponent would not be present; it was agreed that the matter should be tabled until the January 7th meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon withdrew his motion, as did Councilman Wilson his second.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the subject request be tabled until the January 7th Council meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

(NOTE: This item considered later in the meeting - Page 7.)

Research into notification methods (preferably a written notice) by the Planning Department and Planning Commission was recommended by Mayor Isen in matters of appeal before the Council.

An aside to City Attorney Remelmeyer by Mayor Isen in reference to the pending sign ordinance elicited the information that the ordinance in its final form will be before the Council in January.

15. HEARING: ZC68-28, Torrance Planning Commission. Change of zone from A-1 and C-2 to C-2, C-1, C-R and R-3 on property located on the north side of Artesia Boulevard between Casimir and Van Ness Avenue and described as a portion of Lot 59, McDonald Tract. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss, and it was ordered filed, there being no objections.

(Councilman Johnson announced that, on the advice of the City Attorney, he must abstain from participation on the subject case because of possible financial involvement, and left the Council Chambers.)

Mayor Isen then inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Responding, Mr. Jerry Deesman, 2218 West 173rd Street, expressed the feeling of a number of property owners, their preference being C-R zoning on the two corner lots, with the remainder of the property zoned R-3, and a concrete block wall for the 300 ft. from Van Ness, along with an alley.

Discussion followed on the diverse recommendations of the Planning Department and the Planning Commission, along with clarification of the recommended zones by Planning Director Shartle.

Mayor Isen, recalling the strong feeling of the neighborhood in earlier hearings on this matter, inquired how many North Torrance residents were present on this case; a very few hands were raised, and he felt a need for more representation.

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

Discussion returned to the problems surrounding this property, the absence of the property owner, as well as residents of the area, at this hearing.

Councilman Sciarrotta then MOVED that the subject area be zoned C-R; his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Prior to taking action, there was further discussion regarding the absence of representation, and a SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Mayor Isen: That the above motion be tabled until the Council meeting of January 14, 1969, an 8:00 P.M. meeting. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried with unanimous approval.

It was noted by Mayor Isen that this action would simply necessitate reopening the hearing, that readvertising would not be necessary; it was requested that notification be given Mr. Wechsler as well as the affected homeowners and the homeowners association which has involved itself in this matter from the beginning.

A further request was made by Mayor Isen, which will serve to assist the Council, in that there be a brief description of the zone or zoning proposed furnished by the Planning Staff and incorporated in the backup material before the Council.

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(The proponent for Item #14, Appeal of S68-28, arrived at this time, and the Council returned to this matter:)

14. MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that Item #14 be restored to the agenda, rescinding earlier action tabling until January 7th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

Apologizing for his tardiness, Mr. Nat Gilbert, 8737 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills (telephone: 652-7495) then advised that he represented Budget Rent-A-Car; that Leo Salisbury's name as proponent appears in error, he being the owner of the property from which they have leased a portion for their rent-a-car business. Pictures were then distributed by Mr. Gilbert, indicating their standard building which is only 16' x 14' square with their storage area in the ceiling. Mr. Gilbert further stated that he has learned that Mr. Salisbury is removing the pennants on his lot, as well as one of the signs still remaining in the area to be used by Budget Rent-a-Car.

At Councilman Johnson's question, Planning Director Shartle advised that the sign is considerably oversized under both the present ordinance and the proposed sign ordinance for roof signs.

Mayor Isen had reservations as to the appearance of the building itself, it being too small, in his opinion. The repeated references to "standard buildings" and "standard signs" (which do not conform to Torrance requirements) was pointed out by Councilman Miller, it being his feeling that a policy should be established to furnish guidance for future decisions. Mayor Isen added that the signing proposed here is quite unlike anything that has ever been proposed, with signing on all three sides of the building and the 16' on the front completely covered by signing.

Mr. Gilbert then described their success and acceptability at other locations; further, that in his contacts with the Building Department no reference had been made to the over-signing. Director of Building and Safety McKinnon advised the Council that this was not true; that he had advised Mr. Gilbert, before the lease had ever been signed, that a variance would be needed for the signs. Mr. Gilbert felt the lease had already been signed, acknowledging that this was his problem and that they should have designed the building differently.

Councilman Uerkwitz commented that deviation from the ordinance would be a mistake and impede any hoped for progress, and then MOVED that the Council concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for DENIAL. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial. (Absent: Councilman Beasley).

16. HEARING: ZC 68-29, MERVIN BOLL AND MARGUERITE MELVILLE.  
Change of zone from R-2 to C-2 on property located at 2517-19-21 West Carson Street and described as the south 152 feet of Lot 11, Block 2, Tract 2761. The Planning Commission recommends approval of C-1 Zoning subject to a Precise Plan of development.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss, and it was ordered filed, there being no objections.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. John Melville, 3220 Merrill Drive, was present, representing the proponents, and stated that, in his opinion, the C-R zone is too restrictive, with an adverse effect in the obtaining of financing.

The C-R and C-1 zoning requirements were reviewed. Councilman Johnson then inquired as to the status of the Carson Street Study; Planning Director Shartle advised that a report on this matter has been tentatively scheduled for the Council meeting of January 7th, with the residents having indicated a preference that the zoning remain unchanged. Postponement of the subject case was recommended by Councilman Johnson until the study information is made available.

Of prime importance, in Councilman Miller's opinion, is the needed dedication of Carson Street by the proponents -- in its present dilapidated condition any <sup>property</sup> development would be an improvement -- further, objections, if any, should be voiced by the property owner along Date Street and backing up to the subject property, and provided protection. It developed that this property was owned as well by Mr. Boll, a proponent in this case, who stated that he had no objections to C-1 with a precise plan zoning.

Mayor Isen then inquired of Mr. Melville if he would stipulate, first, to the dedication of Carson, and, secondly, that the Council may approve the types of uses and buildings put in -- Mr. Melville responded in the negative, reiterating his concern for the restrictiveness of the C-R zoning and its effect on financing, and, as to Carson Street, he would not dedicate until the results of the study are known.

Councilman Johnson then MOVED that ZC 68-29 be delayed until the Carson Street Study has been submitted to Council. The motion died for lack of a second.

A MOTION was then offered by Councilman Uerkwitz to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department that the subject property be rezoned C-R. This motion died as well for lack of a second.

Discussion returned to the Carson Street dedication -- Mr. Melville stated that this would be a matter to be discussed with Mrs. Melville and Mr. Boll, and it is necessary to have additional time.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue ZC 68-29 to January 7, 1969, a 5:30 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved, at 9:04 P.M., that the City Council recess, reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency, followed by a 10-minute general recess at 9:06 P.M.

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16. Following the recess, consideration returned to Item #16, at the request of Mr. Melville (speaking for Mrs. Melville and Mr. Boll) that this matter be restored to the agenda, that the public hearing be continued, rather than continuing this case to January 7th.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the public hearing be reopened and that the motion previously made be cancelled. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Sciarrotta then MOVED that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

Mr. Melville reiterated his reservations, but expressed willingness to comply with dedication prior to the issuance of a building permit.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for C-1 zoning, subject to a precise plan of development, providing that the applicant stipulates to a dedication for widening of Carson for the frontage of their property and that the actual dedication be made at the time of application for a building permit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Melville acknowledged his understanding of the above motion, and so stipulated on behalf of the applicants; it being further noted that both Mrs. Melville and Mr. Boll were in the Council Chambers at this time and are aware of this stipulation, with no objections being voiced.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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17. HEARING: ZC 68-27, R.A. WATT COMPANY, INC. Change of Zone from C-R and R-1-O to CR-O and R-1 on property located on the south side of proposed Del Amo Boulevard, approximately 500 feet west of Wayne Avenue and 300 feet east of the westerly City limits and described as Tract 22704. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss, and it was ordered filed, there being no objections.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 68-27, and asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter. There was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

18. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30596: Subdivider, Robert Dunn; Engineer, Denn Engineering. This is a 4-lot tract located between 231st Street and future 232nd Street approximately 140 feet easterly of Pennsylvania Avenue. Letter report from Chairman of Proponents of 232nd Street Opening and Improvement Project attached. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to conditions. Additional requirements recommended by Planning and Engineering Departments.

18A. Transmittal from R.H. Dunn & Associates re: Tentative Tract Map No. 30596.

Mr. Bob Dunn, 4005 Pacific Coast Highway, was present and reviewed the property transaction involving Mr. Killingsworth, as well as his completely unsuccessful efforts in obtaining Mr. Killingsworth's agreement to dedicate 232nd Street.

Mayor Isen recalled past cases where there were insurmountable difficulties involving dedications which were resolved by the affected party depositing a sum of money with the City Attorney, paying the legal expenses for same, and the City proceeded with the dedication. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that this had been successfully accomplished in the past.

Long concerned about getting 232nd Street through, Councilman Johnson offered the following recommendations: (1) That relief be provided Mr. Dunn relative to his proposed apartment development and the time element involved in the new apartment development standards; (2) That there be enabling legislation to establish a street assessment district; and (3) Continue to work with Mr. Killingsworth relative to the needed dedication.

It was agreed, following further discussion of the problems, that Mr. Dunn's request for postponement had merit.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that Tentative Tract 30596 be postponed to the Council meeting of February 11, 1969, an 8:00 P.M. meeting, with a stipulation of approval by Mr. Dunn; further, that Mr. Dunn may have the same time in which to submit his plans on the 84-unit apartment building referred to in Item 18A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

Further meetings between the City Attorney, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Killingsworth, and homeowner representatives were requested by Mayor Isen.

19. Communication from Planning Commission re: Oil Well Beautification.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the landscaping requirements in the Oil Well Beautification Ordinance are sufficiently stringent to make chain link fencing quite acceptable; he thereupon MOVED that the subject communication be filed. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

At this point in the meeting Mayor Isen commented on the energetic efforts of various committees in the policy making area of City government, along with misinformation -- specially referred to were the recent minutes of the Citizens' Advisory Committee wherein the statement was made that on an emergency ordinance were it not followed by a regular ordinance, that in 90 days the emergency ordinance would no longer be effective. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed Mayor Isen's understanding that this is not true. Mr. Bill Roberts, in the audience, agreed to so enlighten the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

- 20A. Communication from Mrs. Thelma J. Turner re: Ordinance 1939 declaring a moratorium - Hawthorne Boulevard, Madison Street, 234th and 236th Street.

Present was Mrs. Thelma Turner, Turner Real Estate and Investments, 2460 West 228th Street, representing the landowners in the moratorium area -- lots 18 through 28, Block E -- who stated that the moratorium has resulted in a hardship on both the buyers and the sellers, with much time, money, and effort, in good faith, in development at this location having been spent. Both Arby's Roast Beef and Catalina Uniforms have plans all ready to go; the fill for the property has been ordered; and a release for this property was requested by Mrs. Turner.

The status of the requested grading plan, a major consideration in the establishment of the moratorium, was requested; Planning Director Shartle detailed the decisions that must be made, hence the need for the 90 days.

Next to speak was Mr. Joseph Schaefer, #1 Encanto Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, who stated that he is the owner of four lots fronting on Hawthorne Boulevard, and that the escrow with Arby's started last June and everything was all set until December 4th when they went in for a building permit only to learn about the moratorium. Meanwhile, for him, there is no financial return on quite a substantial investment; Mr. Schaefer urged that the Council resolve this problem as promptly as possible.

Mr. Jerry Gray, Catalina Uniforms, presented an architectural rendering of their proposed development, and urged prompt action in that he will not be renewing his present lease and is faced with a situation wherein he must either move out of the area or build.

Establishment of a top priority to this matter was requested by Mayor Isen, with a professional opinion being furnished in two weeks

in the interest of alleviating concerns such as have been presented at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Miller moved that agenda item 20A, the communication requesting removal of the moratorium on Lots 18 through 28, on Hawthorne Boulevard, that there be a recommendation from Staff as to the setting of the grade for the alley in the back of the property, for the Council meeting of January 14, 1969, an 8:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

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The hour being 9:50 P.M., Mayor Isen ordered a 5-minute recess.

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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

20. West Coast Basin Barrier Project Unit 5A - (Observation Wells to Combat Salt Water Intrusion). Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that subject resolution granting the Los Angeles County Flood Control District permission to construct, operate, and maintain the subject project within the public streets of the City of Torrance be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLUTION 68-289

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT UNIT 5A (OBSERVATION WELLS) AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN SAID PROJECT WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-289. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. Ordinance amending Torrance Municipal and Civil Service Rules and Regulations relating to the suspension and discharge of members of the Police and Fire Departments.

Withdrawn from agenda.

22. Transmittal re: Employment of Terry W. Kolhoff, Legal Department.

Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney regarding the employment of Terry W. Kolhoff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

23. ARDANAZ BROTHERS' - Request for modification of their Farming Agreement. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendations.

At Mayor Isen's question regarding the merits, if indeed any, to the arrangement proposed by Mr. Ardanaz, Airport Manager Egan outlined his reasons for recommending approval, primarily on the basis of airport housekeeping. Past arrangements on this property were reviewed as well.

A "share crop" agreement was generally preferred by the Council, and Airport Manager Egan was directed to renegotiate with Mr. Ardanaz, the item being held at this time.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

24. Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Carson Street Study.

Withdrawn from agenda.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

25. ORDINANCE 1940.

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

ORDINANCE 1940

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.10.2 OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND AREA PER DWELLING UNIT FOR PROPERTY ZONED R-P (RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1940 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

26. ORDINANCE 1941.

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

ORDINANCE 1941

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 PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 68-25.  
(TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)..

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1941 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

## 27. ORDINANCE 1942.

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

ORDINANCE 1942

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 7 (THE OIL CODE) OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT FOR OIL WELLS AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1942 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

## 28. ORDINANCE 1943.

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

ORDINANCE 1943

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 33.5.11 TO DIVISION 3, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 5 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1943 at its second and final reading; his motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Treasurer Rupert advised the Council that he and Mrs. Rupert will be attending the Inauguration proceedings the week of January 20th (at their own expense), and will necessarily be absent from the Council meeting that week.

30. Relative to the opening of Anza Street, Councilman Miller reported on his recollection of an agreement made by the proponents early in 1968 regarding this dedication. At Mr. Miller's request, this matter was researched and it was found there is a letter on file where the proponents had offered to pay \$15,000 toward that dedication, which had apparently been overlooked. Councilman Miller then requested that City Attorney Remelmeyer bring to the Council on January 7th the details on this matter.

31. Councilman Uerkwitz expressed his impatience with the sympathy afforded the dope problem -- 1969 should be the "get tough" year, with Mr. Uerkwitz pledging every effort available to him in an all-out drive to rid this problem in our community, and urged like determination by others equally concerned, and a return to respect for authority.

32. A need for every possible protection, to avoid future tragedies as happened with Officer Rippstein, was urged by Councilman Wilson, in terms of training, etc. Chief Koenig outlined the extensive training program, lamenting as well the hazards faced by police officers today.

33. Elaborating on Councilman Wilson's oral communication, Councilman Miller referred to a communication from the Torrance Police Officers Association directed to the Councilmen relative to the firearms used by

the Torrance Police Department (38 caliber vs. 45). Chief Koenig deemed this an internal matter; Councilman Miller nonetheless requested a written report providing clarification, and City Manager Ferraro agreed to provide same.

34. In view of the vacancy on the Torrance Safety Council, Mayor Isen placed in nomination the name of Officer Ted Bradley, Public Information Officer, California Highway Patrol (residence: 5518 Jeffrey Drive, Torrance). The nomination was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

35. Adding his comments regarding police matters and problems, Mayor Isen stated that it cannot be denied that the profession of a policeman is a perilous one -- with no two situations exactly alike. Relative to the dope problem, lack of law and order, etc., Mayor Isen commented that all are in agreement -- Torrance is not an island unto itself but is part of a metropolitan center as well as part of the United States going through tremendous upheaval -- and it is necessary that there be a tightening of national and state policies to result in a betterment of the situation. Mayor Isen further commented that he is very proud of the Torrance Police Department and how it has been developed by Chief Koenig and all the men; these men do not run away from danger in serving in this dangerous occupation.

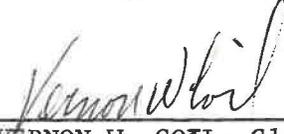
36. Mr. Jim Thompson, 3725 Garnett Avenue, (a former Torrance police officer) stated that it is his understanding that the Torrance Police Department is planning preliminary work on a helicopter patrol program. Mr. Thompson is definitely in favor of such a program, and would like to persuade the City Council to have a feasibility study made relative to upgrading such a program another degree -- Mr. Thompson would like to see the service include police protection, fire protection, and that arrangements be made with the Los Angeles County Medical Association so that an intern would be available so that this highly specialized group could immediately respond to any emergency. This would eliminate delays waiting for an ambulance in the cases of automobile accidents, etc. and he feels this a tremendous service which could be offered to the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen requested that Mr. Thompson's remarks above be directed to the attention of the Civil Defense Commission.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Isen wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

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VERNON W. COLL, Clerk of the  
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance