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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, June 9, 1964, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Attached to these minutes is a memorandum of informal action taken at a pre-council meeting on the Southwood Riviera Homeowners' Association proposed flight patterns and the recommendation of the Airport Commission that there be no change.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:  
COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Vico, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Frank Sciarrotta led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Ed Harness of Southern Baptist City Mission opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 3rd meeting will be presented for approval at the next meeting, due to the short week following last Council session.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

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 was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

8. PRESENTATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES' SERVICE AWARDS:

Mayor Isen presented fifteen years service pins to Marshall Chamberlain, Edward Enrietta, Donald Fulton, Donald Hamilton, Clarence Junior, Angus McVicar, Donald Minor, Donald Nash, Raymond Reese, and Robert Wright. For twenty years of service, Mr. Robert Moffitt received a service pin and for thirty years, Park Superintendent Clemmer was presented an Omega watch.

The persons who retired during the year were mentioned and Mayor Isen made appropriate remarks to those present. Mrs. Ladeene Chamberlain assisted him in the presentations.

Following the presentations, Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

HEARINGS:

9. CASE NO. 64-36 - VARIANCE - BEKINS VAN & STORAGE. Formal hearing on a variance to enlarge existing facilities (container type storage warehouse) located at 22850 Hawthorne Avenue, A-1 zone. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard. Attorney Lloyd Ownbey, Jr., Assistant General Counsel for Bekins appeared, but there was no reason for him to speak, as no opposition appeared.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in approval as recommended by the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

10. CASE NO. 64-33 - GARDENA VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER INC. Formal hearing on a variance to permit expansion of Japanese Cultural Center and allied facilities on property located at 2000 West 162nd Street, in Zone R-1. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Vico, there being no objection, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

A supplemental memorandum to the City Manager from Assistant City Manager Johnson on this item, with eight listed tentative agreements was attached and at the request of the City Manager, the Council approved and concurred in the recommendation contained therein, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Mayor Isen, there being no objection.

Mr. Gerald Kobiashi, representing the Board of Directors of the Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center, thanked the Planning Department and the Planning Commission for their help and showed an artist's rendering of the completed building which will be constructed in three stages, starting with a Veterans' Memorial Building which he hopes will be commenced about September 1st. Later, as funds accumulate, there will be an auditorium and a cultural institute.

Mayor Isen suggested a gift from the City of Torrance, possibly a bronze or similar plaque, be made in token of appreciation of the high degree of patriotism of the Japanese members of the Armed Forces of the United States. He asked for suggestions from the councilmen as to a form for this symbol of friendship and appreciation.

Affidavit of Publication as to Items 9 and 10 were presented by the City Clerk and, there being no objection were ordered filed.

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

11. ORDINANCE - P.C. CASE NO. 64-23 - Planning Commission. Planning Director submitting for approval at first reading, Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 64-23.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1495

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-23. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1495 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

12. ORDINANCE - CASE NO. 64-16 - Planning Commission. Planning Director submitting for approval at first reading, Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 64-16.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1496

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-16. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Vico moved to approve Ordinance No. 1496 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

## WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Communication from Standard Oil Company requesting amendment to Ordinance No. 1168 to permit drilling operations on a portion of Mobil Refinery in the City of Torrance.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to refer this item to the office of the City Attorney for study and recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

14. INTENTION TO VACATE CERTAIN STREETS AND A FUTURE STREET EASTERLY OF LADEENE AVENUE BETWEEN 227th STREET AND 230th STREET. Proposed resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE CERTAIN STREETS AND A FUTURE STREET EASTERLY OF LADEENE AVENUE BETWEEN 227th STREET AND 230th STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-111 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

15. REFUND OF FEE FOR PROPOSED VACATION OF ALLEY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 190TH STREET AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$100 be refunded to Dominguez Estates Co.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to so refund and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

16. IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, NORTH SIDE, FROM CRENSHAW BLVD. TO MADRONA AVENUE (Gas Tax Project SS-108). Recommendation of City Engineer and Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council approve allocation of State Gas Tax Funds for the subject improvement.

Councilman Miller moved to approve allocation of \$19,000 in Collier-Unruh funds, and \$50,000 of State Gas Tax funds (0.725 monies for this joint project to signalize the intersection of Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard and improve the north side of Sepulveda from Drenshaw to Madrona with curb, gutter and necessary paving, the approximate cost being \$73,400, \$4,400 to be paid by the developer of adjacent subdivision. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried unanimously:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

17. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - LOMITA BOULEVARD WESTERLY OF OCEAN AVENUE PROJECT SS-103, Contractor: McAmis Engineering. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work and that contractor be paid from gas tax matching money funds.

The recommendation is that Council accept the work and the contractor be paid \$8,049.42 from new gas tax matching money fund. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

18. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND FOR TRACT NO. 27283, Subdivider, Sydney Manor, Inc., Chacksfield Homes.

The recommendation is that Bond No. 302509 in the amount of \$21,500 be released.

Councilman Vico moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

#### TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

19. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 9. Report regarding subject street lighting district and submitting for approval and adoption: Resolutions: contributing City's share, approving the report, and of Intention.

Mayor Isen remarked that he has observed that Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer is leaving the City's employee and told him he would be missed; that he has done a marvelous job here.

City Manager Ferraro asked to be permitted to make some comments, not to be considered as of this year, but that perhaps could be compiled into a policy matter next year with respect to items like this. This, he said, sets up an assessment district which combines three existing districts and includes some other fringe area. Within the provision is a contribution from the City of approximately \$70,000 which is to be used because of benefits to the general public. The district is a consolidation of three districts of three zones containing 15,700 plus, in the entire District No. 9. The \$70,000 is to represent a contribution because of the general public's benefit which is there now and to be maintained. The policy question is whether or not in the future the Council might wish to continue these grants of participation of the \$70,000 of contribution, or if it should be absorbed by the entire district. Because of the time limitations, this is not a question for tonight, or this year, but Mayor Isen suggested after the budget items have been resolved, it might be well especially for the benefit of the new councilmen, to have a pre-council meeting on the entire lighting and power subject.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES) FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-9-64, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET LIGHTING, ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND, STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 9".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-112 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 9.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Ordinance No. 64-113 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE MAINTAINED AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1964, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1969, FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 9.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-114 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

20. NEW GRADE CROSSING AT BORDER AVENUE. Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with approval of City Manager, submitting for adoption proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-115

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 AND LICENSE OF ENTRY DATED JUNE 4, 1964 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY FOR THE OPENING OF A NEW GRADE CROSSING AND THE INSTALLATION OF GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE BORDER AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE RAILROAD TRACK, CROSSING NO. 2H-22.6 - BORDER AVENUE, AND THE CLOSING OF CROSSING NO. 2H-22.7-228th STREET.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-115 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

City Manager Ferraro asked for an additional motion to authorize approximately \$7,300 for the work to be done, from the General fund. Councilman Miller so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

21. PARKING RESTRICTION ON YUKON AVENUE: Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with approval of City Manager, submitting proposed resolution re 2 to 5 a.m. parking restriction removal.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING ONE, TWO AND FOUR HOUR PARKING LIMITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND REPEALING CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-116 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNICATION FROM GARAGE DEPARTMENT:

22. BID - SIX NEW POLICE CARS. Recommendation of Garage Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Newcastle Dodge for six new 1964 police cars, including allowance for six 1962 black and white Dodge trade-ins, be accepted in the amount of \$11,070.96, including tax.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked why the bucket seats and it was explained it provides better safety and comfort, considering the varying height and weights of the men who use the cars in relation to the controls of the cars. With this information Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur, subject to appropriation of funds for the year beginning July 1, 1964. The motion was seconded by Councilman

Lyman and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

23. BID - BROOM FIBER AND GUTTER WIRE. Recommendation of Sanitation Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid for Palmyra Broom Fiber and Steel Gutter Wire for 1964-65 be awarded to Don Wren Co.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid as recommended at the unit per ton prices set forth on the bid summary. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATION FROM WATER COMMISSION:

24. Communication from Waldo E. Ford, Water Commission Chairman, re concurrence of Water Commission in recommendation of Metropolitan Water District concerning Senate Bill No. 2760.

Councilman Lyman did not believe any decision should be made on information Metropolitan Water District has, but should be on information of the Council. City Manager Ferraro stated this is Senator Kuchel's bill and stated its provisions in considerable detail. What is needed now is a resolution which City Attorney Remelmeyer will prepare, supporting Senator Kuchel's stand. With the exception of Councilman Vico, who wanted his vote recorded as "No", there was no objection to the motion made by Councilman Sciarrotta and seconded by Councilman Miller.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION:

25. Communication from Commissioner C. K. Norman requesting to be excused from June and July meetings due to vacation plans.

Mayor Isen said there appeared no objection and the request was granted.

26. Recommendation of Youth Welfare Commission that Section 18.17 of the Torrance City Code be revised to make it legal for those over 15 years of age to play pool or billiards.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and instruct the City Attorney to draft a suitable ordinance. Mayor Isen seconded.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out the phrase "or to play at any similar game in any place of business in the City of Torrance" stating there are places where a miniature type pool table is used, and which should be excluded by the City Attorney in his proposed ordinance. There was no objection.

## COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE:

27. Communication from Chairman of Council Finance Committee regarding new procedure for Council agenda.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the new procedure be adopted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson.

Councilman Miller asked about letters which are addressed to individual councilmen from citizens and then referred to departments. In such case, the letters would be duplicated and copies sent to the councilmen except in cases of very late receipt of routine matters which would be handled by staff and City Manager Ferraro said he would like to have them so handled until a specific problem arises. It was noted that letters are answered immediately.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to accepting the new procedure (Councilman Beasley absent).

## COMMUNICATION FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

28. PIANO PURCHASE. Communication from Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to purchase one electronic piano for \$474, as per previous bid of Mannings' Big Red Piano Shop, a budget item.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in granting the permission requested and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

## AIRPORT MATTERS:

29. REQUEST OF RALPH C. LEWIS DBA BAY AREA AIRCRAFT REPAIR FOR APPROVAL OF SUBTENANCY ON AERO CARE LEASEHOLD: Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation that Mr. Lewis be given subtenancy.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission and Airport Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

30. AIRPORT MANAGER RECOMMENDATION RE AWARD OF BID FOR MOVING NEWLY ACQUIRED AIRPORT MANAGER'S OFFICE FROM PALOS VERDES TO TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. Bids to be opened June 8, 1964.

The low bid was submitted by A & M Housemoving, in the amount of \$1385. The money is available. Councilman Olson moved to concur in awarding the bid to A & M Housemoving and rejecting all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

31. Al Levitt (Rolling Hills Shopping Center) request to present item to Council re matter pertaining to the airport property shopping center.

Mr. Levitt distributed maps to the councilmen showing the development of Rolling Hills Plaza. All but Foods Co. and Thrifty, he said were built by his company. He referred to some changes in Lease 6 which covers Parcel 6 and the stores fronting on Crenshaw Boulevard. As a condition of approval, he said he was required to built what is shown as Abraham Lincoln Road and at a later time the City would built a street going to Pacific Coast Highway. The condition was that Abraham Lincoln Road had to be built as development progressed on Lease 6. For each section of building, a corresponding number of feet of street was to be built and upon request of the City, his company was to deed the street to the City.

Mayor Isen asked if this is not a matter which should first come before the Airport Commission.

Mr. Levitt asked to be permitted to continue; he wanted to tell about his fear of an increase in rent in return for a spin-off. for the first development. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the City does attempt to bargain with the developer in these cases.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the matter to the Airport Commission through regular channels. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 9:00 and the Council reconvened at 9:15.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

32. City Attorney submitting for approval at first reading Ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to receive additional compensation for extra duties and working hours.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1497

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTIES AND WORKING HOURS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1497 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

This will provide the amount of salary to the City Clerk which was voted in April but which would not become effective until April 12, 1966.

33. City Attorney submitting for approval and adoption resolution supporting utilization of pari-mutuel funds for development of Hall of Horticulture at South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A NEW AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 53 IN ORDER TO UTILIZE REVENUES DERIVED FROM PARI-MUTUEL FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HALL OF HORTICULTURE AT THE SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN FOUNDATION.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-117 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

## SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

34. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1476

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO ADD THERETO SECTION 4-X, ENTITLED "R-H SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT."

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1476 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Olson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico,  
Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

35. PROPERTY AT 2131 233rd Street. Recommendation of City Manager that subject lease be cancelled and building demolished.

Under the circumstances as set forth in the communication from Building Maintenance Supervisor Fryar and the City Manager, Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to cancel the lease and demolish the building. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

36. CLAIM OF KENDON MOTORS, Volkswagon Dealers, 1241 Pacific Coast Highway, Harbor City, re Armed Forces Day. Recommendation that claim be rejected.

Councilman Miller moved to deny and refer this claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection.

37. Communication from City Manager re letter from Torrance Police Officers Association re Election Day.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this matter would be held for one week; there was no objection.

38. City Manager submitting Staff recommendations re request of James Bower for relief from payment of charges for installation of water mains relating to Tract No. 28248, resubmitted.

Mr. Bower has been billed for \$925.45 for lowering the water line, because of the lowering of the line to the north during the development of Don Wilson's tracts.

Mr. McVicar outlined the question, as set forth in detail in his memorandum to the City Manager dated May 15, 1964. The line when it went in, was paid for by the City. When Mr. Bower came in it was discovered the line had to be lowered. Mr. Bower sold the property to B & D Construction. If the line had not been in, it would have been necessary for Mr. Bower to put in something to serve its purpose, as it was the only feed in there. The cost to him in that event would have been around \$3200 to \$3600, at the rate of \$8 or \$9 per foot. Mr. Bower did not know he was going to be charged, or he would have added that cost to the price he received from B & D. This is an unusual situation and it is not easy to determine a policy on it. The cost to the City to lower the line was \$1188 of which the billing to Mr. Bower was \$925.45.

Mr. Bower said the presentation by Mr. McVicar was very fair but possibly, not complete, and he stated his version of the transaction. He stated the 12" water line was in when he purchased the property about a year and a half ago. He stated the Water Department told him there would be no charge. The City Engineering Department required that the grades be lowered to conform to the overall city street pattern and to tie into the drainage sump. Even though he sold the property in September of 1963, he said he was never told he would be expected to pay this charge, nor were B & D Construction told that the charge would be made against them, or Bower. The line was lowered in August of 1963 and the property sold in September, or the escrow closed then. The deal was initiated in June. Although Mr. Bower is representing both himself and B & D, he said there has been no agreement or negotiation as to how the charge will be divided between them in case it is determined one, or both, must pay it. The date of the first notice of any charge, Mr. Bower, said was January 31, 1964.

There is an additional charge of \$594 to be collected from either Bower or B & D, to which there is no objection; it will be paid, Mr. Bower said.

In answer to a question by City Manager Ferraro, Mr. McVicar said if there had been no water line at the time of the development by Bower, he would have been forced to install a line from the Water Department's nearest source to serve his property and would have been charged for that line across the front of his property, subject to reimbursement from people who use it where it was not against his property. His net cost in that event would have been far more.

Councilman Olson express his view that streets are not moved indiscriminately; there must have been a reason to lower that water line and whether or not Mr. Bower asked that it be done, his property did benefit. By asking relief from payment of the charge, in effect, the other taxpayers of the city are being asked to split this up between them.

Councilman Sciarrotta added that if the relief were granted, there would be no reason why Don Wilson might not also demand payment.

Mr. Bower said his land could have been developed without the lowering of the line; that he gave to the city all of 238th Street, half of Los Codona and five feet of Ocean Avenue and did all the grading, free of charge.

City Engineer Nollac said the drainage did benefit Mr. Bower's property and without the sump, he could not have built on his property as it was within the restriction zone. The property was benefited by the drainage structure and the other features incorporated into the design of the street, catch basins, etc.

Mr. McVicar explained the refund feature as to 375 feet on the east side of Los Codona, at the rear of the Open Hearth and Burko and there is a potential refund of around \$1600 from those who may tie into that line.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Water Department, Staff and Management and that any future neighboring property refunds be made to whomever pays the bill. It is not the concern of the City as to who pays. Councilman Olson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Olson, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller and Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Councilman Miller thought this should be returned to a full council, but City Attorney Remelmeyer said the City Manager has jurisdiction to bill Mr. Bower, if he sees fit, and he believes this is the type of thing Courts are made to decide.

Councilman Miller seconded a motion by Councilman Olson to refer the question to the City Manager and if agreement is not reached, it will not be on the agenda. If a settlement is agreed on, it will be on the agenda for consideration by the Council.

39. As to the expenditures of over \$300 for Council approval, Mr. Ferraro asked that items 2 and 3 be deleted as they were handled last week.

1. \$338.36 to Howard Supply Company for 357 feet of 2" galvanized pipe and 777 feet of 1" galvanized pipe. This is in the opinion of Staff the best way to provide immediate solution of the dust control problem around Joslyn Center.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the item and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

40. Architectural fee proposal for two recreation buildings, LaRomera Park and Paradise Park.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation that Weldon J. Fulton be authorized to proceed with a preliminary plan design and that \$1,200 be appropriated for the same, from the Capital Improvement budget of the Recreation Department, with the understanding Mr. Fulton would apply this amount toward a normal fee schedule for one or more buildings of this nature. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

City Manager Ferraro asked if the Council would not like to hear some of Mr. Fulton's excellent ideas along the lines of these buildings. Mr. Fulton described the design which would be flexible and could be used at several locations. By switching the location of the rooms, each building could be made to appear different.

41. Construction drawings for North Torrance Library.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to approve the final plans and specifications for the North Torrance Library and authorize his office to advertise for bids for early construction. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Mayor Isen commended the Library Commission for looking to the future. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Assistant City Manager Johnson had the artist's rendering of the building for examination by anyone who wished.

42. A request for Joint Committee to discuss with County Librarian the matter of a main library building to be erected on the Civic Center site.

Mayor Isen commented that although the City Manager's comment is that it would seem premature since the City is still in a very early negotiation phase with the County Library, it would come within the area of Council Sciarrotta's jurisdiction, to serve on this committee.

Chairman George Kurtz said the purpose is to form the committee to work with the City Manager's office and at the first opportune moment meet with the County Librarian. The long range program of branch libraries commenced under the chairmanship of Mr. Hanson, is now complete and the next phase of that plan is the main Civic Center Site library. Mr. Kurtz feared the location set aside for the library might be used for something else. He asked the City Manager when he thought would be an opportune time to get this started. Mr. Ferraro said he has no information on which to base an answer.

Mayor Isen said there is a site on the Civic Center in the Master Plan for the library referred to and the Southwest District Superior Court building groundbreaking will be held August 7th, with County officials present. He thought it might be appropriate to indicate the location of the site on civic center for the library as well as for the auditorium.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the area south of Sepulveda and north of Pacific Coast Highway, west of Crenshaw as a vicinity in which a library would be to good advantage.

Mr. Kurtz asked if the City Manager would advise the County Librarian that a committee has been formed and that negotiations are in order for the Civic Center library.

City Manager Ferraro did not think this is the proper time in these sensitive negotiations between the City and the County. He would prefer that the operation continue as it has been until there is something definite to report to a committee; otherwise this would be at a level where no decision can be made. The County Librarian has to process everything through the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kurtz felt Torrance should take the first step.

Councilman Miller moved that this be worked out through Management and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. There was no objection.

43. Library Furniture Bid - Main Library and El Retiro Library.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of Librarian Umbarger to award the bid to Austin-Bentley Company, for the total bid of \$810.41, including sales tax and that all other bids be rejected. This is a budget item. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT:

44. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frenger regarding their property at 807 Van Ness Avenue, with memorandum from Assistant Police Chief.

The problem concerns vandalism in connection with a service station building which is in process of being installed at the intersection of Border and Van Ness Avenues near Columbia Steel.

Mrs. Frenger and a representative of Mobil Oil Company, a Mr. Graham, came forward to answer questions. Mrs. Frenger believed the fault lies with Joe's Place, a beer bar next to the location, but this is a lawful enterprise and there is no way to connect the operation of the beer bar with the vandalism. The reason for the slow progress toward getting the service station in operation was given as "paper work difficulty". When the building is occupied and operating there is every likelihood the difficulty now encountered will cease, Mayor Isen believed. Police surveillance has been increased and Chief Porter said he has instructed the Vice Division to watch the beer bar; cooperation of the Alcoholic Beverage Control has been asked. Chief Porter said the operation of the beer bar is good. He feels Mr. and Mrs. Frenger have had and now have as good or better protection than is provided other citizens and if they need more, he suggested they hire private watchmen. Mayor Isen advised them to complete the building as fast as possible and get the business in operating condition. Prior to the complaint of Mr. and Mrs. Frenger there was complaint about the attractive nuisance caused by the building being in its incomplete development and small children playing in the broken glass.

45. City Manager Ferraro announced acceptance of the resignation of Gale Whitacre, originator of the License Department and of James Whitmer of Traffic and Lighting, and wished them both luck.

Mayor Isen moved a perma plaque resolution for Mr. Whitmer, remarking that one had been voted for Mr. Whitacre. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Mr. Ferraro reported that arrangements have been made with Mr. Whitmer to come down to the public hearings on Lighting Assessment District No. 9. Otherwise, he will be going to Fresno on July 15th.

Personnel Director Donovan introduced Mr. Ron Hall of the State Workmen's Compensation Fund and Mr. Hall announced that during the year 1962-63 the City of Torrance paid \$135,978 in premiums and he is now here to return \$40,973, or 30% of that amount due to the excellence of accident prevention in Torrance during the fiscal year. Publicity pictures were taken of the presentation of the check to Mayor Isen.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attached is a notation of the action taken at the pre-council meeting on proposed change of flight pattern.



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Albert Isen  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

June 9, 1964

MINUTES OF PRE-COUNCIL MEETING ON  
SOUTHWOOD RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS' ASSN  
PROPOSED FLIGHT PATTERNS and the  
recommendation of the Airport Com-  
mission that there be no change.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Airport Manager Egan outlined the problem's history to date, the meetings and the correspondence which have been had particularly with the Federal Aviation Agency. The Southwood group has proposed that the City restrict the flight pattern and change it. The Airport users' group has been brought into the matter and meetings have been held of which minutes are a matter of record.

As a result of three different discussions by the Airport Commission, the recommendation which has come to the Council is that there be no change in the existing pattern.

There have been no formal meetings with the FAA, Mr. Egan said by either the homeowners' group or the City. The Federal Government has pre-empted the air space and controls it and the flight pattern at this airport and throughout the United States.

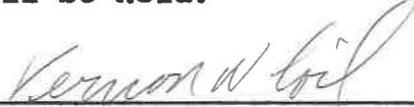
The present status of this particular question is that the Airport Commission has recommended no change in the existing flight pattern.

Mr. Wm. Uerkwitz, the spokesman for the Homeowners Association thanked the Council for this appointment to consider the problem and after a preliminary statement of their side of the question, introduced Mr. John Blaisdell of 4441 West 234th Street, chairman of the Southwood Airport Committee, an engineer at Space Technological Laboratories in the Integration Support Equipment section, an expert on the subject.

Mr. Blaisdell made a detailed technical presentation working from charts and he and Mr. Uerkwitz proposed that the "package" be forwarded to the FAA for decision, if that action would meet with the Council's approval.

Mr. Egan spoke briefly, as did Ed Dietrich representing the pilots. Mayor Isen and Councilman Sciarrotta expressed the belief that the presentation is beyond the knowledge of the Council members and laymen. In order to compile and present a recommendation, the suggestion was made that a committee be organized, to consist of two members of the Southwood homeowners; 1 Walteria homeowner; 1 Riviera homeowner; two Airport Commissioners, who are not pilots; two pilots who are residents of Torrance, Councilman Olson, and another member of the Airport Committee of the Council, City Manager Ferraro, and Airport Manager Egan, in an advisory capacity only. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection, and this being informal only.

Mayor Isen stated when alternative proposals are brought back to the Council, public hearings will be held.

  
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