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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, August 25, 1964, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. George Downing led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend J. E. Timmerman, Assistant Pastor of the Foursquare Gospel Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE TO MARY FOUQUETTE:

Mayor Isen presented a permaplaque resolution to Miss Mary Fouquette for having been the winner of the Torrance Beautiful Commission Essay Contest this past Spring.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 1964 were approved as written, there being no objections.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved to pay all properly audited bills. His motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

8. 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.

## HEARINGS:

9. CASE NO. 63-75 -TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued from July 14, 1964). Formal hearing on adoption of Master Plan for rezoning and development, per exhibit. Property bounded on the north by Sepulveda Boulevard, on the east and south by the boundaries of the City of Torrance, and on the west by Crenshaw Boulevard.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard. Because it was considered at a previous meeting and worked on by a committee of interested citizens, it seemed advisable to reopen the hearing and on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, this was done. However, no one responded to the invitation to be heard and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. The motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved that the modification as contained in letter from D. W. Cleveland, Acting Planning Director, dated August 20, 1964, and noted by Edward J. Ferraro, City Manager, Item 9 of this agenda, together with the Master Plan as submitted by the Planning Department and recommended by the Planning Commission, be approved. Councilman Vico seconded the motion. (The modification concerns the R-P zone as recommended by the Planning Commission). Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

Miss Wilma Schreiber of 2550 Pacific Coast Highway said she is not too happy with the A-1 zoning, and had written a letter complaining of the nuisance created by the horses. Her recourse would be to go to the Health Department and ultimately the court would decide. At present this is a non-conforming use which can be removed only if the present owners move out.

## STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

## 10. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET:

City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager submitting for adoption resolution accepting for dedication for public street purposes Lot 41, Tract No. 29098 and naming such accepted street Samuel Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 41, TRACT NO. 29098 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED STREET SAMUEL STREET.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-169 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Ferraro commented it is a blocker lot for future dedication.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

11. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$2,500 be appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Border Avenue across A. T. and S. F. Ry. right of way south of Santa Fe Avenue.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

12. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD at 1809 Sepulveda Boulevard. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for temporary billboard at 1809 Sepulveda for Pabs Verdes Developers be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request in concurrence with the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REAL PROPERTY:

13. TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES - PROPOSED AUCTION SALE 87-A. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that certain parcels be acquired.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation that parcel numbers 335, 389, 604, 1092, 1103, 1107, 1190, 1286 be acquired, for street, highway, sewer, storm drain or beach purposes. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR 1964-65.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-121 AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1964-65; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR ITEMS SPECIFIED THEREIN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 64-170. His motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-170. His motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1524

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1964-65 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1524 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1524 as an emergency measure at this, its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1525

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1525. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1525 as an emergency measure at this, its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Manager Ferraro asked that the record show that despite the property tax increases in the County of Los Angeles in substantial amount and the school district and other agencies who draw their funds from the property tax, that our property tax has remained the same for the past four years. Mayor Isen agreed and stated that the real test is what services are furnished rather than any boasted decrease in tax rates.

15. Claim submitted by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for alleged damages to a cable on February 19, 1964 near 2440 West Sepulveda. Recommendation to deny and refer to Legal Department.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

16. PURCHASE OF NEW BUS. Proposed resolution authorizing the purchase of one 45 passenger transit type coach and waiving call for bids.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 45 PASSENGER TRANSIT TYPE COACH AND WAIVING CALL FOR BIDS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-171 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS DURING FISCAL 1963-64 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 136.1 and 186.7 OF STATE STREETS & HIGHWAYS CODE. City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CERTIFYING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1963-64 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 136.1 THROUGH 186.7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-172 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. Communication from City Attorney re authorization of funds for amicus curiae briefs.

Mayor Isen spoke highly of the brief which was filed and Councilman Beasley moved to appropriate another \$100 for the purpose stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

19. Request of City Manager to attend International City Managers' Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois, September 27 through October 1, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

20. CITY MANAGER SUBMITTING FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

1. \$461.76 to IBM Corporation for one 17" carriage electric typewriter for the Legal Department, a budget item.
2. \$1,606.80 to Blinker Lite Supply for 100 flasher-type barricades and 100 flasher batteries.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of both items and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

21. CONSULTANT ENGINEERING - AIRPORT SEWERS. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that the firm of Adams, Latham, Kripp and Wright be retained to revise the design of the first phase of the Airport sewer system.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

22. GROUP INSURANCE: Recommendation of Council Committee on Group Insurance re acceptance of bids on employee group health insurance and optional life and accidental death insurance for the period October 1, 1964 through September 30, 1965. (B-64-50)

Councilman Sciarrotta commented: on the good and thorough job the committee has done and the flexibility of the proposed plan. He moved to concur in the recommendation of the Committee on the action of the Employee Insurance Committee and accept the multiple choice program described in the communication. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. Civil Service Commission submitting recommendation re amendment of Section 5, Rule IX, Civil Service Rules governing payment for pre-employment medical examinations.

The recommendation is to delete the present provision that new employees shall pay for their pre-employment medical examination. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated made by the Civil Service Commission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

24. Civil Service Commission submitting revision of class specification for patrolman - education requirement.

Mayor Isen asked the meaning of the abbreviation G.E.D. and also that this type of abbreviation not be used without explanation of the words represented.

Considerable discussion followed regarding the phrase and its meaning and application to the subject matter. Mr. Jeff Vowell 2339 West 239th Street, spoke from the audience, in favor of the GED tests as being quite broad and advantageous in other ways.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission to permit an applicant for Police Patrolman who has a GED to take the examination. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta said he has fought this revision all the years he served on the Civil Service Board, as a means of lowering the standards of quality in the Department. He does not feel it comes up to the broad and general level of a high school education, but rather is more of a means of boning up for an examination.

25. TESTING CONTRACT. Personnel Director, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption resolution authorizing contracts.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND GRIFFENHAGEN-KROEGER, INC., AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR PERSONNEL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE 1964-65 FISCAL YEAR.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and adopt Resolution No. 64-173. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. Civil Service Commission requesting permission for all members and Personnel Director to attend International Public Personnel Association Conference in Los Angeles, October 4 through 8, 1964.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in granting the requested permission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Because this is a local conference, all members will commute to the sessions. Roll call vote was:

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

27. Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting report re repair of Toro Professional Mower damaged in accident.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to have the mower repaired at Pacific Toro, Inc., 16212 South Broadway, Los Angeles, for approximately \$700. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**BUS SYSTEM:**

28. **TIRE MILEAGE AGREEMENT.** Recommendation of Bus Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that tire agreement with B. F. Goodrich Company be renewed for one year.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. City Manager submitting Annual Report - Torrance Public Library.

Councilman Olson moved that this report be received and filed and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

30. **DANCING ORDINANCE:**

Three alternative ordinances were presented and Councilman Beasley moved to consider the one designed as "B". There was no second to his motion.

Councilman Lyman moved to consider Alternate "C" which would in effect make Sunday the same as any other day with respect to dancing. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion. There was no objection. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1526

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 20.5 ENTITLED "HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION" OF CHAPTER 20 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" and SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THERETO RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER TO ALLOW DANCING ON SUNDAY.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1526 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

31. Communication from City Attorney re Opinion No. 64-36, appointment of councilman to Metropolitan Water District Directorship.

Mayor Isen said it would be appropriate for the opinion to be ordered filed and that Councilman Vico accept the appointment as director, if he does so accept. Councilman Vico said he does accept and a poll of the Council was taken:

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

32. Proposed resolution appointing councilman Lyman to the City Selection Committee pursuant to Part 3 of Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING DAVID K. LYMAN, A MEMBER OF SAID COUNCIL OF SAID CITY TO THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF DIVISION 10 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-174 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. PROCLAMATION of Torrance Total Registration Week, September 1 through 10, 1964.

Mayor Isen proclaimed September 1 through 10 as Torrance Total Registration Week and urged all qualified citizens to exercise their privilege and register for the purpose of voting.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

34. Encroachment on City Property at 2035 Carson Street by Fredericks Realty.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-175

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND FRED L. FREDERICKS WITH REFERENCE TO PROPERTY AT 2035 CARSON STREET.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-175 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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A recess was declared at 8:50 and Council reconvened at 9:00.

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35. REFUND PROCEDURE FOR MONIES COLLECTED: Proposed Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1527

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE V TO CHAPTER 10, OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE REFUND OF MONIES COLLECTED.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1527 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. Resolution requesting the State of California to purchase beach front property located in the Cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach owned by Sovereign Development Co. and requesting the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to endorse this resolution.

Mayor Isen commented that he does not believe this resolution expresses the intention of the advocates. There followed discussion of whether this would include beach frontage or the whole property. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PURCHASE CERTAIN BEACH FRONT PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITIES OF TORRANCE AND REDONDO BEACH AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ENDORSE THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-176 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson.

Mr. Charles Hopkins of 639 Camino de Encanto, representing the Riviera Homeowners Association suggested two further changes to this resolution in addition to clarification as requested by Mayor Isen. One of his proposed changes involved appointment of a committee to implement section 3 of the resolution.

Mayor Isen said under the circumstances, he believed the resolution should be written again and Councilmen Sciarrotta and Olson withdrew their motion. City Attorney did not believe the contents as suggested for Section 4 by Mr. Hopkins should be made a part of a resolution, although Mayor Isen thought it might have some effect. The resolution will be back on the agenda next week with Section 4 and other minor changes as discussed here.

Mr. Hopkins presented a petition with 1586 signatures of residents of the area supporting the adoption of such a resolution and he read the body of the resolution aloud. The petition favored either purchase or condemnation of the property.

Mayor Isen said this seems to be an opportune time for those 1586 persons to do something about changing the postoffice address of Hollywood Riviera residents to Torrance, rather than Redondo Beach.

37. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1521.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1521

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. 64-19. (Santa Fe Railroad).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1521 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37A. A little later in the meeting it was discovered there was a corrected copy of the first page of this ordinance and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to rescind the action just taken on the second reading of Ordinance No. 1521. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and at his request, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading and read title to Alternate A, Ordinance No. 1521, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1521

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. 64-19. (Santa Fe Railroad).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1521 at its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1522

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 15 I OF APPENDIX I (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH REGULATES OFF-STREET PARKING, BY ADDING THERETO PARAGRAPH 6 TO PROVIDE THAT ALL REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING SHALL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE USERS THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1522 at its second and reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

39. Communication from R. C. Woods, M.D., suggesting City continue to pay taxes on property described as Lots 6 through 9, Block 71, Torrance Tract, in return for temporary use of the same with recommendation of City Manager that City Council concur in the proposal.

The recommendation of the City Manager, concurred in by the Traffic and Lighting Engineer is that the City Council concur and instruct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary legal documents. The amount involved is approximately \$377.52, annual taxes.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

40. As to Informational Item A re lowering the age limit for purchase of alcoholic beverages, Councilman Beasley moved to concur and instruct the City Attorney to prepare appropriate resolution for consideration at next week's meeting. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. City Manager Ferraro announced appointment of Councilman Olson on a local committee of the League of California Cities and the appointment of Councilman Miller to another state-wide committee of the League. The names of both committees will be announced at a later date.

42. City Manager Ferraro referred to the proposed change in the traffic pattern at the Torrance Airport and the appointment of a committee of citizens and municipal staff. Meetings have been held and information is being transmitted to the FAA. Copies of the arguments and counter arguments will be distributed to the councilmen. He stated the whole project was well done and well received by everyone.

43. Planning Director Shartle referred to the Griswold property at Sepulveda and Anza and the question as to whether there was a substantial or material change in the nature of the request and whether or not he could reapply within six months.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Planning Commission institute the rezoning applications as discussed at the last Council meeting as a result of the compromise with the homeowners group. Councilman Vico seconded the motion. However, City Attorney Remelmeyer did not believe it was good policy to proceed under such an instruction. He said it would be preferable for the Planning Commission to institute proceedings on their own initiative. Councilmen Beasley and Vico withdrew their motion and the Planning people present took note of the discussion.

44. City Manager Ferraro stated construction has started on the North Torrance Library.

45. Councilman Beasley said about three weeks ago the City received a third and he assumed a final report from the Attorney General's office on the results of their investigation. He moved this report be accepted by the Council as a matter of public record and be filed. Also, that the Attorney General's office be sent a letter of thanks for the work done.

Mayor Isen ruled this to be a double motion and would not accept the second portion thereof. Roll call vote on the first motion (to accept as public record and file), seconded by Councilman Olson, was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley did not repeat the second portion of the motion.

46. Mayor Isen asked to speak at this time as a matter of personal privilege, with the permission of the balance of the Council, and he read a prepared statement which follows, in full:

"The third report makes untrue statements concerning me which I feel require an answer.

"It suggests that Lt. Cook secured my intervention in his personnel hearing by threatening to reveal the contents of a tape recording. Also, that I had agreed to see to it that no disciplinary action be taken against him, and if the Personnel Commission found him guilty their finding would be reversed when it came before the Council.

"The falseness of the above can easily be proven by making public the contents of the said recording.

"The report neglects to mention the fact that this tape concerns details of an alleged plot of which I was the intended victim. I could have no possible reason to wish it suppressed. How, then, could I have been threatened with its exposure?

"A copy of this tape has been in the possession of the district attorney's office for some months, so of course they (Manley J. Bowler and his assistants) are aware of its contents. And, knowing its contents, they must also be aware that the statements made in the report concerning it are completely false.

"I am advised that the district attorney's office has refused to make the tape available to the press. It is obvious that they prefer to create the false impression that the tape imputes wrongdoing to me. In justice to Lt. Cook and myself, I ask that the contents of the tape referred to in the third report be made public. Bowler's continued refusal to do so would indicate a complete disregard for the truth and an appalling lack of integrity in the office he holds.

"It is absolutely untrue that I told the City Prosecutor his job would be in jeopardy for any reason whatsoever.

"My vote on the Cook matter was entirely proper and in good faith. There was no reason in the world why I should not have participated in the review of the case. I have no personal interest in any matter concerning Lt. Cook, nor have I ever had in the past. I wish to point out that I have only one vote out of seven on the City Council and no control or influence whatsoever over the voting of the six councilmen who serve with me. To suggest otherwise is to impugn their integrity.

"Bowler's interest in the City of Torrance, its government and its residents will end as of November 3rd. The political purposes behind the much publicized three reports become evident when we note, with no surprise at all, his successful maneuvering to time the Grand Jury investigation with the forthcoming election. The questionable ethics involved here are entirely out of place in the office of the district attorney. So, too, was the attempt to compel civil service deputy prosecutors and detectives to campaign for Bowler's election, as disclosed recently in the Los Angeles Times. County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy termed such campaigning illegal, and stated, "We wouldn't want a Chicago or a Tammany Hall situation here."

"My own interest in the welfare of this city has been lifelong. As a resident, as a place where I work and earn my living, and, as your Mayor, the integrity of our City government is of extreme importance to me and shall continue to remain so."

47. Councilman Beasley also talked about the possibility of completing improvement of Del Amo Boulevard. Redondo Beach is also interested he said, but he has had difficulty in getting any action. He asked Management that whoever is responsible for this, get something started and report what information is available so that the funds may be obtained to improve Del Amo Boulevard from Hawthorne Boulevard at least to the City of Redondo Beach. City Manager Ferraro took note of the remarks.

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48. Councilman Miller asked what control the City has over grading. Where an individual builds a house, must he set the grade or is there any control by the City? Glenn Weaver of the Engineering Department answered what is controlled by Engineering. City Manager Ferraro stated the question seemed to be whether this was true if the lot had been graded to the street. Mr. Weaver explained further. Councilman Miller asked if a study could be made of some way to protect an individual in development of his lot. Mr. Weaver said Engineering is in process of recommending some revision to the grading ordinance and Mr. Ferraro said a report will be made within a reasonable time with some possible solutions.

49. Councilman Olson called attention to wells in the heart of residential sections. He asked the Staff to look into some way of beautifying these sites, either by shrubbery or some other type of planting and landscaping, which would camouflage the well and upgrade the whole general area.

50. Councilman Sciarrotta said while the Turkish visitors undoubtedly enjoyed their stay here, there has been a lack of communication with our sister city, Konya and lack of information as to what is going on there. He and some other councilmen thought it might be well to adopt another sister city and Mr. Sciarrotta has contacted Snowden Chambers to see if Torrance might adopt Colon, Panama. There is such a possibility and the City of Torrance should compile information and booklets to send to Mr. Chambers for evaluation and processing. Colon, it seems, is a city of comparable population to Torrance, on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus of Panama and he listed its principal products. There might be some distinct advantage to adopting a city of the western hemisphere. Mayor Isen asked if the intention would be that Colon be an "additional" city and Mr. Sciarrotta agreed. The action toward adoption of sister cities is usually from a citizens' committee and is not initiated by the Council, Mayor Isen said. Councilman Sciarrotta said his intention would be merely to revive the committee. Councilman Beasley so moved.

Mrs. Phyllis Cloyd of 22410 Anza Avenue thought perhaps students could do research on possible sister cities which would excite considerable interest. Councilman Beasley called attention to the fact that this project comes under the U. S. Bureau of Information, part of the American Municipal Congress program.

Councilman Olson moved that the councilmen name members to a committee, something such as was done with respect to the Municipal Golf Course. However, there is a committee formed; all that is lacking is the chairman who moved away from Torrance. Mayor Isen asked that the members be contacted and encouraged to meet and talk about a possible sister city. Also about a contest among students which would add a tremendous impetus.

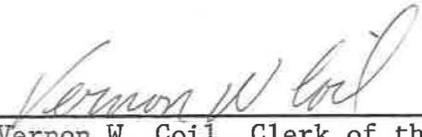
Councilman Olson restated his motion, that Councilman Sciarrotta proceed with reasonable speed in selecting another sister city through the use of the existing committee and addition of other people who are interested. Mr. Sciarrotta asked Mrs. Cloyd if she would like to serve on the committee. Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Olson's motion.

J. Walker Owens of the Chamber of Commerce stated there is in existence a committee, or board, and all it lacks is a chairman. Councilman Beasley mentioned sending out letters to organizations and Councilman Sciarrotta promised to proceed under all the conditions mentioned above.

There was no objection.

51. Councilman Vico reminded everyone of the Harbor Cruise for tomorrow morning and said there is room for others who wish to go.
52. Mayor Isen commented on the tremendously worthwhile activity, the Little League Western play-offs at Garrett Field and the banquet. He applauded all those who arranged the activities which might be the forerunner of large conventions in the future, considering the planned new auditorium and athletic fields. He thanked Mr. Vico for his interest in obtaining the City's cooperation.
53. City Clerk Coil said there is a Connie Mack League in Torrance which has won the State championship. They are the Torrance Bullets sponsored by the Torrance Police Association and are now in St. Louis with a very good chance of winning. Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney and City Manager to prepare an encouraging telegram to send to Bob Prior who is with them representing the City.
54. Councilman Vico said because of shortage of money, private contributors made up a fund to make their trip possible to St. Louis and Springfield, Illinois. Mr. O'Malley also contributed toward this fund.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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