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Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Torrance, California
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL HELD
SEPTEMBER 1, 1964.

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, September 1, 1964, at 5:30 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. Charles K. Norman led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend W. C. Jones of First Church of the Nazarene opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, there being no objection, the minutes of the regular meeting held August 25, 1964 were approved as written.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid. 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.

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.

Mayor Isen introduced Mrs. Betty Barnes of the League of Women Voters, who in turn introduced her guest for the year, Miss Nancy Costa, exchange student from Brazil, a senior at South High School.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

8. CASE NO. 64-61 - CHANGE OF ZONE - TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1, R-2 and C-2 to R-1, R-3 and C-3 on property bounded on the south by 182nd Street, on the west by Prairie, on the north by the northerly line of Lot 10 of the Hickman Tract, on the east by the westerly line of Tracts 19237 and 26673 and the southerly prolongation thereof. Recommended for approval.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve, with all conditions as listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 64-62 - VARIANCE - PRAIRIE AVENUE CHURCH, 18098 Prairie Avenue. Formal hearing on a variance to permit construction of a church complex on a portion of Lot 11, R. O. Hickman Tract, 18098 Prairie Avenue, A-1 Zone (R-3 applied for in Case No. 64-61). Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen noted the presence of Reverend Johnson of International Church of Foursquare Gospel, in the audience and asked him if it is true that a variance will now be unnecessary. At the suggestion of Mayor Isen and Planning Director Shartle, Reverend Johnson asked that the case be withdrawn until such time as the ordinance on Case No. 64-61 immediately preceding this case, becomes final. At the time of the second reading of the ordinance and its adoption, withdrawal of this request for variance will be automatic.

City Attorney Remelmeyer sanctioned the action just taken.

10. CASE NO. 64-65 - CHANGE OF ZONE - VERNE A. SMITH, 2816 W. 182nd Street. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on property described as a portion of Lot 53, McDonald Tract, located at the rear of 2816 West 182nd Street. Recommended for approval.

Affidavit of Publication as to Items 8, 9 and 10 was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak with respect to Case No. 64-65 and there was no response.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29480, GEORGE STEINKAMP, Subdivider - Arrow Engr. Engineer. 32 lots located south of 166th Street, east of Van Ness Avenue in Zone R-1. Recommended for approval.

City Engineer Nollac asked that the map be modified to remove Lot 33 which is a one-foot blocker lot at the end of Johnson Court. Dedication has been made at the other side of the street as shown in the next agenda item and Lot 33 is not needed. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation with the modification. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET. City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption resolution accepting for dedication of public street purposes, Lot 43 of Tract No. 22536 and naming such accepted street Johnson Court.

City Manager Ferraro said there should be an amendment to add "Lot 42" in the title, as well as in the Section 2 of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 42 AND LOT 43 OF TRACT NO. 22536, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED STREET JOHNSON COURT.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the correction in the title and in Section 2 and adopt Resolution No. 64-178 as so corrected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

13. EXPANSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING: City Manager submitting for approval and adoption proposed resolution.

Councilman Vico expressed the opinion that Chief Koenig should be given the space he needs and feels would be adequate. However, Chief Koenig said he had conferred with the City Manager on the subject and would yield to his plans. City Manager Ferraro stated there will be built a full size basement and planning at a future date a third floor. The tremendous cost at this time is all that slows the entire project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1964, WITH KOEBIG AND KOEBIG, INC., FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-179 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley asked why such an undue length of time had elapsed and Mayor Isen asked if it is true that it will be two years before completion. Assistant City Manager Johnson agreed that it will be six months before finalization of the construction drawings and about a year and a half before completion - this is a standard time table.

Even so, Mayor Isen asked that whatever can be done toward speeding it up, be done. The City Manager will write Koebig & Koebig stressing expedition of the project.

REAL PROPERTY:

14. SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, BLOCK 4, TRACT NO. 3758. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject R-3 land be sold at public auction to owners of adjoining property, with a minimum value placed thereon.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

15. TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

The seven recommendations were considered separately as follows:

1. That the request for a midblock crosswalk crossing 190th Street adjacent to Standard Brands Paint Co. be denied.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

2. That the two-hour parking signs be posted on both sides of Portola Avenue from the alley south of Torrance Boulevard to El Dorado Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-116 BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-180 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Olson reminded the Council that this is only one block west of the Pacific Telephone Company Building - commercial office downstairs and information office upstairs. He felt eventually other streets would be affected by this request for two-hour parking because of the many girl employees of the telephone company having to park and leave the area in the night hours. He felt the company should have provided better parking facilities for its many employees. He asked that the telephone company be made aware of the reason for providing this two-hour parking limitation. Councilman Miller stated in that the company went in on a variance, any hardship should be their own and not that of the residents of the neighborhood.

Mayor Isen recalled that his vote had been against the certificate of occupancy for Pacific Telephone and was overruled by the balance of the council.

There is a building to be constructed on Cravens by the telephone company, but Planning Director Shartle said it is not a garage, but an equipment building and no parking will be provided.

3. That NO PARKING ANYTIME signs be posted along the west side of Camino de las Colinas from Via Monte d'Oro to Calle Miramar.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-181 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. That the existing "TWO HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM INCLUDING SUNDAY signs along the west service road of Palos Verdes Boulevard and in the parking lot adjacent to the Riviera Methodist Church be replaced with TWO-HOUR PARKING SUNDAYS, 8 AM to 12 NOON. Proposed resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE VI TO RESOLUTION NO. 64-116 WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING, SUNDAYS, FROM 8:00 AM TO 12 NOON AND REPEALING SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE V, RESOLUTION 64-37.

Acting Traffic Engineer Kovach asked that the resolution be amended to read "6 AM to 12 NOON, to correct an error in preparing it.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-182 as so amended and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. That the request for an additional green zone on Gramercy Place westerly of Cabrillo Avenue be denied.

Councilman Lyman asked the reason for recommending denial of this request and Mr. Kovach explained the owner of the liquor store has a green zone on Cabrillo and wants one also at the entrance on Gramercy Place. Mr. Kovach's observations have indicated that he has sufficient parking space. Unless it would cause some really bad problem, Councilman Lyman thought the request should be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to deny and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Mr. Kovach said his department plans to keep the location under observation. Councilman Beasley commented that there is always a lot of merchandise displayed on the sidewalk outside this store. Councilman Vico said if it seems a green zone is warranted, it should be given to him later.

Councilman Sciarrotta called for the question and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen. The property belongs to a member of his family.

6. That channelization, with appropriate parking restrictions, be authorized on Carson Street at Cabrillo Avenue and at Western Avenue.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. That the STOP controls be reversed at Amie Avenue and Spencer Street, with proposed resolution.

Councilman Miller lived in this area for some time and is familiar with the problem. He did not approve of the reversal of the speed controls. Mr. Kovach said the street (Spencer) from Hawthorne to Marona qualifies for 65 mph speed limit. Mayor Isen said he believed there should be a referral to the Traffic Commission to determine if a reduction of speed limit is justified. Comparison was made to the situation on Anza Avenue and Mr. Nollac said the only place where traffic has been slowed there is immediately in front of and behind the STOP signs. Councilman Miller and Mayor Isen did not agree with this statement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 259 OF ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-35 AND ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-183 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, failed as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

Councilman Miller asked if the Traffic Engineer would make a study of this speed and if it is found advisable, he would be glad to agree to it. Inquiry will be made.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. BID - JEEP PICK-UP TRUCK. Recommendation of Park Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Bob Hansen Motors in the amount of \$2852.72 including tax, be accepted.

17. Chief of Police, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to attend Annual Conference of International Association of Chiefs of Police to be held in Louisville Kentucky from October 24 through 29 and on return trip to engage in recruiting activities for the Police Department, with appropriate expenses.

18. City Attorney requesting permission to attend Convention of Municipal Law Officers to be held September 27 through 30 in Portland, Oregon, with appropriate expenses.

Councilman Olson asked about the truck - which is to be used for mosquito abatement. City Manager Ferraro explained it is a specialized piece of equipment.

As to Items 16, 17 and 18, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the requested permission or concurring in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

19. Claim submitted by Walter N. Anderson, Attorney for claimant Dorothy A. Merritt, for personal injuries allegedly sustained when she tripped over a chain at El Nido Park on June 16, 1964.

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

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Mayor Isen noted that the members of the Tordena Bullets baseball team had entered the council chamber and he introduced Bob Prior. Two of the team members brought the large trophy which the team won, to the front of the room and Councilman Vico described the series of games which gave this ball club the championship of the Connie Mack League. The members were individually introduced and Mr. Prior explained the derivation of the name "Tordena" as being a composite of Torrance and Gardena.

Councilman Vico proposed a dinner for the boys and at his request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE TORDENA BULLETS UPON WINNING THE CONNIE MACK WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-177 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Each boy received a copy of the resolution signed by all the councilmen. City Manager Ferraro said with respect to the dinner project that the Chamber of Commerce would host the boys and the balance of the dinner would be "no host". Further details and a date will be discussed later.

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Councilman Beasley introduced a guest, Mr. Skip Smith, Staff Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission, and he was welcomed by Mayor Isen.

(League of Calif. Cities)

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There was a recess at 6:20 and Council reconvened at 6:30.

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20. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: FIRE SERIES. Communication from Police and Fire Committee of the City Council regarding Revised Class Specifications - Fire Series.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendations of the Police and Fire Committee of the City Council, as follows:

1. The class specifications for the Fire Series, except fire chief, be approved as presented. This includes specifications for Deputy Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Fire Captain, Fire Engineer and Fireman,
2. The class specifications for Fire Chief be returned to management for further study and review.

3. The provisions of Ordinance No. 1462 regulating the appointment of the Chief of the Fire Department remain unchanged. It is the Committee's conclusion that recruitment on this basis will provide the best possible candidate to fill the position of Fire Chief if and when a vacancy occurs.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. Communication from Civil Service Commission regarding change of title for Airport Superintendent and Assistant Airport Superintendent to Airport Manager and Assistant Airport Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the change in title "as long as it entails no change in salary". Councilman Olson seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

22. AIRPORT MANAGER RECOMMENDATION RE APPLICATION FEE POLICY AS RELATED TO ROLLING HILLS PLAZA (JEFFERSON). Airport Commission President submitting Commission's recommendation to concur in the Airport Manager's recommendation of confirmation of policy on fees.

This item involves the following policy on application fees:

"With each application for a new lease or operating agreement or a change in an existing lease or a transfer of interest there shall be paid to the City a non-refundable service charge of \$20; said service charge shall be in addition to any other charges or fees imposed and collected by the City."

which would in some measure go toward reimbursement for the time and expense of the City Attorney, City Manager, Airport Manager, etc. Two or three different reasons were discussed as being the basis of this policy. Councilman Miller thought perhaps there should be considered whether or not the \$20 is really sufficient for the purposes set.

On motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the matter is to be referred to the Airport Committee of the Council. There was no objection.

23. ROLLING HILLS PLAZA REQUEST RE APARTMENTS ON LEASE 6. Airport Commission President submitting Commission's recommendation to concur with Staff that they cannot accede to this request.

Mayor Isen recommended that this item be referred to the Airport Committee of the Council for study and there was no objection.

PARK AND RECREATION:

24. Communication from Park and Recreation Commission requesting approval of Park and Recreation Commission field trip scheduled to be held Saturday, October 17, 1964.

There seemed to be some conflict in appointments here and Mayor Isen asked that the field trip be held a week earlier, October 10th. There was no objection.

25. Communication from Park and Recreation Commission requesting approval of absence of Reverend Sippel from meetings on September 23 and October 14, 1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

WATER MATTERS:

26. JEWELL LAND CO. REQUEST FOR REFUND. City Attorney, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting recommendation to deny request for refund re water distribution system, Tracts Nos. 28575 and 28576.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney and City Manager to deny the refund for the reasons set forth in the City Attorney's opinion dated August 27, 1964. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

27. City Attorney submitting Opinion 64-22 - Legality of the City partially paying expenses of the Metropolitan Water Tour and Investigation of Las Vegas Civic Auditorium.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection this would be filed; there was no objection; so ordered.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

28. PURCHASE OF SOVEREIGN DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY. City Attorney submitting for approval and adoption Resolution.

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 OR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC USE CERTAIN 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, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said he had received a call from the President of the Homeowners' Association, Dr. Karl Stefek, with the suggestion of two names of representatives of that group: Tom Roach, 168 Vista del Parque, FR 5-3368; Dr. Charles Hopkins, 639 Camino de Encanto FR 5-0439. Mayor Isen suggested the name of David Halstead of the Planning Commission, Ambrose Schindler from the Park and Recreation Commission and Councilman Vico. The Homeowners group should do what they consider necessary to implement the resolution. City Manager Ferraro asked if a City Staff member, Harry Van Bellehem might meet with the committee in an ex officio capacity. He was accepted by the Council as such.

29. FREE USE OF RECREATION BUILDING AT CIVIC CENTER. City Attorney submitting for approval and adoption resolution modifying the provisions of Resolution which prescribes rules and regulations for the use of such building.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (f) OF SECTION VII OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-56 WHICH PRESCRIBES RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE RECREATION CENTER OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH BASES FOR GRANTING FREE USE OF THE RECREATION CENTER.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-184 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters requesting permission to use City Hall facilities on the night of the General Election, November 3, 1964, as a check-in center for receiving the election returns.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

31. Notice of September meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities.

A car will leave City Hall at 6 p.m., and several councilmen plan to attend.

32. PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON AGE LIMIT FOR PURCHASE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Mayor Isen said he was under the impression this resolution is to go to the Youth Welfare Commission first and Mr. Charles Norman, a member of that commission, in the audience, confirmed this. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND FEES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1528

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 34.59 OF CHAPTER 34 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND PROVIDING A DEFERRED PAYMENT METHOD ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND FEES FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

A motion to adopt was made by Councilman Sciarrotta and seconded by Councilman Beasley, but withdrawn before vote, because there is necessity of further clarification and study by Engineering and the Public Works Committee of the Council. The item will appear later on a future agenda.

34. City Attorney's opinion re claim of Raymond Arlie Brooks regarding payment of medical costs while incarcerated.

The opinion is to the effect that the claim is barred because of lapse of time; however, City Manager Ferraro stated the opinion of Staff that Mr. Brooks showed considerable pluck in making the statements he did at a previous Council meeting.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

35. ORDINANCE NO. 1526.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1526 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

36. ORDINANCE NO. 1527.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1527 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

37. RESOLUTION NO. 64177, congratulating Tordena Bullets, etc. This matter was handled earlier in the meeting.

38. Letter advising that Police Department has been named as one of the winners of the 20th Annual Fleet Safety Contest sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, with recommendation of City Manager.

City Manager Ferraro said there is to be a dinner and the Council has been polled as to attendance.

39. Communication from Fire Chief requesting authorization for approval of repair of Engine No. 1.

The recommendation is to have the repair done by Torrance Auto Parts at \$750.29 and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur therein. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

40. PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1401.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1529

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1401 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.68 OF 'THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954' ENTITLED 'EMERGENCY NO PARKING SIGNS'; AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF TORRANCE; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1529 at its only reading as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. Mayor Isen noted from Item A of Informational items, that Mrs. Vera Wolinsky had resigned as a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission and instructed that she be written a letter in acknowledgment of her services. In her place, he appointed Joann. Silence, 22317 Osage Court, DA 6-1386.

42. City Engineer Nollac asked that the date on listed bids be changed from September 9th which is a holiday, to September 10th. There was no objection.

43. Councilman Vico said certain trees in the Riviera should be topped in order to preserve the view of residents. There is a problem of complaints on this score and the City Manager will see what should be done.

44. Mr. Gerald King of 5306 Sharyn Lane, said on his return from a few days away from home he found a drilling rig in front of his home apparently digging for water in connection with a flood control district. The workers told him they were entitled to drill between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Mr. King had made a recording of the drilling sound and with permission of Council he replayed it. The recording had been made in his bedroom and is the sound to which his family is subjected. He has talked with the City Attorney by telephone and learned there is nothing which prevents drilling and noise-making of this kind. He suggested an ordinance to restrict the drilling to reasonable hours, maybe 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. While the drilling will probably cease at this location shortly, it will go on to annoy some other resident.

There has been damage to his lawn and Mr. King said the drillers have cut down branches of City trees; shorted the power lines and placed a 12 to 16" pipe in the middle of the sidewalk.

Mayor Isen thanked Mr. King for bringing this information to the Council and instructed the City Manager to look into the matter from the standpoint of damage to City property as well as preparation of an ordinance to prevent this from recurring.

45. Mr. Gilbert D. Sellan, 22527 Crenshaw Boulevard, asked for a 30 day extension as to two permits on Del Amo Boulevard, on which a final tract map has not been filed because of complications caused by an oil well near Perkins Avenue.

City Engineer briefly explained the circumstances: When Mr. Cake filed his final map certain parcels were left out because of involvement with the oil well in the middle of the street. A Condition was that he post with the city sufficient funds to condemn the oil well. This is now in process. Mr. Nollac does not believe thirty days will do it - he cannot be issued a building permit on this parcel of land because it would violate a provision of the subdivision map act. Mr. Sellan needed the permit by August 1st because of the deadline of garage ratio requirements. The only practical way to handle it, Mr. Nollac said, would be to grant an extension until the date of the filing of the final map. The property was identified as Tentative Tract No. 28575, southwest corner of Perkins Drive and Del Amo Boulevard.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a thirty day extension be granted after the filing of the map and that the old ratio of one to one on garages apply. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried, there being no objection.

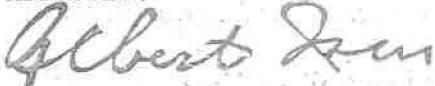
46. Mrs. Joseph Dock of 4407 234th Street, President of the American Field Service, appeared to ask waiver of fees for Joslyn Center; however, it appeared she meant the Recreation Center, on Civic Center at the rear of the Benstead Plunge, This presents no problem. City Manager Ferraro said Joslyn Center is not included in the action taken this evening under Item 29.

47. Mr. Charles Montgomery of 24240 Neece Avenue, presented a problem regarding drainage at 3843 Bluff Street. City Manager Ferraro said he believed it should be referred to the pertinent department, but Councilman Beasley believed he had been to the departments. Mr. Ferraro said he believed there is a way to evaluate this and handle it through Staff; it might be something which could be corrected immediately. Mr. Montgomery described his problem in detail. He said he could be in for a final by Friday of this week; he has conformed with everything the City has asked and yet his plans lay in Engineering for over one hundred days, on 75 days of which he was paying interest on his money.

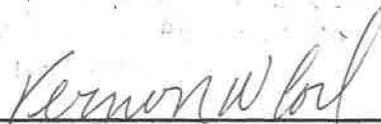
Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this problem to Staff and Engineering; if it is not solved thereby, it will be back on Council's agenda for next Tuesday, an 8:00 meeting. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and there was no objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance



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

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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