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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, October 27, 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. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. James Simmons of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. M. Sippel of First Christian Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 20, 1964, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, all bills regularly audited were ordered paid by the following roll call vote:

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 gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of members of the audience.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 64-53 - CHANGE OF ZONE - TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Continued hearing on Parcels A and E and a portion of Parcel B (Yamaguchi property). Letters in opposition were attached.

This being the continuation of a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard. Mr. J. Mosley stated his group favors the plan as recommended here. Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard and there was no response.

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

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendations of the Planning Director as contained in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of his resubmittal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley who explained he is not against urban renewal but does not believe property owners should be tied up by a moratorium on the slight excuse which exists here.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. CASE NO. 64-79 - VARIANCE - Pacific Telephone Company - Resubmitted. Variance of off-street parking ordinance to include construction of a two story and basement building addition to the rear of existing building at 1301 Cravens Avenue. Formal Council hearing was held October 6, 1964.

City Manager Ferraro said he had changed the views expressed at the previous hearing on this item. The meeting with the Telephone Company was held and the problem was found to be one of communication. The Telephone company officials were most cooperative, Mr. Ferraro said, and he called attention to recommendations embodied in sub-items 3 and 4 particularly.

Mayor Isen determined from Mr. John Sonneborn, the Telephone Company representative, that he had not familiarized himself with the eight conditions of the recommendation and at Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Sonneborn was furnished a copy thereof with the remark that several other items could be handled in the interim and this item would be considered a little later in the meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

10. Communication from City Attorney regarding notifying union representatives of personnel matters to be discussed at various meetings.

There being no objection, the communication was ordered filed.

FISCAL MATTERS:

11. EXPENDITURE FROM DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7-B ACCOUNT. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager that (1) \$50,000 be appropriated from subject account for construction of storm drains within the district; and (2) the City Attorney be instructed to proceed with condemnation of the required storm drain easements.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was:

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

12. EXPENDITURE FROM DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-C ACCOUNT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that (1) \$6,000 be loaned from the Drainage Improvement Fund to Drainage District 8-C; (2) \$10,000 be appropriated from Drainage District 8-C funds for Phase I storm drain construction within the District.

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

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

13. Claims submitted by W. E. Thomas, 4142 Via Lado; Mrs. John Barton, 4160 Via Lado; Mrs. Howard W. Ball, 4148 Via Lado for damage to water heaters in their homes due to failure of City's water pressure regulator on October 19, 1964. Recommendation of City Clerk that claims be denied and referred to the Legal Department.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer these claims to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Mayor Isen asked if it could be assumed that the damage was due to Water Department fault because of high pressure and City Manager Ferraro answered in the negative.

There was no objection and all three claims were referred to the City Attorney's office after being denied by Council.

14. BID - SEVEN UNIT POWER MOWER TRACTOR - HYDRAULIC OPERATED. Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Pacific Toro in the amount of \$7,245.68 be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to so award the bid and reject all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen recognized that the telephone company representative was now ready to talk about Item 9. Mr. Sonneborn said his company is in complete agreement with seven of the eight items, but there has been no problem with customer parking and he asked the Council to hear Chief Engineer Hansen on this subject.

Mr. Ferraro asked Mr. Shartle, the Planning Director to explain. Mr. Shartle said of the 125 parking spaces the telephone company will provide that a few be designated as customer parking rather than for employees. The telephone company has a policy in force throughout the State of not providing customer parking and they do not wish to make an exception in Torrance.

There is a green zone in front of the company building as well as access to some other business parking which they feel is adequate.

Mr. Shartle said the company maintains there is never in excess of five customers in the office; the parking they need is for their employees and it appears that such complaints as have been made from the neighborhood have been as to employee parking.

Mayor Isen stated the plan and recommendation in subitem 8 of "That the plan include some customer parking" is ambiguous. He recommended subitem 8 be deleted from the recommendations but that the other 7 be approved. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations of the Planning Director, deleting subitem 8, the last item thereof. Councilman Olson seconded.

Councilman Beasley, referred to what had been stated as a statewide policy of no customer parking, and disapproved of the Telephone Company being treated preferentially to any other business.

Mr. Hansen of Pacific Telephone, 740 South Olive St. Los Angeles, expanded the subject, stating most of their customers do business with the telephone company by telephone and the policy as set for Torrance, as with other cities, is that the customers be permitted to stop and use the street as parking. This has proven to be practical in other California cities.

Councilman Sciarrotta did not wish to exclude subitem 8 and Councilman Lyman said he felt sure every merchant would like to have a wide green belt in front of his place of business.

Roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Miller (under which subitem 8 was deleted) was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Sciarrotta.

Mayor Isen said although he had been a severe critic of the Telephone Company, he feels they have kept faith and accomplished quite an achievement by picking up 125 parking spaces in downtown Torrance.

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Mayor Isen asked how many were present on the proposed pigeon ordinance and there appearing to be many, Item 24 was next considered.

24. KEEPING OF PIGEONS AND DOVES: With proposed regular ordinance and emergency ordinance on the subject. Attached was letter from the Secretary of Southwest Pigeon Fanciers Association.

Mayor Isen stated there had been a meeting of the committee previously appointed and they had proposed the ordinance which appears to be a compromise. In response to an invitation to speak, Mrs. Horne called attention to her communication which is included in the agenda item, and stated she represents 300 members of the association.

Mr. R. E. Katherman of 131 Via Segó, was one of the participants in the committee meeting and he outlined the provisions of the ordinance as he understands them.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak against the ordinance and Mr. Robert L. Ewen of 8717 Olive Street, Bellflower came forward and denied there are any adverse effects of pigeon keeping. He objected to what he understood would prevent anyone from having any kind of pigeons except racing pigeons and any number more than four.

Councilman Miller pointed out to Mr. Ewen the restrictive provisions but reminded him that all the pigeons wished could be kept if the owner complies with the conditional use permit and has the sanction of the City Manager to his operation.

Mrs. K. Leithold of 116 Paseo de Suenos, Redondo Beach, also of the committee, said since the meeting she has talked with several of her neighbors and friends and they feel it is time to consider that Torrance is an urban area, not rural. She read from a communication urging that no pigeons be kept in Torrance. A promise of support, cooperation and votes was made to the councilmen who would agree to such a prohibition.

David Parker of 3921 Wilshire Boulevard, an attorney representing the Homing Pigeon Flyers, recalled some of the statements made at the committee meeting and stated he believes the last lady to speak simply has an aversion to pigeons which could extend to other small domestic animals. He believed in control rather than prohibition of a good wholesome hobby. The City Manager would be given wide latitude and Mr. Parker believes the ordinance as now framed would satisfy the opponents as well as the proponents. He pointed out that Los Angeles, Long Beach, and other major cities in this area also have pigeons. He recommended adoption of the ordinance proposed.

Mayor Isen did not like the tenor of the remarks regarding the council made by Mrs. Leithold. He stated all the citizens' problems have to be compromised for the good of the majority. He asked for a show of hands as to how many interested people were Torrance residents and vice versa.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he believed there should at least be given a chance to the ordinance.

City Clerk Coil said there had been received a letter in opposition as well as seven telephone calls from the Hollywood Riviera section protesting.

Mrs. Polly _____ (unintelligible on the tape) 353 Avenida Atezada, spoke against pigeons in the area. She said pigeons are considered to be a nuisance in every large city and asked if it could not be put to a vote of the people. Mayor Isen doubted that; he feels the Council can handle the problem adequately. People who feel differently from this lady have rights also; it's time to exercise some patience and tolerance.

Mrs. Rogers of the same section asked if the pigeons would be kept penned up; she said pigeons fly against her house and windows and are injured and die. She opposes the ordinance.

Mr. Richard Russell of 233 Via Los Altos, was the next to speak. He favors the pigeons and keeps them although they have caused him many problems including court appearances. He recommended raising pigeons rather than evincing too keen interest in the business of neighbors. He described the activities of the junior pigeon clubs and reported a gift by his club of 50 birds to the Los Angeles County Boys' Retention Home where a club is being initiated.

He saw no reason to differentiate as between areas for pigeon clubs and also stated that anyone who raises pigeons would have more than four, or none.

Mrs. Wilma Esterbrook of 144 Vista del Parque read in full a letter signed by Mr. Wm. Doty who could not attend this evening. It described in detail a condition which had existed near his home and was definitely a protest.

Ernest Chapman of Harbor City representing the Southern California Raçing Pigeon combine, favored the proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1544

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 4.4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED 'PIGEONS AND DOVES - KIND OF PIGEONS WHICH MAY BE KEPT; RESTRICTIONS AS TO AREA' AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 4.4 ENTITLED 'KEEPING OF PIGEONS AND DOVES' IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PIGEONS TO FOUR EXCEPT BY PERMIT OF THE CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1544 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Ferraro to report back to the Council what degree of success is met and what degree of difficulty in abatement after about 90 days of enforcement of the ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1545

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 4.4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED 'PIGEONS AND DOVES - KIND OF PIGEONS WHICH MAY BE KEPT; RESTRICTIONS AS TO AREA' AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 4.4 ENTITLED 'KEEPING OF PIGEONS AND DOVES' IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PIGEONS TO FOUR EXCEPT BY PERMIT OF THE CITY MANAGER AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1545 as an emergency measure and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Mayor Isen explained the procedure on regular and emergency ordinances to the audience. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta reminded the people if it does not work out satisfactorily changes can be made.

Councilman Lyman is not really pleased with this item of business, but the fact that the committee worked it out leads him to agree with it. He agrees this is an urban area, however, and

will be interested to know if the ordinances accomplishes what is hoped for. If not, he too would be inclined to take further steps.

Councilman Beasley agreed and Mayor Isen said probably the whole Council agrees on this as being a compromise which must be given a chance to work.

City Manager Ferraro announced the emergency ordinances becomes effective immediately and anyone may be of value to his office and to the City if they will notify the City Manager's office of any neighbors who own more than four pigeons, together with the address.

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At 9:00 p.m., a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 9:10.

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15. BID - POWER ROLLER - WALKING TYPE HAND OPERATED. Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Pacific Toro, in amount of \$390 be accepted.

16. BID - TOP DRESSER FERTILIZER SPREADER. Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of B. Hayman Co., Inc. in the amount of \$814.32, be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as to both Items 15 and 16 and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico had not returned to the Council chambers from recess).

17. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Assistant Water Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager and approval of City Engineer, requesting transfer of funds from Water Revenue Fund to Water Main Extension Revolving Fund to provide working cash.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request to authorize the loan of an additional \$25,000 from the Water Revenue Fund to provide working cash for future water main extensions under the Revolving Fund. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

19. City Manager's submittal of expenditures of \$300 or over for Council approval:

1. \$5,360 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., for 8 "Motrac" mobile radios and one motorcycle radio for 1965 Harley-Davidson three-wheeler for the Police Department, a budget item.
2. \$539.76 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., for one "Motrac" mobile radio for the Fire Department, a budget item (includes trade-in of one mobile for \$100).
3. \$787.47 to Vel's Ford for one Pony Motor for Refuse Truck, a budget item.

4. \$4,319.02 to Addressograph-Multigraph for one model 1250W Multilith Offset Duplicator and attachments for Central Services Division, a budget item.
5. \$1,122.26 to Southwest Tractor for one Model 722 Ford single boom loader and one Hytero 72" Terra-Ditcher with 96" rake attachment for the Airport Tractor, a budget item.
6. \$440.13 to Municipal Parts Company for one 2R-1006 Packing Cylinder for Leach Packer.
7. \$393.82 to Victor Comptometer Corporation for one Victor Adding Machine for the City Clerk, a budget item (includes trade-in of Allan-Wales Adding Machine for \$69.50.)
8. \$1,190.96 to Victor Adding Machine Co. for three Victor Printing Calculators for the Finance Department (includes trade-ins of one Allan Wales Adding Machine for \$74.50 and one Monroe 600 for \$124.50).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve expenditures listed above as Items 1 through 8. 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.

18. REQUEST FOR TRAVEL: Chief of Police, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission for Juvenile Officer Silagy to attend Juvenile Law Enforcement Officers Training Conference to be held in Pacific Grove on January 10 through 16, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission with appropriate expenses. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Mayor Isen asked that an item be taken out of order, in that he had noticed in the audience a group of people, particularly Mr. Albert Filippo, of the United Auxiliary of the Garden Valley Training Center for Mentally Retarded Children. He described the work of the Center and mentioned the recent fund raising project which Torrance City Council aided by publishing a resolution in its behalf.

Mr. Filippo introduced Mrs. Sidney Rooth who thanked Torrance and presented to Mayor Isen a scroll in token of the Auxiliary's gratitude. She said the plan is to purchase land to establish another center to help more children.

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Mayor Isen asked that next be considered the ordinance dealing with the Civil Service Ordinance, which had been distributed just prior to the meeting.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the ordinance to the Civil Service Commission for hearings. Councilman Lyman seconded and the City Attorney announced it could not be adopted this evening as it would have to be sent to the Civil Service Commission for consideration and then returned to the Council.

Mayor Isen invited anyone interested to speak and Mr. Larry Townsend, 18407 Manhattan Place, Torrance, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, said that commission is working on the new civil service ordinance, as is Management, Staff and other pertinent interested organizations, no one of which has suggested a seven member commission. He said the trend in personnel boards is toward smaller membership and most of the largest cities have a three-man board, and he did not believe a larger number is conducive to ease in obtaining a quorum. Most of the councilmen did not agree on this last point.

Councilman Lyman asked if it would not be better to carry on all this type of discussion at the Civil Service Commission since the motion is to so refer it. Mayor Isen said he and others want to be heard at this time and contends that the ordinance is one of bad political connotations.

Councilman Lyman moved the previous question and Councilman Beasley seconded. Councilman Miller asked the meaning of the "political" remark and a discussion followed.

Councilman Lyman insisted on the previous question and roll call was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen

and the discussion continued. Mayor Isen contends the policy should remain as it has: appointment by the mayor with concurrence of the councilmen, with some exceptions which are noted in the legislation by which some of the commissions were initiated. These appointments have been made through closed personnel sessions and nominations and polling of the council at regular meetings.

Under the provisions of the proposed ordinance, Mayor Isen said the present Civil Service Commission would be ousted and he read from the ordinance the pertinent section, 2.141. The particular provision that he disapproved as being political was: "the term of each commissioner shall expire 60 days after the termination of the term of office of the member of the city council appointing such commissioner. The term of office of each member shall be deemed to have expired on his re-election to such office as well as any other cause."

Mayor Isen feels this means of appointment would decrease the independence of the Council and he explained his position by use of hypothetical circumstances. In conclusion he said to his way of thinking this is the worst proposal and the most political proposal he has ever seen offered in this Council Chamber, and a peril not only to the Civil Service system, but all commissions and boards.

Councilman Miller disagreed entirely, saying by Mayor Isen's right of veto all strings are tied to him. If the majority of this council wishes to change this veto power, the majority should rule.

Councilman Lyman elaborated on Councilman Miller's argument, stating there is nothing more political about this provision than anything the council does. Councilman Sciarrotta commented that the council cannot vote on a commissioner unless the Mayor nominates him and Mayor Isen countered that he cannot nominate anyone unless that nomination is confirmed by three councilmen. Councilman Sciarrotta said he has been trying to get one person on one commission and cannot although some councilmen have appointed two even though elected since Mr. Sciarrotta.

He was violently opposed to making any appointment with the thought of controlling the actions of a commissioner.

Councilman Beasley resented the implication of Mayor Isen that the councilmen would tie strings to appointments, and said his presentation also insults the persons appointed as being puppets of the councilmen who appoint them. For four years of his tenure as councilman, Councilman Beasley said Mayor Isen made the appointments with no control by the Council and he feels the councilmen have an equal integrity to that of the Mayor. A spreading around of power seems advisable to Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Olson said he thought the subject had been pretty well covered but believed a quorum might be more easily obtained with a seven man commission.

Milton Langum, of the Fire Department did not favor the seven man concept and said his group believes the members should be knowledgeable of the subject of their jurisdiction.

Sam Hunegs, Director of Council 20 of State, County Municipal Employees' Union was deeply concerned with the comments, chiefly because there had been no mention of the effect on employees under the merit system. The political issue is pertinent, but more important that the implication of politics should never be allowed to enter into a civil service system. He said the civil service system under which the City of Torrance is now operating is not completely independent and as a result is not entitled to the complete confidence of the employees or of the people of Torrance. He said he could discern recognition that some changes are needed - perhaps a necessity to know that the Civil Service Commission could meet at any given time but he re-emphasized that this is not accomplished by expanding the number of members - in fact, quite the contrary. Extensive inquiry has determined that there is no seven-men personnel board and that good personnel practices do not dictate such a number. As to the remainder of the ordinance, he said every item is open to broad criticism.

Councilmen Vico and Olson saw no objection to increasing the number to seven. Mr. Hunegs reminded them that the Civil Service Commission is not a legislative body, but a judicial body and the smaller the body the more effective.

It was agreed all these arguments will again be heard before the Commission and probably before the Council and roll call on the motion was taken:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

PARK AND RECREATION:

20. RENEWAL OF TORDONDO LITTLE LEAGUE LEASE. Recommendation of Recreation Director, with concurrence of City Manager, to renew the Tordondo Little League lease on Entradero Park for a period of five years, effective March 1, 1965, ending February 28, 1970.

City Manager Ferraro asked if the Council would refer this matter to the Park and Recreation Commission for their first consideration. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

21. DEDICATION OF WALTERIA SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS: Communication from Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager re selection of Thursday, November 19, at noon for dedication of Walteria park Senior Citizens shuffleboard courts.

The date was noted and Mr. Ferraro asked that the time of day be changed to 11 a.m. There was no objection.

22. Communication from City Manager regarding proposed open space program.

City Manager Ferraro explained orally the program set forth in his communication. Negotiations are under way but no money has been paid and Mr. Ferraro asked the Council to approve an application to the Federal Government for the necessary funds.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. However, Councilman Olson recalled that there had been a request for Federal aid for the Airport last week and now this. He would like more time to study it.

Councilman Miller moved to hold the item for one week and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

23. Communication from Betty M. Pickard requesting the city to draft an ordinance outlawing senseless noise created by toy motors.

Mrs. Pickard of 725 Calle de Arboles said the toy companies are distributing for Christmas sale some toy motors which are battery operated and look and sound like hot rod engines. There have been television advertisements for them which are quite misleading, because the sound is muffled. The local children have been given demonstrators by local toy makers and they have been on the market for about eight weeks.

Mrs. Pickard had three typical examples of the toy with her and demonstrated them, one at a time, and simultaneously, with convincing effect. However, they are proving very popular as evidenced by sales of local stores where they sell for between \$2.95 and \$9.00. Mrs. Pickard's concern was for the adult community as well as for the children. She read from articles on the subject of effect of sound and noise as an irritant. These toys have been checked to have a sound level as 102 decibels which is far above most of the sounds in the community.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this matter to the City Manager and City Attorney for study and recommendation. Councilman Beasley seconded. Councilman Beasley said there is an ordinance to control the sound of cars by mufflers although it is not enforced. City Treasurer told of a noisemaker which children have used on bicycles which is made of a clothespin and a pack of playing cards. Mayor Isen feared enforcement of the requested legislation would be impossible. However, there was no objection to its referral to Management and the Legal Department.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. License Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting report of filing of financial statements from operators of fireworks stands in 1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought because of the time consumed in notifying and attempting to get these reports in, there should be some means taken to correct such a situation. Councilman Olson said a number of service clubs and charitable organizations use this as their main source of income. The number of stands is based on population. He thought a letter to the licensees of the stands might bring about some good results. Mayor Isen said the matter comes up each year and always for the same reasons. It does not seem likely that they will be refused. He suggested a late-filing fee and Councilman Beasley suggested a \$50 bond refundable if the report is timely filed.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the item would be referred to the City Manager and License Department and City Attorney for a recommendation. There was no objection.

26. CLOSING OF ABANDONED DRIVEWAYS. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that City Council adopt a policy requiring all abandoned driveways be removed and new curb and gutter installed in their place.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection. A proper ordinance will be prepared by the Legal Department.

27. IMPROVEMENT OF OCEAN AVENUE FROM 228th PLACE TO 226th STREET BY THE INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES. Recommendation of City Engineer-Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that City Council accept the work.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the work and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. STUDENT TRAINEE CLASSIFICATION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-122 TO ADD A NEW POSITION WITH ITS SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-211 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1543

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. 64-22. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1543 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. ORDINANCE NO. 1542

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1542

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. 63-75. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1542 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

31. ORDINANCE on Urban Renewal.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1546

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE NEED FOR A REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO FUNCTION AND DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO BE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1546 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. George L. Heaton of 1816 Calamar, said he understands the present indebtedness of the City of Torrance is approximately \$2½ million and the amount asked for on the urban renewal issue is \$325,000. Mayor Isen said that is not now under consideration. The amount on this item under consideration is several million dollars, but it is impossible to estimate .

Mr. Heaton expressed his opinion as being against this. He said surely the fiscal status of the City of Torrance is far better than that of the Federal government. He disputed Mayor Isen's theory that our city should get what it can before someone else gets it, and asked what has become of the integrity and honor that were the basis of an All America award for Torrance some years ago. Torrance is capable of doing for itself as was shown by the all-out successful YMCA building drive and the money in the Federal coffers is not properly ours for the asking. Councilman Sciarrotta agreed.

32. RESOLUTION RE HOME RULE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A GENERAL STATUTE RETURNING HOME RULE TO THE CITIES OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-216 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. RESOLUTION ON PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-⁷⁴~~75~~.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 11 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-74 - LEONA BASHORE (Pentacostal Lighthouse).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-217 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 18.16 OF "THE CODE" and substituting a new section therefor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 18.16 OF CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "POOLROOMS, BILLIARD HALLS AND BOWLING ALLEYS -- HOURS OF OPERATION" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 18.16 THEREFOR TO FORBID THE OPERATION OF POOLROOMS AND BILLIARD HALLS BETWEEN CERTAIN HOURS.

Mayor Isen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1547 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman.

There had been three alternate resolutions presented for choice and Mr. Murray Rubin commented that at a previous council meeting Alternate C was chosen and Councilman Miller thought it improper to go ahead because the bowling alley operators had not been notified and were not represented. Mr. Rubin said it has not been his purpose to pull down the hours of the bowling alleys, but rather to build up those of billiard halls so that people who work swing shift may be accommodated.

Mr. L. D. Cushman of 4806 Carmelyn, complained that children of sixteen years would be frequenting these places at all hours.

The motion to approve at first reading Ordinance No. 1547 carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35. Mayor Isen proclaimed this day as NAVY DAY.

36. City Manager Ferraro asked the Council if they would authorize and each personally sign a letter of commendation to Dr. Casey in recognition of his brave and prompt action in rescuing a young man entrapped by a landslide at the beach recently. Similar recognition is to be shown to Officer Robert Lydon of the Torrance Police Department. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the authority would be given and the Councilmen will sign. There was no objection.

37. City Manager Ferraro mentioned a travel request which was not on the agenda wherein the time element is important. He asked for authorization for Assistant City Manager Scharfman to attend a three day conference of Western Governmental Research in Sacramento, October 28 through 30th, at a total cost of not to exceed \$75.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to so authorize and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

38. Councilman Lyman asked what progress is being made on surveys of other communities with respect to their method of electing councilmen by district and City Manager Ferraro answered that an extensive study was made and a report is in process. The completed report will be presented within thirty-five days, he said.

39. Councilman Miller asked what had been done about requiring safety glass in patio doors and Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon said it will be included in the 1964 code which is to be compiled before the end of the year.

40. Mayor Isen suggested a personnel session at 5:00 p.m., on the next Council meeting day, November 4, a Wednesday to consider filling the vacancy which exists on the Civil Service Commission. There was no objection. There is also a vacancy on the Airport Commission.

41. Mr. George Gillum of 3832 Emerald Street, Torrance Tow Service, said he had copies of correspondence for the City Council, the City Manager and the City Clerk and wished to speak. Mayor Isen asked him to please put this on the agenda for next week. The papers were delivered to the City Clerk for next week's agenda.

42. Mr. Mosley reminded the council of the presence of the visitor from Guatemala City, Mrs. Stella Saenz. Mrs. Mosley introduced her and she was invited to attend the committee meeting at City Hall on Thursday at 4:30, this week, with respect to the possibility of adopting a sister city from this part of the world.

43. Mr. R. E. Katherman, 131 Via Segó, spoke on two items: first, Item 25²³, the noise maker which Mrs. Pickard had displayed. He said his Homeowners group had been subjected to this in a much smaller room, with considerable reaction. The Board authorized Mr. Katherman to appear at this council meeting and express their belief that something should be done.

44. Mr. Katherman also read a resolution which was adopted at the same meeting of the Homeowners, announcing their intention to fight any attempt to introduce high rise in their area. A criticism of Councilman Lyman's remarks regarding the Hollywood Riviera Democratic Club was included.

45. In answer to Mr. Katherman's second communication, Mayor Isen

said there is not much argument on the high rise subject. However, on the subject which followed, he said the Hollywood Riviera people could well expend some of their energy toward changing the post office address of this neighborhood to Torrance. Until this is done those residents will not be a cohesive part of Torrance.

Mr. Katherman said he was glad to have the opportunity to answer these remarks which he has heard made by Mayor Isen on several occasions. Six or seven years ago, he said, there was a concerted effort by the group, then called the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association. The reason for the change in name is that they have joined with the Palos Verdes Riviera Homeowners as one group. The Post Office Department made the decision, Mr. Katherman said, that Redondo Beach would be the postoffice to serve the Hollywood Riviera which was at that time quite far from the little town of Torrance. This information was gained from a Postal Inspector who said it is not in the cards to change the name.

Mayor Isen said his understanding is that it is to be done by a petition circulated from door to door. When 51% of the people sign, the Postmaster will do so. No one has been willing to circulate that petition.

Councilman Lyman said he had been informed by a postmaster that it is a very simple matter to make the change. Councilman Beasley confirmed this by relating his experience with the Walteria post office. Mayor Isen said he believes the important thing is that people be aware of where they live; many seem to think it is in Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Esterbrook who had spoken on a previous matter, said she lived in this area for eight years before she was even aware that her mailing address was Redondo Beach. She agreed if it is important that the address matter be changed, it should be done.

There being no further oral communications, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned to November 4, 1964, a Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m. by unanimous roll call vote.

This meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary