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Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Torrance, California
December 29, 1964

MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Call Meeting to Order:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, December 29, 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. Assistant City Managers Scharfman and Johnson and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. Flag salute:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Jack Reinhold led the salute to our Flag.

4. Invocation:

Father O'Gorman of St. James Catholic Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. Approval of minutes:

There being no objections, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 1964 were approved as written, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico.

6. Approval of demands:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

Since Father O'Gorman had to leave the meeting at this time to perform other duties, Mayor Isen thanked him on behalf of the Council and wished him a happy and healthy New Year.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 64-81 - VARIANCE - LESTER QUINN ET AL, 4016 Del Amo Blvd. Formal Hearing on a Variance to maintain dairy cattle and present operations known as Quinn Dairy at present located at 4016 Del Amo Blvd. Forwarded to City Council without recommendation from Planning Commission; recommended for denial by the Planning Department.

8A. Communication from City Attorney, noted by City Manager, suggesting the Quinn Dairy Hearing be continued until April 6, 1965.

Councilman Beasley had attended a meeting with the County Board of Supervisors and was told that the funds would be withdrawn (for the improvement of Del Amo Blvd.) if Torrance didn't act quickly on this case. Councilman Miller added that the dedication of the street frontage is needed from the Quinns, and with that exception, all the rest of the street dedication problems have been resolved. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney. Councilman Vico seconded the motion.

Mr. Alexander Googooian, the petitioner's attorney, concurred with the recommendations of the City Attorney. Councilman Miller inquired if he would give the dedication if something could be worked out on the variance. Mr. Googooian did not know because the exact amount needed would not be known until the preliminary plans are designed. City Engineer Nollac stated that the City will need access agreements with the Quinn Dairy because they will be ending up approximately 9 to 10 ft. in the air, and there's a problem of how they will have access to the highway. Councilman Vico had talked with Mr. Quinn and he is willing to cooperate. Councilman Lyman did not approve of allowing the dairy to remain in exchange for the dedication; however, the variance could be refused and the property condemned.

Councilman Sciarrotta changed his motion to concur with the City Attorney's recommendations except that the Quinn Dairy Hearing be continued until March 2, 1965 instead of April 6, 1965. Councilman Vico seconded and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMAN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico
and Mayor Isen

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

Mr. Cecil Hudson requested a period of grace equal to the time granted to Mr. Quinn so that his attorney could consult with the City Attorney, but was denied; however, even though he will be in violation of the ordinance, the City Attorney was instructed to take no legal action until February 1, 1965, there being no objections from the Council. His variance was denied recently.

Mr. John William Scott, owner of Cream-of-Farms also requested an extension of time to remain, but Mayor Isen informed him that the correct procedure would have been to request a variance.

9. CASE NO. 64-94, CHANGE OF ZONE & PRECISE PLAN - WESTCHESTER ENTERPRISES, INC. Third and final hearing on a Change of Zone from R-1 to C-R and Precise Plan of Development on property located at southeast corner of Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue. Recommended for Approval.

No-one from the audience wished to be heard on this matter. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED the hearing be closed; Councilman Olson seconded the motion; no objection; so ordered.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations; Councilman Beasley seconded. Because of two different recommendations, the motion was ambiguous, therefore, Commissioner Beasley MOVED to concur with the Change of Zone and with the Planning Commission's recommendation and the Planning Department's recommendation. Commissioner Olson seconded.

Mr. Henry Griswold, Westchester Enterprises, felt that it was quite unrealistic and unfair to expect the property to be developed simultaneously. Whatever is ready now will be developed, and others will be built as the necessity occurs. Otherwise, you must hope for tenants while paying on your loans.

Councilman Olson asked Mr. Shartle the reason for this recommendation and he stated that the Planning Department felt that without a simultaneous development it would no longer be an integrated center and the balance may never be developed that way. Because this property is subject to a precise plan, Councilman Olson withdrew his second to Councilman Beasley's motion and Councilman Sciarrotta changed his original motion to say "MOVE to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission"; Councilman Beasley seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 20287, Prairie Subdividers, Inc. (K.Battram) Lanco Engineering - Engineers. 22 lots, R-1 Zone, located at the southeast corner of Victor Street and Garnet. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Director and the City Manager on the final tract map no. 20287. Councilman Lyman seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22851, Prairie Subdividers, Inc. (K.Battram) Lanco Engineering - Engineers. 93 lots, Zone A-1, (proposed R-1 per Case 64-53), located east side of Ocean Avenue, southerly of Lomita Boulevard. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

11A. City Engineer/Street Supt., with concurrence of City Manager, submitting clarification of conditions for approval of Tentative Tract No. 22851.

11. Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and Planning Director on Tract No. 22851. Because of Item 11 A being contiguous with Item 11, Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion and this item was held until 11A was discussed.

Mr. Ken Battram, 17422 South Prairie, had a letter stating a policy of the City in obtaining major and secondary highway rights-of-way. It reads that the City will do all the engineering, install the paving, curb and gutter if the right-of-way is acquired free and clear. This letter was signed by City Engineer Nollac.

City Engineer Nollac said what Mr. Battram was reading is a quote from the make-up paving policy, that Engineering does not participate in a subdivision.

Councilman Miller did not understand why Mr. Battram was being held responsible for the street from the end of their tract to Ocean Ave. City Engineer Nollac explained that the requirement of the tentative map was that they dedicate Lomita Blvd. all the way to Hawthorne Ave. In order for them to design, lay and determine the grade of Lomita Blvd. adjacent to their tract, because of the peculiarities in the area, they have to design the street all the way to Lomita, because it has to tie together. Every tract has to do this if there is not information available. Item 11A was divided into three sub-paragraphs and voted on separately, as follows:

1. Councilman Olson MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer; Mayor Isen seconded; carried unanimously. Councilman Miller wished to state that although he voted yes, he did so because it is too late to change the policy of the City, but theoretically, if there were 10 miles to the nearest tie-in, he wondered if the City would change its policy.
2. Councilman Olson MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and the City Manager; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; no objection; so ordered.
3. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendation. There was no second. After a discussion concerning the amount of paving to be required, Councilman Beasley MOVED that the proponent be required to pave 30 ft. adjacent to their tract; Mayor Isen seconded; carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Vico

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Director and the City Manager in the final tract map no. 22851 (Item 11); Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23065, James S. Bower, Subdivider, South Bay Engineering Corp. - Engineers- 13 lots, C-2 zone, located northerly of Pacific Coast Highway, between Ocean Avenue and Los Codona Ave. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Director and the City Manager on Final Tract Map No. 23065. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29388, Elwin E. Butcher, Subdivider, Lanco Engineering - Engineers- 6 lots, zoned R-1, located west of Pennsylvania Avenue, between 227th and 228th Sts. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with all the recommendations. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:00 p.m. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to recess for the meeting of the REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE; Councilman Vico seconded; no objection; so ordered.

The meeting of the City Council reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

14. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30186, R. G. Garland Corp., Lanco Engineering - Engineers. 12 lots, zoned R-1 and R-3, located at southwest corner of Spencer and Amie Ave., Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations with all conditions; Councilman Miller seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15. SPITE STRIPS - City Attorney submitting Opinion No. 64-56 re spite strips.

There being no objections, the City Attorney's opinion on Spite Strips was ordered filed.

16. UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF VEHICLES ON VACANT LOTS - City Attorney submitting for approval at first reading ORDINANCE adding Section 15S entitled "Unauthorized Sale of Vehicles on Vacant Lots" to Appendix I of "The Code" to prohibit the unauthorized sale of vehicles on vacant lots.

Councilman Lyman wondered who and why people are objecting to these vehicles. Councilman Beasley didn't think it looked good; Councilman Miller objected to cars stopping on the highways to look at these vehicles, also, the ingress and egress of people to these properties.

Bob Mulford, President of Southwood Homeowners Assn. said that this subject was brought up at their last meeting and it was stated that cars were parked along Hawthorne Ave. from Carson to Sepulveda causing a traffic hazard when people pulled off the highway to look at them; this was their primary objection. It also doesn't look good, and the cars have been pushed to the fences of surrounding houses, causing a nuisance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1568

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 15S ENTITLED "UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF VEHICLES ON VACANT LOTS" TO APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT THE UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF VEHICLES ON VACANT LOTS.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 1568 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

In Councilman Lyman's opinion, he wasn't sure this ordinance is constitutional. Mayor Isen congratulated the City Attorney and the Planning Director on the ingenuity of the ordinance and felt it may be a model for other cities to use.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

17. ORDINANCE, CASE NO. 64-82, C.L. Newman et al- Planning Director submitting for approval at first reading ORDINANCE reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 64-82, C.L. Newman et al.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1569

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. 64-82.
(C.L. Newman et al)

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 1569 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. RECONSTRUCTION OF FIRST ALLEY EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW BLVD. NORTHERLY OF 190TH ST.- Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Supt. with concurrence of City Manager that city forces be authorized to reconstruct the public alley easterly of Crenshaw Blvd. and northerly of 190th St., and that the funds necessary for the work be appropriated.

This is a public alley built with the original tract and is now in a deplorable condition. It is the opinion of the City Staff that it should remain as a public alley for the purpose of access, trash trucks and access to parking. City Engineer Nollac will request in the near future that the Council establish a policy on this type of thing, however, he feels that this particular work should be done as soon as possible. Councilman Vico thought the work should go out to bid.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the City Engineer and to approve the transfer of \$5500 from Job #64027 for the improvement of subject alley, and that the work be accomplished by City forces.

Councilman Vico did not feel that money could be saved by the City forces doing this work, and questioned any savings on the rubbish and water bills, and requested that a report be submitted. Mayor Isen instructed Assistant City Manager Scharfman to submit a brief analysis, showing how much money was saved.

Councilman Olson seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

Councilman Beasley inquired if any plans are being made to improve the lighting and grading at 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. and City Engineer Nollac told him that 190th Street will be widened and improved from Crenshaw Blvd. to a short distance beyond Bethlehem Steel. The plans are completed and the project approved. This will include the relocation of the Mobil Oil fence and their control room on the Anza tract. Some modification of the signals at this intersection will be made and a signal will also be installed at Garrett Supply, for which they are paying.

19. IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BLVD., BETWEEN ANZA AVENUE AND HAWTHORNE AVE. City Engineer/Street Supt., with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption RESOLUTION to the County Board of Supervisors requesting \$150,000 from County funds for construction of Del Amo Blvd. between Anza and Hawthorne Avenues.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-258

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF MONIES FROM "HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON DEL AMO BOULEVARD BETWEEN ANZA AVENUE AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 64-258 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

20. Sewer Reimbursement Fee (\$3.00 per front foot) on property fronting on South Side of Lomita Blvd., from Hawthorne Ave. east to Railroad Crossing.- Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Supt., with concurrence of City Manager, that Sewer Reimbursement Fee not be charged above-described properties which dedicate sanitary sewer easements at no cost.

Mayor Isen MOVED to concur; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

21. Police Addition - Recommendation of City Manager that Council approve the final construction drawings and authorize the advertisement of construction bids.

Councilman Miller MOVED to concur with the City Manager; Councilman Vico seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

22. No Fee Sign Permit - YWCA Building - Recommendation of Supt. of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Torrance Woman's Club for no fee sign permits be denied.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the \$5.00 fee be waived, and that the request be granted; Councilman Lyman seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

23. Nonconforming Use Building at 205 Paseo de la Playa - Recommendation of Planning Director and Supt. of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Sovereign Development Company for an extension of time for Nonconforming Use building, be denied.

Councilman Beasley announced that the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County had agreed to a land transfer which gave to the County all of the beach frontage of the clubhouse area, and in return, the County is giving to Sovereign Development that area immediately to

the north (in Redondo Beach) which is largely hillside property and is of no value to the County. This is what has been holding up the proceedings on the development of that particular area. Councilman Beasley therefore MOVED that an extension of time be granted for six months in order to give them time to determine what they wish to do with the property. He was under the impression that this subject would come before the Planning Commission at their next meeting, but when informed that it was postponed for 60 days, changed his motion to permit an extension for 90 days. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion; no objections; so ordered.

Mayor Isen requested that Mr. Beasley's statement and the following two letters be mailed to the Riviera Homeowners Association in the form of a record in the minutes.

1. The following letter was noted in Item C, under "Information Only".

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
155 West Washington Boulevard, Room 1200
Los Angeles, California 90015

December 11, 1964

Mr. Harry Van Bellehem
Director of Recreation
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, California

Dear Harry:

In reference to your letter of November 17, 1964, by previous correspondence this matter of the acquisition of the former Hollywood-Riviera Beach Club properties has been referred to the State of California for possible acquisition. It is my opinion that this agency will evaluate this parcel along with many other beach properties throughout Southern California. The budgetary obligations are such that this particular acquisition, because of its minimum size, would probably have to come from the General Fund of the State of California rather than the proceeds from Proposition #1 because of its aforementioned limited size.

As far as the County of Los Angeles is concerned, with particular emphasis on budget obligations, it is almost inconceivable that the County could justify appropriations in order to acquire this property.

Sincerely,

/s/ N. S. Johnson, Director
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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cc: Supervisor Chace

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

State of California
 Department of Parks and Recreation
 Division of Beaches and Parks
 P.O. Box 2390
 Sacramento, California

December 4, 1964

Mr. Harry B. Van Bellehem
 Director of Recreation
 3031 Torrance Boulevard
 Torrance, California

Dear Mr. Van Bellehem:

Your November 17 letter to Director Charles A. DeTurk was referred to my planning staff for review.

You inquired of our interest in the old Hollywood Riviera Beach Club property which straddles the boundary line of Torrance and Redondo Beach. This parcel was the subject of your City Council Resolution #64-176 dated August 27, 1964, requesting purchase by the County of Los Angeles or State of California. Director DeTurk advised the City of Torrance October 16, 1964, that the project would be evaluated in our Los Angeles County S.R. -46 study.

You emphasized the urgency of a reply within three weeks because of a forthcoming hearing in relation to an application to develop. Preliminary investigation of this parcel of less than one acre indicates an appraised value in excess of \$500,000. From a development standpoint this small parcel would not significantly increase public facilities because of its limited size and its separation from the beach by a small bluff. The prime value of this property is open space retaining an excellent ocean view to the property owners and traveling public.

In our economic analysis of this proposal and daily awareness of the statewide competition for each recreation dollar, I cannot recommend expenditure of public funds for this project. I would like to thank you for bringing this potential parcel to our attention and hope that our reply will assist you in evaluating the application now before the City of Torrance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edward F. Dolder
 Chief

NOTED:

/s/ Edward F. Ferraro
 City Manager

Mr. Keillor, Sovereign Development, stated that they would still like to build a hi-rise in Torrance, in addition to the one that will be built in Redondo Beach.

REAL PROPERTY:

24. Purchase of tax delinquent properties, proposed auction sale #87-A. City Clerk, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption Resolution approving agreement with Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles for purchase of tax deeded land; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-259

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND: AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 64-259 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

FISCAL MATTERS:

25. Budget for Redevelopment Agency Administrative Expenses- Recommendation of Director of Finance, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council approve appropriation of \$14,000 for the budget for Redevelopment Agency administrative expenses.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the Director of Finance and the City Manager on Item 25; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

26. Blanket Catastrophe Excess Liability Insurance and Equipment Floater Insurance - Recommendation of Council Finance Committee, with concurrence of City Manager, regarding acceptance of quotations for (a) Blanket Catastrophe Excess Liability (Umbrella) Insurance; and (b) Blanket Equipment Floater Insurance. Added recommendation of City Manager that motion include provision to appropriate necessary money required of recommendations.

Under Item "A" (Umbrella Policy), Councilman Olson questioned the large difference in price between Insurance Company of North America and the other two bidders. The representative from Lund Co. explained that their bid was made eighteen months ago, before the flood damage, the change of immunity laws, and before a great deal of growth had taken place in the City of Torrance. Since they made the bid, they are willing to stay with it.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the Finance Committee on all items and to appropriate the necessary funds. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

27. Proposed Civic Auditorium - Recommendation of Director of Finance, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council appropriate an additional \$5,000 for feasibility study for proposed Civic Auditorium.

Councilman Olson would like the Finance Director to advise what this project will cost to the taxpayer before going any further with it. Councilman Vico agreed with Councilman Olson and added that it was agreed on the master plan that an auditorium was needed. Councilman Olson asked if it would be possible to get a professional opinion of whether the amount of \$7,000 must be spent or if an indication could be made for a lesser fee. Assistant Manager Scharfman did not feel the Staff is capable of making a study of this type, since this is a highly specialized field. He also pointed out that the Council had already authorized Phase 2 to begin; this item before them is a request from the Finance Director to appropriate the money that was previously authorized.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that the ERA report suggested that the entire amount would be between 2 and 2½ million dollars of the people's money, and thought it worthwhile spending \$7,000 for the best opinion he could find.

Councilman Miller MOVED to concur with the Director of Finance.

Councilman Lyman felt that the Civic Auditorium would be of tremendous value to the City and could not be measured in dollars and cents. He hoped that the Council would continue to have the vision to carry on projects such as this, the same as other Councils have done in the past.

Mayor Isen concluded that the question of this money should have been discussed when the original bids were submitted for the feasibility study. The Council was unanimous at that time as to the expenditure of this amount.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded Councilman Miller's motion to concur with the Director of Finance, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

28. Beautification of Parkway Median Strips - Madison St. north of Spencer St. - Recommendation of Park Foreman, with concurrence of City Manager, that approximately \$1,450 be appropriated for material for subject work. Labor to be furnished by ADCO Development Co.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations; Councilman Vico seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

29. Request to install Concrete Block Wall- Water Department Yard Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and approval of City Engineer/Street Supt., requesting authorization to award informal bid to B.K. Moon, Masonry Contractor, for furnishing material, equipment and labor to install concrete block wall at Water Department Yard, at a cost of \$1,850.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Street Supt. and the City Engineer; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

30. Request to Construct Three New Water Wells - Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer/Street Supt., requesting authorization to construct three new water wells and to retain the firm of James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc., to design and supervise project, the first phase to cost \$1,000.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to concur with the recommendations on Items 1 and 3, and in Item 2, the firm be retained as outlined in their proposal, said retention subject to Council modifications. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

31. Acceptance of Bid - Library Furniture and Equipment - North Torrance Library B-64-89 - City Librarian submitting recommendation that bid of (1) Austin Bently Co. in amount of \$2,535.25; (2) American Seating Company in the amount of \$266.49; and (3) Bellview Furniture Manufacturing Co., in the amount of \$865.61, be accepted.

Councilman Miller MOVED to concur with all of the City Manager's and City Librarian's recommendations; Councilman Vico seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

32. Request for Refund - F. J. Hansman - Recommendation of Supt. of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that refund for building permits, in the amount of \$535.50, to F. J. Hansman be APPROVED.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendation; Councilman Miller seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

33. Proposed Budget Allocation - Guatemala Sister City Program - Recommendation of City Manager that Council approve Guatemala Sister City budget in the amount of \$1,570.

Councilman Miller MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

34. Annual Dues - Committee of Mayors - City Manager submitting for study and consideration the 1964-65 dues for the Committee of Mayors of the Cities of Los Angeles County.

Mayor Isen didn't feel that this committee accomplished enough to justify paying this amount of dues.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to file the communication; Councilman Vico seconded; no objections; so ordered.

35. Expenditures over \$300 - City Manager submitting for Council approval expenditures over \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to approve expenditures for the following:

1. \$330.67 to United Desk for five (5) drawer map file, base and cap, requested by Engineering Department.
2. \$972.19 to Albro Fire Equipment Co., for protective clothing for new personnel in Fire Department.

3. \$495.67 to Torrance Auto Parts for two (2) Leece-Neville Alternators and Regulators #2000 AB, for Fire Department.

4. \$1443.99 to Duncan-Hunter for one (1) EC 107 Weaver Twin Post Hoist - Passenger cars and Medium Trucks - 112" - 172" W/B, for Garage Department. Price includes installation and labor.

5. \$525.20 to Victor Comptometer Corp., Business Machines Division, for one (1) Victor Printing Machine - Model #75-85-54, for use in Planning Department.

6. \$3,588.00 to Harley-Davidson in Los Angeles (Rich Budelier Co.) for two (2) XLH Sportster Solo motorcycles for Police Department.

7. \$453.09 to Mills Engineering Company, Inc. for six (6) Mills heavy duty aluminum waste receptacles with liners and inner trays for Sanitation Department.

8. \$345.02 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one (1) 2" CT Meter for Water Department.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMAN: None

PARK AND RECREATION:

36. Use of Guenser Park by North Torrance Babe Ruth League- Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission, with note from Recreation Director and concurrence of City Manager, that Babe Ruth League of North Torrance be allowed to use Guenser Park for their schedule games during the forthcoming season under terms stated.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager and the Recreation Director. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

37. Freeway Land at 186th St. and Illinois Court - Communication from Recreation Director, with concurrence of City Manager, regarding Proposal to State for City to purchase surplus freeway land.

Mayor Isen made the following comment that he wished to have referred to City Manager Ferraro. He read in the paper that when Pershing Square was cleaned up, the City of Los Angeles acquired another site, called Boston Park where the people can carry on in the same manner in which they did in Pershing Square. In the paper it said that this property was owned by the State Highway Department and it was leased by the City, at a nominal fee (the Mayor assumes). He wondered why there couldn't be a long term lease on this freeway property, also. Assistant Manager Scharfman stated that the State is not interested in leasing; perhaps the property leased to Los Angeles was not marketable, he did not know.

Councilman Olson MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Recreation Director and the Staff; Councilman Beasley seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

It was the general opinion that it would be worthwhile to try further to lease this property.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

38. City Towing Service - City Manager submitting Proposal and Contract for Towing and Storage Services, with recommendations.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager on Item 1. There was no second. Councilman Beasley then withdrew his motion.

Councilman Lyman saw no justification in setting up standards and then precluding someone who can meet the standards; everyone complying with the standards should be utilized; otherwise the City should go to bid. Councilman Sciarrotta agreed.

Councilman Beasley didn't see how a bid could be made on towing services. City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that the proposal would be drawn so that there would be a blank amount per vehicle per call.

Mr. Gordon Phillips, representing Torrance Towing Service indicated that City Attorney Remelmeyer's method is one way to go to bid; another way is a system used by the City of Long Beach in which X amount of dollars is bid for all or a portion of the City. Long Beach was divided into three areas. Both Mr. O'Neill of the City of Long Beach and its present operator have agreed that it is operating successfully. He mentioned a letter from the Chief of Police dated August 25, in which he states that it should go to some form of bid. Mr. Phillips felt that the towing service should be on a rotation basis, on a bid basis as specified or on a franchise basis like Long Beach. One problem connected with the Long Beach system might be the city's liability in case of an accident; however, this may be solved by the amount of insurance recommended by the City Manager. There are other areas in which there has been some problem in the past, and that is whether or not there has been, in utilizing the two towing services, a violation of the Vehicle Code Section 22.658. Whether this goes to bid or not, he felt that the City Attorney should examine that statute very carefully. That section says, essentially, where you have a sign posted that unauthorized cars will be towed away, that they will be towed away to the nearest garage. They then define authorized garage and it doesn't say a police-authorized garage, and it is Mr. Phillip's assumption that the statutory intent was to bring them to the closest garage to keep down the towing charges. He also intimated inconsistencies in the specifications; e.g., the requirement of a 6 ft. block wall fence around the impound area, and later saying this area should be well lit so the police can patrol it. If the wall is for aesthetic purposes, it should be taken up with the Planning Commission, in his opinion. Also, in his opinion, the 26x40 ft. inside impound area should be used exclusively for police vehicles, or vehicles involved in crime to prevent hampering with criminal investigations.

Chief of Police Koenig stated the Police Department's position in this matter: unless there's a control placed upon these garages, the public interest is likely to suffer. His original recommendation was to go to bid, and he felt this is a marketable commodity and could produce some revenue for the City.

Referring to the franchise method, Assistant Manager Scharfman stated that the City would have to take the responsibility of setting the rates.

Mr. V. Miletich, 20900 Hawthorne Avenue

~~Mr. Del Miller, 22109 Hawthorne Ave.~~, thought the matter should go to bid because of the specifications as far as equipment is concerned. It would give everybody the chance to show their facilities. He also agreed with the Chief that there should be a facility that is open at all hours so people can get their automobiles. He personally has four tow trucks and would like to have the opportunity to bid.

Mr. Jack Weber, owner of R. C. Williams Garage, and resident of the City of Torrance, asked for permission to move the existing yard area several years ago and at that time certain standards were set up and it was said that they would be the requirements for an impound area. He has had a verbal agreement to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. To his knowledge, no major complaints have ever been issued by the citizens or the Police Dept. He felt that if one company serviced the whole City or even two, it might be worth it, financially, but more than that, it wouldn't pay. In addition to towing cars, he has a garage business which helps him financially.

Chief of Police Koenig did not want anyone to get the impression that he was recommending a bid service. The original letter that was mentioned earlier only started the study of the proceedings. Since then a study was made by the City Manager. The Chief is recommending at this time that the Council adopt some form of regulation and strongly urged them not to divide the City up in too many areas.

Mr. Clarence Van Lingen, 4106 176th St. started towing for the Police Dept. in 1954, and receives an average of 200 calls ^{per month} ^{at present} ^{for three} months. He could not afford to pay the City anything out of the money he makes and does not feel there's enough money in the business to warrant it.

Mr. David Elliott, Torrance Auto Service briefly explained the towing service charges and thought there would be enough money to be made providing he could tow the traffic accident vehicles.

Councilman Lyman MOVED to table this matter for two weeks. Councilman Vico seconded the motion.

Councilman Olson felt that the Council was discussing a subject which they knew little of and if the towing service were put to bid, no-one could complain about the outcome. He did not feel disposed to make a decision.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED (presumably a substitute motion) to concur with Recommendation No. 2 of the City Manager. Councilman Olson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

39. Delinquency Control Institute - Chief of Police, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to send Lt. Donald E. Nash to Delinquency Control Institute.

Mayor Isen MOVED to grant requested permission; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

40. Dedication of North Torrance Library - Communication from Library Commission requesting approval of February 20, 1964 as dedication date of North Torrance Branch Library. ⁵

There being no objections, approval of February 20, 1965 as dedication date of North Torrance Branch Library was granted.

40A. Sewer Connection - North Torrance Library

Mayor Isen MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager; Councilman Beasley seconded; carried unanimously by roll call vote.

41. Resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to combine all the facilities of the Municipal Court of the South Bay Judicial District into one complex on the Torrance Civic Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-260

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMBINE ALL THE FACILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE SOUTH BAY JUDICIAL DISTRICT INTO ONE COMPLEX ON THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Mayor Isen MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 64-260 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

42. Ordinance No. 1562 reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 64-76 (Henry Griswold).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1562

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. 64-76. (Henry Griswold)

Councilman Sciarrotta Moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1562 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

43. Ordinance No. 1563 reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 64-77 (Henry Griswold).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1563

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. 64-77. (Henry Griswold)

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1563 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

44. Ordinance No. 1564 governing appointments and terms of members of the Civil Service Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1564

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 8.11 and 8.29 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ALSO KNOWN AS THE PERSONNEL BOARD, THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR ARTICLE XII THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS THEREOF, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

Councilman Beasley MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1564 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

45. Ordinance No. 1565 providing for the regulation of and to increase the license tax of Carnivals, Circuses, Rodeos or itinerate shows.

ORDINANCE NO. 1565

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.408 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "CARNIVALS, CIRCUSES, RODEOS OR ITINERATE SHOWS" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16.408 ENTITLED "CARNIVALS, CIRCUSES RODEOS OR ITINERATE SHOWS: REGULATIONS" AND SECTION 16.408.1 ENTITLED "CARNIVALS, CIRCUSES, RODEOS OR ITINERATE SHOWS: FEES"; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS AND TO INCREASE THE LICENSE TAX.

Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1565 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

46. Following a conversation with Councilman Olson concerning Kiwanis International, Mayor Isen proclaimed this "Golden Anniversary Week" in Torrance.

47. City Attorney Remelmeyer referred to Item D (opposing adoption of Assembly Bill No. 2334) and Item E (opposing the adoption of Assembly Bill No. 1716) in "For Information Only" and Mayor Isen requested that they be placed on next week's agenda to be voted on.

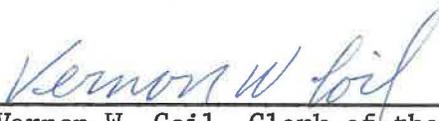
48. City Engineer Nollac announced the he had received word from the State Division of Highways that Sacramento has finally approved the project to install sidewalks on Pacific Coast Highway between Calle Mayor and Roberts Road.

49. Councilman Lyman wished to point out (referring to Item 16, Unauthorized Sale of Vehicles on Vacant Lots) that in order to violate that ordinance, someone would have to pass money and title. He did not think anyone should be cited for having a sign on his car. City Attorney Remelmeyer will remedy the defect in the ordinance before it is finally adopted.

50. Councilman Olson requested a progress report on the traffic light to be installed at Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave. City Engineer Nollac stated that it is in the process and he will make a full report on it next week.

51. Councilman Lyman announced that one of the appointments to the Advisory Committee did not accept and therefore he would like to appoint Bud Blankenship, with the approval of the Council. There being no objections, this appointment was approved.

At 7:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance