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Torrance, California  
March 23, 1965

MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY  
COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting regularly adjourned from March 16, 1965, to March 23, 1965 at 6:45 p.m., was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, on March 23, 1965, at 6:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Joseph Weston led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Fred Shiveley of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 16, 1965 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried as follows:

AYE: 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 Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience. Planning matters which have been advertised for 8 p.m., will not be held until that time and, in the absence of the Quinns and their counsel, that matter will not be heard at this time.

City Attorney Remelmeyer commented that since the hearing was closed in the Quinn case, it will be necessary to present material and witnesses on behalf of the City at an open hearing for an orderly and correct legal presentation. The Quinns and their attorneys must be notified of the opening of the hearing and Mr. Remelmeyer recommended the Council reopen the hearing and continue it until next week. Mayor Isen agreed, but differed as to reopening the hearing; he thought a continuance was sufficient. However, Mr. Remelmeyer explained that his statements to be made should properly be a part of the public hearing, and a continuance would be in order with notice to the Quinns' attorneys so that they could be prepared for rebuttal.

Mayor Isen agreed after considering the matter and moved to continue this Case No. 64-81, Lester Quinn et al, for a variance, and that the public hearing be reopened. Councilman Beasley seconded.

Councilman Lyman did not approve of the manner in which this is being handled; he contended that the meeting was adjourned to 6:45 for the express purpose of handling the Quinn case at that time. Councilman Sciarrotta called for the question. The matter will be first on the agenda at 5:30 p.m., March 30th.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

There was a short recess around 7:05 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 7:15 to consider matters on the agenda other than those advertised for 8:00 p.m.

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SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - STORM DRAIN IN SPENCER STREET FROM ANZA AVENUE TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E SUMP. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work on the subject improvement.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the work. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAIN IN 15 FT. EASEMENT FROM 190TH STREET NORTH TO 20 FOOT ALLEY APPROXIMATELY 147.5 FT. WEST OF CRENSHAW PLACE (B65-20). Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager, the Western Underground Construction Co. be awarded the contract to install the project.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and reject all other bids. The low bid of Western Underground is in the amount of \$2,058.04. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

15. STORM DRAINS - PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, with proposed resolution attached.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Ferraro explained there will be supplementary agreements following this agreement with the Flood Control District, with individual design engineers. These design people

are not to be paid until the City receives the money from the Flood Control District, except where the City does its own design work. He said there would be no additional tax rate increase as a result.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-64

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 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RELATING TO THE ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR STORM DRAINS UNDER THE 1964 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-64 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. Claim of Ralph C. Hemp for an accident occurring on February 5, 1965, involving a city-owned vehicle (License E145503) and the automobile of claimant. Recommendation that claim be denied and referred to the Legal Department.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Claim of Robert Mason, c/o Attorneys Windress & Schultz, 1926 S. Pacific Coast Highway, for an unlawful entry and damages allegedly sustained on December 15, 1964, as the result of erection of a chain link fence which enclosed the entry of said hangar. Recommendation to deny and refer to the Legal Department.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following three listed expenditures:

1. \$444.08 to Lite-Line, Inc. for two overhead aluminum garage doors installed at Fire Station No. 3, a regular budget item.
2. \$862.54 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one Hersey Model CT meter/Bronze case with check valves on intermediate and main flows, Torrance specs, for Water Department.
3. \$549.12 to Stereo Hi-Fi Center for one Ampex Model F4460 portable four track stereo tape recorder unit for Recreation Department, a regular budget item.

Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

19. RECOMMENDATION THAT APPLICATIONS LISTED BE REMOVED FROM CITY CALENDAR. Recommendation submitted by Airport Commission President.

The applications are those of W. Cowan, R. Hazuka, and R. Mason. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to remove them as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

20. REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES BY COMMISSIONERS. Request submitted by Airport Commission President.

City Manager Ferraro commented that there is need for a change in the ordinance on this subject, but until that time the Council is the only body which can excuse these absences. There was no objection and on motion of Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the absences listed were excused.

21. INCREASING NUMBER OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS - appointment and term of members. Proposed ordinance.

Councilman Beasley did not believe the ordinance submitted carries out what was intended and City Attorney Remelmeyer stated he has prepared another ordinance which he will present at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Isen asked that the record show his remarks on this subject. He feels hurt by this action; he is only interested with reference to the office of Mayor having some prerogatives of the office and he read excerpts from the minutes of the February 16th Council meeting.

Councilman Miller expressed his views on the subject: this has no bearing on the present Mayor and is no attempt to strip Mayor Isen of any power. All commissions should be handled equally. Councilman Beasley outlined the provisions of an ordinance which would follow his proposal. Councilman Olson agreed with Councilman Miller that the idea is to do away with "personalities" and that it is easier for one councilman to find one outstanding person to serve on a commission than for the Mayor to find seven. Councilman Sciarrotta thought the situation at the present time is quite confusing.

Councilman Miller moved to hold this ordinance for one week and Councilman Vico seconded. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen expressed his disagreement with the other councilmen stating that time would prove the other six to be completely wrong with reference to the Civil Service Commission. He feels this method creates politicking and imbalance and causes a commission appointment to become a gratuity or patronage. He denied that he had ever made a completely independent appointment; the names have been proposed by other councilmen with a secret ballot and nomination depending on a majority. Then the Mayor made the nomination and the council was polled in its regular meeting. This Mayor Isen said, is a very serious situation which warrants great concern of the voters, as a violation of the entire commission system. He doubted that there is a City in the United States which follows such a method. Councilman Lyman thought the regular method of vote given to the Mayor in Torrance makes up for some other prerogatives; he feels either way of handling appointments is equally susceptible to abuse, depending on the integrity of the people who make the appointments. Neither system is entirely wrong. Councilman Miller agreed that everything should not be centralized in one person.

Councilman Vico and Councilman Sciarrotta each complained that they had never been able to make appointments to commissions other than those which call for absolute individual appointments. Councilman Vico especially stressed that commissioners should have experience or knowledge in

the realm of the particular commission's functions. Also he believes the vote should be required to be unanimous - not a simple majority, and that all commission's members should be treated equally.

It was agreed the matter will be further considered at next week's meeting.

POLICE MATTERS:

22. POLICE WING EXPANSION. City Manager submitting bid analysis and recommendation for the Police Wing Expansion.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendations of the City Manager set forth on pages 4 and 5 of his communication. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

City Manager Ferraro mentioned a couple of items which could be removed from the budget at this time which would permit an increase in this particular expansion by constructing a shell toward the second story addition at a later time. This would cost approximately \$75,000 at this time, but would save \$50,000 in the foreseeable future. Mr. Ferraro said the expansion should not go to bid without having the money appropriated. This must be one bid for the entire project. In effect, Mr. Ferraro asked for \$75,000 in addition to the \$316,000 although he asked that the whole thing be rebid. Superintendent of Building McKinnon explained part of the structural elements must be continued to effect this economy. The walls must be continued up in one operation. Councilman Olson outlined his understanding of the request: that by postponing the expenditure for the Japanese gardens, elevator in this building, smoke room, etc., \$75,000 could be made available for this "shell" which in the future will effect a saving of \$50,000. The Police Department has been so deficient as to space needs and is growing so rapidly that even with the expansion, the department will be short of space as compared with other cities of like population.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to go along with the recommendation in toto, including the shell, provided certain other projects are foregone. He withdrew this motion on advice of Mayor Isen and Councilman Lyman withdrew his original motion set forth above. Councilman Sciarrotta moved instead that the City go to new bid for all that was mentioned, plus the shell that was indicated, with formal specifications to be drawn and approved by the Council and all present bids be rejected. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. REQUEST FOR ABSENCE EXCUSE. Chairman Faulds, Youth Welfare Commission, requesting excuse for absences from January, February and March meetings of the Youth Welfare Commission.

Councilman Lyman moved to grant the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico; there was no objection.

24. REMOVAL OF BUILDING RESTRICTION ZONE - Philip A. Donaher.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1593

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING THE PROVISION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1359 WHICH  
PROHIBITED BUILDING IN A CERTAIN PART OF THE SOUTH

TORRANCE AREA SO AS TO EXCLUDE THEREFROM PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 2012 W. 234TH STREET, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Vico moved to approve Ordinance No. 1593 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. RESOLUTIONS RE COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND RE  
COMPULSORY DRIVER TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

Councilman Olson had asked for the preparation of these resolutions and stated California has one of the highest speed limits and more free-ways than any other state, as well as the highest number of cars per population - and no vehicle inspection - any old rattletrap can travel the roads, with or without brakes. As a result California also has frequent multiple-car freeway crashes. The State has pre-empted the field with respect to vehicle inspection, but it is proper to remind the State that it should look into the situation.

Mr. Robert White asked that copies of these resolutions also go to Thomas W. Braden, President of the State Board of Education, especially the one dealing with driver education.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASS A LAW  
REQUIRING COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-65 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65 -66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
REQUESTING THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMEND  
LEGISLATION MAKING DRIVER TRAINING COMPULSORY IN HIGH  
SCHOOLS.

Mr. White informed the Council the State Board of Education is now pushing legislation to have anyone under eighteen years of age complete driver training. Possibly it will be offered in the summer and on week-ends, whenever it can be scheduled. There is a problem regarding reimbursement and funding of such a program.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-66 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. It carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Olson asked that the record show the first resolution was forwarded to the Traffic Safety Commission and evaluated and sent back with unanimous roll call vote of that body. The second was prepared by the Youth Welfare Commission and sent back to the Council.

At 7:52 the Council was declared in recess and came back to order at 8:00 p.m. to handle first the Planning matters set for this meeting.

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HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

## 8. UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE: Proposed Ordinance.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this proposed ordinance; there was no response.

Councilman Olson moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to Ordinance which had previously been assigned a number.

ORDINANCE NO. 1588

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 21 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 21 WHICH ADOPTS THE "UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 1964 EDITION" AS AMENDED AND APPENDICES THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1588 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1588 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## 9. QUINN DAIRY CASE NO. 64-81 - See pages 1 and 2.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

## 10. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30357, R &amp; L Harris, subdivider, Lanco Engineers. Easterly of Prairie Avenue at 177th Street, 17 lots, R-3 (PP) Zone. Recommended for approval with conditions.

City Manager Ferraro called attention to the disagreement regarding paving, curb, gutter and sidewalk on Cordary Avenue noted at the top of the second page in item 10 of the Planning Commission recommendations and Mayor Isen moved to concur in approval as recommended by the Planning Commission on this tentative tract map with all conditions, plus improvement of Cordary Avenue across the Southern California Edison right of way at the subdivider's expense, to include paving, curb, gutter and sidewalk. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, except for Councilman Vico, who had inquired about the drainage problem and the Fire Department's recommendation.

## 11. CASE NO. 64-75, KARL BAUER, CHANGE OF ZONE, resubmitted. From A-1 to R-3, south side of 186th Street between Amie and Bailey. Recommended for denial.

Mayor Isen remarked that this is an appeal to the City Council and asked if Mr. Bauer was present, or anyone representing him. Mr. George Drale of 16600 Yukon Avenue came forward on his behalf. He said the people concerned have not been notified. Mr. Shartle said this is not a hearing, but rather a report to the Council. The Commission still recommends denial of the case. The recommendation of the Commission after study is M-1 and P-1 on this particular parcel; the whole area has not yet been before the Council.

Planning Director Shartle said his department would ask that the Planning Commission be requested to hold hearings to rezone it industrially and P-1; it was the recommendation of the Commission that this particular case be denied and zoning of the entire area be considered together in about three months from now. Councilman Miller asked about the six months rule and City Attorney Remelmeyer said there could be a motion to continue to a time certain. The Planning Commission could institute proceedings at any time.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue this case to June 29th which will be a 5:30 meeting. Councilman Vico seconded. However, Mr. Remelmeyer said the consent of the proponent should be obtained and Mr. Drale said he had no authority to speak for Mr. Bauer in this regard. The public hearing has been held with the case sent back to the Commission for a second look at the whole neighborhood.

Councilman Sciarrotta, with consent of his second, withdrew his motion.

City Attorney Remelmeyer felt that even without the proponent's consent, the matter could be postponed until Tuesday, March 30th, a 5:30 meeting and Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Beasley then moved that the Planning Commission be instructed to hold public hearings with reference to the Planning Director's recommendation for M-1 and P-1 zoning and Councilman Olson seconded. This motion applies to the whole area. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

#### STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. CONDEMNATION OF SLOPE EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR MESA STREET WESTERLY OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that City Attorney be directed to file condemnation proceedings for subject area with orders of immediate possession.

Mayor Isen did not approve of this "farming out" and said it opens the door to nothing but trouble, and cited instances from the past. It has been difficult to collect attorneys fees and he saw no reason to take up the cudgel for a subdivider. Mr. Remelmeyer said it takes a great deal of his office's time and adds a tremendous burden on the workload. The subdivider has the right of eminent domain and Mr. Remelmeyer said he will investigate and report to the Council, including some type of policy. It is very difficult to estimate and obtain the costs in advance in this type of case. City Attorney Remelmeyer was asked for a report on review of this type of case within the statute of limitations; the subdividers be billed and a list compiled of those who have been billed and those who have not paid and action taken to recover what is due the City. Mayor Isen so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable although Councilman Beasley first voted "No" and then changed to "Yes".

It was noted that the actual recommendation is to be held in abeyance.

#### ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED (Continued from page 6)

26. SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 17. Resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 17.

City Manager Ferraro said a request had come from the regional manager of the telephone company to hold this one week and Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. Councilman Olson seconded.

Mayor Isen stated he is against holding this - that the telephone companies should pay their way as other businesses do. Councilman Miller thought both sides of the question should be heard. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Mayor Isen.

27. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT. Proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1594

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING THE TITLE TO CHAPTER 20 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING A NEW TITLE TO SAID CHAPTER 20 TO READ "PUBLIC DANCE HALLS AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT;" and ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TITLE ENTITLED "PUBLIC DANCE HALLS" FOR THE FIRST 15 SECTIONS OF SAID CHAPTER 20; AND ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE II ENTITLED "CAFE ENTERTAINMENT" IN ORDER TO REGULATE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AND REORGANIZE SAID CHAPTER; AND REPEALING SECTION 16.92 OF CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED "APPROVAL OF LICENSE REVIEW BOARD" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16.92 TO INCLUDE CAFE ENTERTAINMENT; AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1590 IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1594 at its first reading and Mayor Isen seconded.

There was considerable discussion of the exemptions and whether or not they are necessary. Mayor Isen commented that this debate could go on forever with no solution and suggested that Councilman Lyman move to table Ordinance No. 1594. Councilman Lyman did so; Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF VEHICLES ON VACANT LOTS.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council that they had inadvertently passed an ordinance which they had not intended to pass. Mayor Isen did not agree. Mr. Remelmeyer said the adoption of this ordinance presented this evening would remove any doubt by wiping off that ordinance from the record.

Councilman Beasley moved to table Item 28 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley

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

The intent of the Council had become confused and Mayor Isen announced that there being no objection, Item 28 would be placed off the agenda. City Manager Ferraro asked if there is an ordinance to be enforced in thirty days under the present set of facts and City Attorney Remelmeyer said "Yes". Mayor Isen asked for citations as he believes there is some clarification necessary, and recommended there be rescission with the ordinance read the second time. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the record shows the ordinance was adopted although of course a judge could disagree.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that there be a second reading of Ordinance No. 1570 next week.

Councilman Lyman made a substitute motion that Ordinance No. 1570 be rescinded. Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta again moved that Ordinance No. 1570 be brought back before the Council for its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. (Mayor Isen preferred the use of the word "further" over "second" in designating the reading.) Roll call vote was

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

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At 8:55 p.m., the Council declared a recess and reconvened at 9:00. Thereupon, they recessed again for the purpose of going into the Redevelopment Agency meeting. The Council meeting resumed at 9:10, as follows:

29. BY-LAWS OF CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. City Attorney submitting for approval resolution providing for a Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, also Constitution and By-laws.

Councilman Olson expressed the opinion that the members of this committee had believed the Council wished them to assume a different title. The Committee had proposed they be called TORRANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL and Mayor Isen thought that might be confusing in relation to the name of the City Council. It is necessary to settle on a definite decision in order to order stationery.

Mayor Isen called on the Chairman of the By-laws Committee, Dr. Yanase who is a practicing dentist in Torrance and formerly of Honolulu. Dr. Yanase told the reasons for the suggested name, including the word "Council". Mayor Isen said the word "committee" does not indicate the group would be of short, or any particular duration; that would be defined in the by-laws. He suggested the name CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT and that the committees which work under that group be called "subcommittees". Councilman Beasley moved that the By-laws and Constitution be approved with the change of name as mentioned by Mayor Isen. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection. Mayor Isen commended Dr. Yanase and his committee for the draft of by-laws and constitution.

City Manager Ferraro clarified for the Council some of the factors involved. He stated this committee would not diminish or die because it lacks initiative or assignments; they are charged with many areas of responsibility and coordination with other committees and commissions of the City. Assistant City Manager Scharfman has been assigned to be a full time adviser and staff officer to the Committee.

30. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1591.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1591

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. 64-100 (Leroy Forsythe).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1591 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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31. Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Elwin Butcher was present, referring to his letter which asked to be put on the agenda for this meeting with respect to his lot split vs. subdivision problem. He was not.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. Councilman Beasley said he would like to see this Council pass resolutions similar to those listed as B and H of informational items. Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to include them in next week's agenda.

33. City Manager Ferraro announced the budget process will shortly be under way; no action is required at this time. Eventually there will be public hearings as usual in May, July 1st being the deadline.

34. City Manager Ferraro reminded the Council of the "Miss Torrance" judging this coming Friday. Chief Koenig will represent the Council. He was present modeling his new blue uniform which will probably be adopted as the garb for captains and above.

35. City Manager Ferraro said a National Bank report had indicated that in 1964, the City of Torrance ranked third among eleven southern California counties in residential building.

36. City Manager Ferraro said the same report showed the City of Torrance to be third in percentage of sales tax increase, indicating the tremendous commercial growth during the past several years.

37. Councilman Miller asked if it would be possible somehow to make applications for a lot split show that the split would be conditional on the conditions of the lot split being fulfilled. It is not automatic. Mr. Ferraro asked if the words requiring an applicant to sign an affidavit that he owns no contiguous property would be sufficient. Mr. Miller wanted something additionally. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no split until a deed is given; you can convey without recording, but ultimately the deed will be recorded.

38. Councilman Sciarrotta told of the meeting with Guatemala officials last week and the plans to initiate the relationship with Guatemala City as a sister city by making an official visit in April. It is important to keep this a people - to-people program, involving professional people, industrialists and businessmen. Mayor Isen, Mr. Sciarrotta, perhaps another councilman and Mrs. McVey will take the trip at City's expense with quite a few others on their own. The plane ticket, round trip, is \$264 and he hopes as many as twenty-five will go. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this City Council authorize this trip to Guatemala City for the four persons named, with appropriate expenses. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Representative products of Torrance manufacturers will be taken for display and exchange. The trip is planned for PanAmerican Airlines and will depart from International Airport at 9 a.m., April 10th. Quite a program is planned on its arrival in the Central American city.

39. Mayor Isen emphasized the trade relations aspect of the trip and the sister city program and announced that it had been learned that Boise-Cascade, manufacturers of paper products, and successors to West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company here on Maple Avenue in Torrance have a \$4 million paper fabricating plant seventy-five miles out of Guatemala City.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that J. Walker Owens look into the possibility of Folgers' Coffee Company being interested in sending a representative. He thought it would be well to look beyond the city limits of Torrance for people who might be interested in accompanying the group.

Among the travelers will be City Treasurer Rupert and his wife and Mrs. Isen.

41. Mayor Isen expressed several personal opinions on the subject. He believes the happy and profitable bilateral arrangement between the two countries will receive emphasis and suggested the possibility of renaming Maple Avenue in honor of the new sister-city. There are several reasons why it would be practical and desirable to call this street "Avenida Guatemala".

42. Mayor Isen spoke on the subject of unauthorized sale of used cars which is being conducted on Hawthorne Avenue which he recognizes as a problem, but not more of a problem than a commercial used car lot. He said this is a free enterprise and there is no reason why a person should not have the right to sell his car as he wishes. The property owner, of course, has the right to restrict its use as he sees fit. The suggestion has been made, in order to keep people from making a business of this sort of thing, to establish some sort of licensing provision which would pay for the overhead involved and perhaps a small profit, to permit the sale of cars on private property if the seller has the property owner's consent. In this way there could be a record of whether the person has sold more than two cars as permitted by state law. Perhaps this is too cumbersome; maybe it is not enforceable, but Mayor Isen asked that it be considered for whatever merit it may have.

43. Mayor Isen said there had been a communication from Mrs. Erickson, Corresponding Secretary of Fern-Greenwood PTA, with carbon copies to the Mayor, Chief of Police, Chairman of the PTA Council, etc., pointing out a dangerous condition on Carson Street between Juniper and Flower Avenues. Mr. Ferraro said the condition is under study. Mayor Isen asked if, as a matter of policy this type of letter is promptly answered and Mr. Ferraro said yes.

44. Mayor Isen said several weeks ago he had read in local papers of a group of mothers who had been shocked to learn that child molestation is a misdemeanor, rather than a felony. He suggested the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission study the possibility of legislation to change this situation and referred the item to the Commission for a recommendation as to resolutions to the Legislature on this serious problem. Councilman Lyman inquired if this is a registerable offense and if so, he believed it might be easier to get convictions in a local municipal court, with registration as a deterrent. Mayor Isen stated a felony could also be registerable and he believed it to be a proper subject for study with a report to the Council from the Youth Welfare Commission.

45. Mrs B. W. Shelbourn thanked the Council for the flowers sent to her during her recent illness.

46. Attorney Steffes of Los Angeles who was present on another matter said with reference to Mayor Isen's communication numbered 44, that quite a few crimes are both misdemeanors and felonies depending on the facts of the case and the sentences meted out by the court.

47. Councilman Olson stated Mr. Steffes also had a suggestion as to how to solve the car sale problem. Mr. Steffes then said he had been concerned that the city is not getting any cooperation from the land-owners. The owner is a joint venturer with the more transient seller of the used cars from day to day and if the responsibility were placed on him, perhaps the City could require public liability and property damage insurance and safety features in the ordinance requiring certain things. He said there would be several ways of making the property owners realize the seriousness of what is being done.

There appearing no further oral communications, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 on motion duly made and seconded.

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

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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