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Torrance, California
May 11, 1965

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 at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 1965, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jack Bausman, a civic leader in Walteria, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Clifford Tierney of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of last week's meeting had not yet been delivered to the Councilmen and they were mentioned, but not approved until they are available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved to approve and pay all bills regularly audited. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

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.

Not on the agenda is an item of presentation of service awards to City employees. Mayor Isen spoke of the many employees who have spent years in the devoted and loyal service and with the assistance of the Minute Secretary, he presented service awards to:

John Agapito, Fire; John Atkinson, Sanitation; Lester D. Clounch, Street; Donnie H. Cook, Police; Samuel Dial, Fire; Wm. J. Dietlin, Water; Robert A. Ernest, Street; Clarence Flagg, Fire; Kenneth G. Kirkruff, Street; Samuel A. Martin, Fire; Joseph B. Miles, Police, William M. Mitchell, Police; Gustav R. Rethwisch, Police; Gladys E. Stock, Finance; Frank Tuttle, Fire; Everett R. Wallace, Street, for fifteen years of service.

To Joseph J. Webb, Building Department for twenty years of service; Douglas C. Cook, Police Department, for twenty-five years; and to Gordon Clark, Fire; H. Gregor, Park; John G. Henderson, Park, G. Schwenk, Street, and Howard D. Webb, Park, who have retired during the past year.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of those who are not familiar with these meetings.

Another item which is not on the agenda, but mentioned by Mayor Isen because of rumors and newspaper publicity, was the subject of the bus system. He asked permission of the Council to dispose of this matter before the balance of the business of the evening so that people who had attended in the belief there was to be action on the bus system, might be permitted to leave the meeting if they wished. The Council had no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta said there had been no action and evidently someone had willfully spread rumors to the effect that some action was being contemplated. Councilman Olson explained how the matter had come up, based on his oral communication of several weeks ago in which he suggested the City Manager conduct a study toward improving the passenger volume of the municipal bus system. However, past studies of this type have proven to be fruitless and the operation is still not a paying one.

Councilman Beasley remarked that he is chairman of the pertinent committee of the Council. The City is widespread and the buses have to traverse long areas of unpopulated area; it is difficult to think of a way to increase the passgner volume. However, nothing has come before the committee regarding disposal of the system and it appears the City will have to maintain this necessary service just as they do the Fire and Police Departments.

Councilman Lyman stated he is not satisfied with the current status of the system and added that he believes bus drivers in the Torrance system are paid more than in comparable cities.

Mayor Isen did not agree with Councilman Lyman as to the salaries but he feels it is the duty of the Council to allay the rumors which are spreading and determine intent. No one questions the cost of operating a police or fire department although there is under consideration a luxury item such as the proposed $3½ million auditorium which might in time, if built, have a large deficit also. Mayor Isen states a bus system within the city and connecting with other points is absolutely imperative and he will never be in favor of eliminating it. He would, of course, favor any chance to reduce the deficit.

A motion was made by Mayor Isen: that the Council express itself as desiring to continue a policy of maintaining a municipal bus system and that attempts be made to improve the service in that there is no intention to phase out any part of the bus operation. Councilman Miller seconded and added a comment that it had evidently not been the intent to eliminate the bus lines, but possibly have the City Manager make a survey or study to determine whether it should be increased, or eliminate completely. He opposes any expenditure of money for another survey because he does not believe it would bring in any answers. His second to the motion of Mayor Isen included the stipulation that there be no more money spent to try to determine something which is unanswerable; leave the system as it is to benefit the people who use the bus lines, an operation which must be subsidized.

It was the opinion of Councilman Lyman that the bus lines should be run as any other business and he believes it could be run much more efficiently that it is being operated and at less cost.

About 1,100 people patronize the bus lines, Councilman Sciarrotta said, according to the survey made a couple of years ago. The deficit runs around $120,000 a year and he drew the parallel that the City is in effect giving $100 to each of these bus passengers. He suggested these people should persuade others to also use the buses. Councilman Miller preferred to view these figures in a different light - that each Torrance citizen provides $1.00 per year toward the cost of bus transportation.

Councilman Olson wished to make his position clear in that he had introduced the subject: a bus system is necessary, but it is important that the City lose as little as possible. He felt the main reason more people do not ride the Torrance buses is that they own their own cars. He called attention to the fact that most people do not seem to know anything about the bus schedules. There is a need to look into the merits of the situation and perhaps the Bus Superintendent and his staff can accomplish this. An aggressive public relations program is needed, especially as to time schedules.

Another thought from Councilman Beasley is that the bus lines have a direct relationship to property values. Elimination would depress values even though prospective buyers do not plan to uses the buses. Everything which has been attempted toward increasing passenger volume so far has not produced any concrete results.

A correction by Mayor Isen was to the effect that there has been no outside specialist hired to make any survey of the bus system. He suggested that the Committee of the Council meet and discuss the matter with the City Manager and department head; also that interested citizens be notified of the time of meeting so they might audit the discussion and make pertinent suggestions. Neither Mayor Isen nor Councilman Olson had any intention of spending thousands of dollars through the hiring of outside consultants.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS (PLANNING AND ZONING)

8. CASE NO. 65-9, DAN E. BUTCHER, CHANGE OF ZONE, M-2 to R-1, southerly portion of Tract 2200 recommended by the Planning Commission for denial.

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

Mayor Isen asked that the proponent or his representatives first speak and Mr. Walter Kessenick of 43 Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates, spoke on behalf of his client, Mr. Butcher. He read the contents of a letter or petition in support of the change of zone and stated the petition bears 539 names. It was delivered to the City Clerk.

He also delivered 143 signed letters supporting the change as requested to the City Clerk and City Clerk Coil stated he also had received sixteen of the same wording.

Mr. Kessenick then introduced Mr. Wm. Lund, Executive Vice President of Economics Research Association, 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 13, whose firm has made a report on the economic potential and effect upon the community of Torrance of the property in question, as presently zoned and as anticipated by the proponent.

Mr. Lund said ERA was retained by Mr. Butcher to prepare an evaluation of the 57 acres he proposes to develop for single family residential use with a total density of 313 units. He displayed a map in various colors

showing the area and its zoning and told the scope of the study and report: (1) to ascertain what were the future land requirements within the City for industrial use in relation to its competitive position throughout the South Bay area; (2) the potential demand for single family residential developments within Torrance and the greater South Bay Area. There are 3300 industrially zoned acres of which approximately 1300 are undeveloped and of this roughly 1100 acres are classified by the City Planning Department as good industrial acreage. The balance of 300 plus are marginal industrial land. The subject land is classified as "good industrial land". The figures in the Planning Department study indicate that the industrial land would suffice for 50 to 60 years; however, Mr. Lund said that is not realistic and he believes it will suffice for only 25 to 30 years at its present rate of absorption.

said,
The subject property, Mr. Lund/is not readily accessible to major thoroughfares or freeways and a secondary road would have to be brought in from the south. The use of the contiguous property is mostly for residential and proposed school purposes. He projected that the present Torrance population of 130,000 will expand to 143,000 in the next five years. There is a continued pressure for this type of land with the rapid growth pattern of this area. He told at what point he would consider Torrance had reached its saturation point, based on existing zoning. In the interests of a well diversified commercial, residential and industrial community, there should be more industrial land. There is at present approximately 24% allocated for industrial uses; throughout Los Angeles County the average is 12 to 13%. He was quoting from figures furnished by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission which has asked for a study of the South Bay area to review the master plan prepared in 1960-61 which designated a great deal of land for industrial use.

Mr. Lund spoke also of the impact of the tax situation and stated, in summary, that there is a basic need for additional residential property and the subject property is well situated to accommodate this type of use. There will be air traffic over the property but he contends if there was any real danger, the schools would not be located here, or proposed for this location.

Mr. Kessenick made a brief speech in conclusion. He said the Urban Redevelopment project is taking approximately sixty acres of land, most of it residentially zoned and making it manufacturing and commercial. This 57 acres, if rezoned, will tend to balance this and this should be taken into consideration in considering what is being asked here tonight.

Mayor Isen asked for anyone who wished to speak for the opposition and Mr. Milton Rinzler who resides at 5202 Scott Street, spoke in opposition to the zone change and asked for denial. He read excerpts from the resolution of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce on the subject and delivered it to the City Clerk.

Arthur Reeves, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Torrance, stated the stand of the Chamber as being for denial. This decision was by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Stanley Dunn of 505 Via La Selva, Vice President of Riviera Homeowners Association which has 500 members, concurred in the recommendation of the Airport Manager, the Fire Marshal, the Citizens Advisory Community Improvement Committee, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the Torrance Unified School District and the State Division of Highways in their various objections to this rezoning. He criticized the "attempt to stampede and pressure this city council", referring to the letters which have been mailed to property owners. He asked that the City Council show its confidence in its own management and City Planning Commission by denying Case No. 65-9.

Mr. Bill Uerkwitz, President of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, on behalf of the Committee urged denial because of the airport and the noise problem which would be the same as for those residents of the area now under urban renewal. Regardless of the similar type of title, the committee which sent out the brochure favoring the change is not this committee.

Mr. Don McCauley, representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, also spoke for denial and described the noise problems which affect homes to either side of the air pattern as well as those immediately below.

Mr. Wayne Bluemel, 23327 Susana Avenue, appeared on behalf of the Ellinwood Homeowners Association, also asked for denial, and also wondered what can be done by these self-appointed committees who mail out thousands of letters such as was done here. It was agreed there is nothing that can or should be done about that right.

Mr. John Crain of 3753 West 171st Street, an industrial consultant, spoke against anything which would take industrial land. He said the crime rate is increasing six times the rate of the population and this land being rezoned to single residential would increase the cost of police service and of schools. He quoted figures from a report of the Economic Research Department of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce regarding what 100 new industrial workers mean to a community, and stressed the importance of leaving industrial land in reserve to develop more slowly than residential to provide jobs.

Mr. Albert W. Hinz, Executive Vice President of Bay Shore Consultants, 2124 Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, appeared representing the Committee of Citizens for Lower Taxes, composed of Torrance residents and taxpayers. He presented 1500 petitions urging approval of the change of zone requested by Mr. Butcher, 400 of which were from property owners in the immediate vicinity. Also he presented 44 which had come to the committee for denial, 25 of which were unsigned and one of which was from Redondo Beach.

Mr. Louis Sabona of 22646 Benner Avenue, immediately north of the proposed zone change, said his neighborhood is definitely against the rezoning of M-2 to R-1.

Mr. Lee Wilson, 1312 Cordary Avenue, stated he is definitely in favor of the rezoning as being the highest and best use of the property. He is a real estate broker and said he has been trying to move this property as M-2 with no success. He said he has buyers for the property as rezoned, for $60,000 per acre. In answer to a request for a definite answer from Mayor Isen, Mr. Wilson stated the property will be increased in value to the extent of about $15,000 to $20,000 per acre by rezoning to residential.

Councilman Sciarrotta saw no reason for discussing what profit this may bring to someone but said rather, the case should be heard on its merits.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing, but one more person wished to speak.

Mr. Michael Quadletti, an industrial realtor, 22616 Felbar Avenue, said there is a need for industrial land as most of the 3300 acres mentioned as industrial, probably belongs to large land holders and is not available. He favors the denial.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen asked for comments from Staff and Mr. Stanley Swarts, Planning Associate, stated the City received a letter from Milton Breivogel, Regional Planning Director that there was a concern by both the Regional Planning Board and the Board of Supervisors over the loss of potential industrial land in the area, rather than a concern over this particular area having a disproportionate share. Mr. Swarts displayed a map based on an aerial photograph taken the first part of this year with transparent overlays indicating zoning and development. He said the Planning Department feels this particular property with its size and location is prime industrial property: a freeway is being considered in the vicinity; it is contiguous to other industrial land; there is a railroad spur along the west and south and access streets are planned. The map also outlined the takeoff pattern from the Airport and it was noted that planes take off at 700 feet altitude above the terrarin on the down-wind leg. He showed were there are now schools and where they are designed to be placed. The school site, he said, is designed for residential development already in the community, not for an increased school load.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the requested zone change in Case No. 65-9. Councilman Olson seconded.

Councilman Lyman moved that the motion be tabled and Councilman Beasley seconded.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer the effect of a motion to table. Mr. Remelmeyer said he believed the proponent is entitled to a decision and that tabling would not be proper; rather, if it were continued to a certain time would be in order. Councilman Lyman reminded the Council that his motion was "to table the motion". Roll call vote on Councilman Lyman's motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Vico.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Mayor Isen.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta. (did not know the purpose)

and the motion failed.

Mr. Lyman made a statement regarding his thinking on the case. He said he has spent a considerable amount of time studying all the material and correspondence on both sides of the issue. He said the economic considerations of the case do not necessary have a direct bearing, but play a great part in an over-all decision. Torrance, he said, is a part of a greater area than its city boundaries. The concept of a balanced community goes back in the 1920's and earlier and what may have been valid at that time, is no longer, as Torrance at one time was an isolated community but is no longer because of the mobility of its residents. A great majority live here and work elsewhere. The trend here is toward commercial enterprises rather than industrial. Industry needs to be near its customers rather than its employees' homes.

Councilman Lyman said there is an overabundance of industrially zoned land in this community. As to airport noise, he said the planes make the objectionable noise when they take off not on their return under reduced power. Part of the airport, he said, must remain industrial. He answered some of the problems posed by the Planning Commission also. The change of zone would in no way hinder the commercial part of the Airport property, nor interfere with the airplanes' flight. He said there are three balance factors to consider: industrial property, something developed otherwise, and a vacant lot. The master plan is a guide only and to deviate from it in this instance would not be improper. He stated the question is "should the land remain vacant (remain M-2) or should it be rezoned R-1". He thought it should not be either. He said he believes this council should cause this land

to be studied and zoned realistically under something that would bring about its development. He mentioned the nuisance of the blowing dust and dirt from this land. Development would increase the tax rolls and also the adjacent property values with resultant additional revenue to the city. By decreasing the amount of industrial land what remains would be easier to sell or rent.

Councilman Miller recounted the history of the land at Sepulveda and Crenshaw and the compromise whereby some of it was rezoned to residential and the subject property of Case No. 65-9 to remain industrial. He believed the Council should make a definite decision tonight. He cited how the residential property near Maricopa and Crenshaw is gradually developing into industrial and remarked that may be the case on the subject property also. Industrial zoned land has been chiseled to the point where Mr. Miller said in West Torrance there is left only approximately 600 feet along Earl Street. He said he cannot vote for this change of zone, as a matter of conscience.

Councilman Olson spoke of the balanced tax base in Torrance which is the envy of other cities. He quoted from the Fire Department recommendations and mentioned other organizations' recommendations and said he feels to grant the change would be to create other problems for the airport, the schools, and others.

Mayor Isen spoke of the growth of population and the necessity to keep the school tax rate down. If this community becomes more of a bedroom community than it is now, taxes will soar. He too referred to the referendum near Crenshaw and Sepulveda where the Council set aside its former decision and the later compromise. There is a responsibility of the council to decide in the best interests of the citizens, the school district, the taxpayer. There is no reason to cause population to come in; they will do so anyway. He feels this land must be kept industrial.

Councilman Sciarrotta feels the city is going commercial rather than industrial and a great deal of City revenue comes from sales tax, and hopes that in the future the State will find a way to make laws by which the support of schools will not be based entirely on real estate. He feels also it is too soon to make a compromise of something so recently compromised.

Councilman Beasley feels the City is missing the point. It is no longer necessary to find jobs within the community for its residents. Under the modern concept a city is considered to be balanced with 12% industrial and Torrance has twice that amount and is losing some of its major industry. Vickers, Ryan, Mahon, Sheridan-Gray have moved or are planning to do so, because the economic climate is not suitable to their operations. He believes the City of Torrance has priceditself out of the industrial market. He plans to be consistent in the view he has had before on the Council and the Planning Commission.

Roll call on the motion to concur in denying the requested change was:

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

A recess was declared and the Councilreconvened at 10:20 p.m., following which on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Lyman, another recess was declared for the purpose of holding the regular Redevelopment agency meeting. The group returned to the Council agenda at 10:25 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30301, Barton Construction Co., subdivider, E. L. Pearson & Associates, engineer. 38 lots zoned R-1, southwest side of Via Lado west of Wilmington Avenue. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with all conditions, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Olson asked about what appeared to be an omission of part of the motion in the Planning Commission Recommendations. Mr. Ted Baciu of 4201 Paseo de las Tortugas asked about a legal question on the subject of slippage on which he would like to have an opinion of the City Attorney.

Councilman Beasley moved to hold this item for two weeks and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Mr. Lloyd Tanner of E. L. Pearson & Associates, agreed and it was so ordered.

10. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29604, DOLORES DEVELOPMENT CO., subdivider, Lanco Engineers. 8 lots zoned R-1 located west of Pennsylvania, between 227th and 228th Street, recommended for approval. Tentative Tract map approved by Council August 4, 1964.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 20932, BARTON CONSTRUCTION CO., subdivider, Pearson & Associates, engineer. 10 lots zoned A-1, north side of Mesa Street, 490.57 feet north of Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended for approval.

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

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. WIDENING OF 182ND STREET. Recommended from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that council approve and adopt proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY 182ND STREET.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-97 and his motion seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. WIDENING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-98 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 56. Recommendation from City Engineer/ Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that reimbursement from Sewer Revolving Fund be made to developer who installed sewage pumping station at Spencer and Madison Street, and that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 56 be established to return the cost to the revolving fund.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

15. EARLY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY - URBAN RENEWAL AREA. Recommendation from the Chairman of Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement for early acquisition of property in Urban Renewal Area.

The recommendation from the City Manager is that the City Council authorize the necessary expenditure of funds for appraisal of Mr. Pusich's property. After the appraisal is received and a report compiled, there should be further determination as to whether or not it is desirable to purchase the property, based upon funds available.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur, and Councilman Lyman seconded. After explanation by City Manager Ferraro and the Chairman of the Early Acquisition Sub-committee of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement Don Foyle, Mayor Isen asked that there be furnished the names of three appraisers, with their charges and qualifications in order that the Council may make a choice. It is understood this particular appraisal is of the one property only although the choice made at this time could conceivably affect the choice as to an appraiser for the entire project. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, as amended.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE GOVERNING POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, with City Manager's note, recommending amendment of Civil Service Ordinance governing police and fire departments.

Mayor Isen said before there is a decision on this matter, he would like to know what other cities do in such situations. Councilman Beasley said he has heard various and varying stories of the incident and the Council has a right to know exactly what happened. Mayor Isen suggested the item be referred to the Police and Fire Committee of the Council for a report from the City Manager as to how other comparable communities handle; that a hearing date be set. President of the Police Officers Association, Popp, said there are two matters involved, an immediate one and a matter of policy.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the item to the Police and Fire Committee as above suggested with the information requested. Officer Charles Oates asked for protection of the rights of the officer involved.

Mayor Isen questioned his right to ask anything in the name of the officer although Mr. Popp said under the Civil Service ordinance he has that right. City Manager Ferraro stated the Civil Service Commission has no jurisdiction of the case. Councilman Miller said it becomes apparent there are two things under discussion, a specific case and a matter of policy; thematter now before the Council is that of policy and the decision on policy would not be retroactive to a case already gone by.

Councilman Miller's motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. TORRANCE PARK COVERED BLEACHERS - BALL DIAMOND. Request of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, for an appropriation of $17,800 for covered sheltered grandstand, bleachers, fencing, regrading and blacktopping area beneath bleachers, reconstruction of backstop at Torrance Park.

18. EL RETIRO PARK NIGHT LIGHTED PARKING LOT. Request of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, for an appropriation for construction of night lighted parking lot at El Retiro Park, $7,500.

As to both items 17 and 18, Councilman Beasley moved to authorize the appropriations. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

19. ADULT CENTER BUILDING. Request of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, for appropriation of $15,000 for construction of an additional wing to the Adult Center Building located at 1318 Cravens Avenue.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to authorize the appropriation as stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Mayor Isen asked how long this downtown center will be kept and Mr. Van Bellehem explained why it should continue. Roll call vote was:

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

20. NATIONAL RECREATION AWARDS DINNER. Request of Park and Recreation Commission, with comments of Recreation Director and concurrence of City Manager, for approval to spend budget funds for 9th Annual National Recreation Awards Dinner meeting.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

21. TEEN-AGE MUSICAL COMEDY. Request of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, for appropriation to stage the musical comedy GOOD NEWS, co-sponsored by the County of Los Angeles, $750.00.

Councilman Lyman moved to grant the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

22. EXPENDITURES OF OVER $300.

Councilman Vico moved to approve the following four expenditures:

1. $1189.76 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., for 2 mobile radio units, Motorola Model D31BMT 3100 BM Transistor type and private line/BN-1150 B Accessory group, for Water Department, a budget item.

2. $1160 to Chuck's Painting Service for repainting exterior and interior of Fire Station No. 3.

3. $605.53 to United Desk for one desk, one executive posture chair, one drafting table, stool and lamp, and 2 blue print files plus one base for Planning Department.

4. $345.02 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 2" Hersey Model CT Meter/Bronze case with check valves on intermediate and main flows - Torrance Specs, for Water Department to be used at U. S. Postoffice service.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

23. REQUEST FOR RESOLUTIONS RE VARIOUS AVIATION AIRPORT LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

Councilman Olson moved to refer this matter to the Airport Commission, to be returned posthaste. Councilman Vico seconded.

Mr. Ted Baciu of 4201 Paseo de Las Tortugas, who said he is a member of the Riviera Homeowners Association standing committee, said one of the bills should be referred back for analysis.

There was no objection and this is referred to the Airport Commission.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

24. AGREEMENTS FOR RECIPROCAL AID - POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Resolution with City of Torrance and Culver City
Resolution between City of Torrance and other cities named.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR RECIPROCAL POLICE AID BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-99 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR RECIPROCAL POLICE AID BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND OTHER CITIES NAMED THEREIN AND SIGNATORY THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-100 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

25. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 23 through 29, 1965 as REALTOR WEEK.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN PETITION WITHDRAWING "LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP" ANNEXATION FROM THE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-101 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. REPLACEMENT OF SUBSTANDARD TREE AT SITE OF HAROLD THOMASIAN BUILDING. Recommendation from Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, permitting Mr. Thomasian to remove subject tree and replace with four or more trees of our choice to improve appearance of the area.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO COMPLETE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT NO. 28575 (Vicinity of Madison Street between Spencer St. and Del Amo.) Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that request be granted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested extension and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. CONDEMNATION OF EASEMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM HAWTHORNE AVENUE TO ANZA AVENUE, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO-WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EXTENSION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY OVER AND ACROSS THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF. (Del Amo Blvd - Hawthorne to Anza)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-102 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. TIME EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE SOCIETY. with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LETTER AGREEMENT EXTENDING FOR THE THIRD TIME THE TERM OF THE APRIL 23, 1962 AGREEMENT FOR POUND SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SPCA DOING BUSINESS AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE SOCIETY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-103 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31. LEGISLATURE ENACT INTO LAW AB 1150 WITH OPINION 65-28 REPEAL OF SUBDIVISION PARK FEES, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE ENACT INTO LAW ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1150.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-104 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer prepare several ordinances; one as an emergency measure and then a regular ordinance. He expressed a preference for an equal park fee per lot so there would be funds for neighborhood parks. There being no objection, the City Attorney will prepare several ordinances for consideration, at his earliest convenience.

32. A. RESOLUTION urging that territory of an incorporated city not be divided among two or more senatorial districts.

B. RESOLUTION urging the State Senate to adopt Senator Rees' amendment to SB6 to create 12 senatorial districts in L. A. County.

Councilman Miller said he cannot understand the reasoning of dividing up some of the cities as proposed; although he is glad to see that Torrance would be left intact. Mayor Isen said he would favor ignoring this item as it has already passed the Senate. Councilman Lyman said the Council should go on record reasserting its opinion about dividing Torrance and also taking a stand as being in favor of District 32 except as mentioned by Councilman Miller that it would be well to have the South Bay cities in one district. Councilman Miller said the bill still has to go to the Assembly and he would like to have a resolution asking for some of the additional South Bay Cities and relinquishing the Paramount, Downey and part of Compton area. Mayor Isen suggested rather, that a letter be written by the City Manager in an affirmative vein, but expressing the exception. Otherwise, Item 32 was filed, there being no objection.

33. WEED ABATEMENT CONTRACT. This item was held for one week, there being no objection.

34. EXEMPTION OF FEES ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO WELFARE EXEMPTION. This item was held for one week, there being no objection.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

35. ORDINANCE NO. 1599

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1599

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. 65-6. (South Del Amo Corporation).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1599 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. Mayor Isen announced that under the new ordinance with reference to Airport Commission membership, the following nominations were made by individual councilmen;

Councilman Beasley	Jack Bausman
Councilman Lyman	Ellis Blankenship
Councilman Vico	Donald Marousek
Councilman Miller	Joe M. Doss
Councilman Sciarrotta	Paul Rigali
Councilman Olson	John Blaisdell
Mayor Isen	Homer Morgan

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the above appointments and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. City Manager Ferraro asked that as to Item I, Informational matters, the note signed by himself be removed as it was placed there in error.

38. City Manager Ferraro noted two Torrance City Employees Association committee chairmen in the audience, Ray Saukkola and John Kirkpatrick, and he introduced them to the Council members.

39. Councilman Beasley stated his appointment to the Citizens Committee for Community Improvement, Wilson K. Jordan, had resigned, and he nominated as a replacement, L. C. Mittendorf of 22626 Fonthill Avenue. The Council was polled and unanimously approved the appointment.

40. Councilman Lyman called attention to the informational correspondence on the subject of signals at Torrance Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue. He does not agree with the State Division of Highways engineers. Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Lyman.

41. Councilman Miller read from Council minutes of August 14, 1964 an item with respect to time off, or overtime for department heads, and asked for clarification as to whether assistant department heads are included in the provision covering department heads. City Manager Ferraro explained that under the new policy only department heads, the City Manager, and City attorney are excepted from receiving overtime rather than time off. In practical administration of the policy it developed that under certain conditions assistants came out with more pay than department heads. Mr. Ferraro said he had taken it upon himself to instruct department heads that their assistants "or other key personnel where there was not a department head" be not paid for overtime.

Mayor Isen moved for clarification that the policy be extended to include assistants to heads of departments, or administration, or other key personnel. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

42. Councilman Olson referred to a letter from the Torrance League of Women Voters stating they have completed a study of the City Charter and generally support it but feel there are a few areas which need evaluation, one of which is salaries and compensation. There are other recommendations they would like to make. He moved that the Council Finance Committee which is responsible for legal procedures meet with the League of Women Voters and discuss their suggestions and bring the matter back to Council. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Mayor Isen agreed, but said possibly there should be a citizens committee appointed after this comes back to Council - to be composed of at least 21 members to study the Charter for possible changes. Councilman Olson stated last summer when Mr. Lyman suggested a five man committee to study election procedures, he had made a substitute motion to create a committee of a larger group to study the entire City charter and Mayor Isen said that should be done by the Council. Mayor Isen said he had objected only to the narrowness of the committee. There was no objection to the motion made by Councilman Olson and it was considered to have carried.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned another communication from the League of Women Voters which stated the Library Commission is not getting information early enough for them to participate in some of the deliberations concerning the libraries. They feel that if Management gets any communication from the County they should refer it to the Commission. City Manager Ferraro explained he has talked with Mrs. Lancer who wrote the letter and will talk with both Mrs. Lancer and Mrs. Foote. He said it is impossible to do this for all commissions in the City. He stated the particular incident which triggered this letter had to do with a report which he withheld pending completion of the City's study. He will meet with Mrs. Lancer and Mrs. Foote shortly.

44. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had received a communication from a Mrs. Ruby Aldrich asking for a resolution dealing with AB 1258. He asked that the City Attorney prepare a short resolution for the Council's study. Mayor Isen asked also for a resume of the bill's provisions.

45. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had received a call from members of the Torrance Beautiful Commission asking that the Council go on record urging that the youth of the community be given the opportunity of helping in clean-up. The State employment office has 2,000 young people available. Further discussion brought out the fact that the suggestion is to have individual citizens hire these young people; this communication is to let people know they are available.

Councilman Lyman seconded a motion by Mayor Isen to concur in approval of this suggestion. There was no objection.

46. Mayor Isen stated the Board of Supervisors today, on motion of Supervisor Chace, unanimously approved all three municipal courts being in Torrance when the Courthouse is completed. Supervisor Chace also recommended that the committee be given a commendation for the work they have done in studying the change of the South Bay Municipal Court. He asked that letters be sent from this Council to members of the committee expressing approval of the study they made and assuring cooperation and anything further that is necessary. The letters should go to Municipal Judge William B. Keene, Chairman; Raymond Choate, Superior Judge John A. Shidler, Robert L. Curry, Foster A. Day, Lowell L. Dryden and Roy M. Tracey. There was no objection and the City Manager's office will draft the letters.

47. Mayor Isen referred to a communication on last week's agenda dealing with the Inter-American Municipal Organization of Central and South American countries. He moved that the City of Torrance join the organization, the dues being $100 per year. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

48. Mayor Isen reported briefly on his trip to Sacramento on the subject of nudity, etc., and stated related crimes have increased by 95% since the development at North Beach in San Francisco. The committee listened but Mayor Isen said he was disappointed at the flippant attitude of some of the members; some did not seem to realize the people are demanding legislation, which did not get out of the committee.

49. From there, Mayor Isen went to Washington, D. C. to attend Vice President Humphrey's conference with other mayors. Each of the 202 attendees received nine and one-half pounds of written material to study and Mayor Isen turned over his package to the City Manager. In a question and answer program it developed that no one is objecting to the receipt of Federal financial aid. There are many additional programs in the mill for assistance to city civic centers, etc. The Vice President has been given an assignment to maintain a constructive dialogue between the White House and the Cities to further "creative Federalism". The intent seems to be to bypass the State government. It also developed that serious consideration is being given some way to return money to cities through some revenue sharing program.

Mayor Isen suggested that by proper resolution, if the Council finds it would like to go along with this, that it urge other cities to get in line and see if the government will go for a revenue sharing program by means of some sort of credit on income tax, for instance. He asked that the City Attorney prepare several resolutions for study.

50. Councilman Vico called attention to some sort of activity which indicates the old Polynesian Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway may be developing into a bar or something which could possibly be a problem.

Police Chief Koenig said there had been application for an on-sale liquor license and it seems it will be granted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. It does not appear that it will be other than a regular cocktail lounge operation. He was more concerned with the report that the Pussy Cat A Go Go license is being transferred and there will probably be no change there. The current applicant is unknown, being from New Hampshire and it may be a paper transfer only. By next week there may be more to report although there is nothing the City can do to block the transfer.

51. City Manager Ferraro reminded the Council of Armed Forces Day Parade and fireworks program.

52. Mr. Chuck Diaz of 6572 Killarney Avenue, Garden Grove, said until last week he owned the Plush Bunny, Wilmington. He sold it and is now building one to be called the Doll House at 190th and Crenshaw. In December he came to the Torrance license department to learn the policy as to investigation, etc., on such an establishment and was told no investigation is required. Now that he is about ready to open his business he has learned that conditions have changed and a great deal is required. He wondered if he could possibly have some kind of temporary permit so that he might operate his business during the period of posting. He described the operation as being a bar and restaurant with none of the "A go go" characteristics, and told of the improved reputation of the Plush Bunny due to his efforts.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no provision for a temporary permit; the purpose of the ordinance is to allow the license review board to investigate each applicant. With the permission of the Chief of Police, because this is the first time around under this new ordinance, Mr. Remelmeyer said the Council could possibly consider granting the request of Mr. Diaz, with the statement that this would not be precedent-setting. City Manager Ferraro suggested Mr. Diaz put up a $1500 good faith bond and issue a conditional use permit for operating pending his formal hearing and then deduct the expenses incurred before returning his money. This did not meet with approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta recommended it be handled as a hardship case under the circumstances. Councilman Beasley thought the man could be checked quite easily through Wilmington Police Department.

Councilman Olson moved that he be granted interim permission while the hearing is being processed on condition he will stipulate to abide by the results. Mayor Isen seconded on condition that there be an okay of the temporary permit by the Police Department before he starts operation. Mr. Diaz agreed and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

53. Miss Beverly Albert who lives on Border Avenue, asked about the corner of Plaza Del Amo and Carson which is very confusing. Mayor Isen told her there is a long report on the subject and if she will give Mr. Nollac her address a copy of that report will be mailed to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Vernon W. Coil

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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance
Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary