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City Manager Ferraro spoke further on the reasons for calling out members of the safety divisions. He believes the show of force which Torrance exhibited was largely responsible for the lack of serious incidents during the disaster. There were many anonymous telephone calls and intangible rumors and threats.

Mr. Ferraro said he was pleased with the degree of leadership shown in the mobilization which was accomplished with a minimum of confusion. Certain deficiencies became apparent as a result of this effort, among them communication equipment which should be scheduled for purchase. A frightening potentiality which did not materialize was what seemed to be a desire on the part of some citizens to form vigilante groups. He especially commended, Sears, Broadway, and any other stores which removed guns and ammunition from their shelves and from display early in the situation.

The cost incurred in these protective measures is approximately \$6,000 which he considered to be money well spent if it prevented any of the tragedies which might have occurred.

Mayor Isen commented that the City can only hope that this is all in the past tense, as implied by the comments of the City Manager and Police Chief. On behalf of the community and City government, Mayor Isen expressed gratitude to Chief Koenig, Captain Maestri and Captain Miles who presented no bill for their overtime, and to the entire Police and Fire Departments.

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A second matter of tremendous interest to the greater Torrance community and South Bay area was public announcement of the large financial center to be established in Torrance. Mayor Isen welcomed and introduced Jack Spahn, Vice President of E. L. Pearson & Associates.

Mr. Spahn said the area is between Torrance Boulevard, Ocean Avenue, Madrona Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard - Del Amo Financial Center, owned by Del Amo Properties Company which is owned by the Rancho Palos Verdes Corporation, a subsidiary of Great Lakes Carbon Corporation and Guilford Glazer Associates, who built the downtown center in Oakridge, Tennessee, site of the atomic bomb research. He detailed the development, the first complex of which will be valued in excess of \$30,000,000 and the first phase of the overall concept development. He introduced Mr. Jim Moore of Del Amo Properties, Wilbur Smith, traffic engineer, Ki Suh Park, architect of Victor Gruen & Associates, Jack Bevas of the land planners, and mentioned Harry Groman who could not be present at this meeting.

Several large sketches and an aerial photograph of the basic concept were displayed and Mr. Spahn said it is the hope and plan that the construction will be commenced within six months and the first phase completed in sixteen months. He asked that the Council Chamber lights be extinguished and displayed a miniature model under glass of the extremely modernistic development as it will appear when completed. The tiny model buildings were lighted from within and the whole presentation was dramatic and interesting.

Ki Suh Park, the architect, discussed the first phase which is the thirteen story high rise building and four story office complex with parking lot.

In summary, plans are developed for a thirteen story building, depending on the approval of the City, of course, Mr. Spahn said. He thanked the Mayor and Council for welcoming this public announcement and presentation.

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Because Item 23 must be considered prior to the call to order of the Redevelopment Agency meeting, Mayor Isen asked that it be taken out of regular agenda order:

23. COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE. Submittal of proposed resolution re major medical insurance plan for Redevelopment Agency employees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDIAL INSURANCE PLAN OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-163 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Miller, the City Council meeting was declared in recess in order to convene as members of the Redevelopment Agency. Council reconvened as such at 6:20 after a recess which followed that meeting.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 65-26, SOUTH BAY REALTY CO. (Kenneth Battrum) Change of Zone. Formal hearing on change of zone from A-1 to C-3 bounded on the north by Artesia, on the south approximately 100 ft. north of 176th Street, on the west by Prairie and on the east by the San Diego freeway right of way.

This is a continued public hearing from a previous Council meeting. The purpose of the continuance was to try to arrange something with respect to Lots 10, 11 and 12 in the narrow area of the property. Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Shartle for a report. A letter had been received asking further continuance, but Mr. Shartle said there had been a verbal communication from Mr. Ben Molina asking that it be considered at this meeting.

Mr. James Card, the man who had objected to certain aspects of the request, was present and under this circumstance, Mayor Isen asked that the proponent first be heard.

Mr. Ben Molina, representing South Bay Realty Co., apologized for his inadvertent absence from the Council meeting at which this was previously heard. He said no precise plan has been developed at this time and the proponent does not wish to make any commitment on selling any of the property. He asked that the request for change of zone be heard on its own merits and said he believes the application as filed is in accord with the neighboring residents' wishes.

Mr. James Card of 3905 West 176th Street, said he has been protesting the zone change because of the nature of the lot. The parcel is of a peculiar shape and he could see no use for it which would not be detrimental to his property. He described the physical location and measurements of Lot 11 which he owns. He definitely does not want it used for parking as that would mean his home would be surrounded by cars.

Councilman Olson asked about the height of the wall and Mr. Card said he would be against the eight foot block wall which would block off any view in these small lots.

Mrs. Betty Syfers of 3933 West 176th Street, who owns Lot 6, about fifth from the corner, favored the change of zone, subject to a precise plan, block wall and no buildings within a certain distance of the property line. In other words, she agreed with the Planning Commission recommendations, and believed the Council would properly protect the property owners.

Mr. Robert Gagnon of 3945 West 176th Street, the owner of Lot 13, the last lot in the row, said if he is involved, he feels this should be used for landscaping and there would be no building for fifty feet back. If his lot is involved, he would also like the eight foot block wall.

Mr. Gustav Goss of Lot 10 said he would like to buy the property if possible and would not mind an eight foot wall if it were fifty feet distant. He would not like to have it used for parking.

Mr. Tony Credico of Lot 12 did not think many cars could be parked there and feared it would be used for dumping trash.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Shartle if Lots 10 through 13 were eliminated from the change of zone and all the conditions and precise plan approved for the remaining area, if there would be a practical building and parking site and Mr. Shartle said there would be a practical and buildable site to the west. In any event, it was brought out that there will be hearings on any precise plan and the neighbors will be heard.

Mr. Molina said the idea is to construct the wall as a buffer and place high trees along the back. He suggested a six-foot wall. The plan, he said will be as compatible and in accordance with the wishes of the neighbors as possible. He does not wish to commit the company to selling and then find themselves short of parking space.

A Mr. Shields who believes he owns Lot 9 said the original agreement was for a wall and to stay fifty feet away from it with any building. He was advised all these details would be handled under the precise plan.

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

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department to change the zoning to C-3, subject to a precise plan and all conditions - and suggested that the remarks of this Council be taken into consideration by the Planning Commission. Councilman Beasley seconded, but remarked that his second was only as to the concurrence including the precise plan. Mr. Shartle said the details will be considered as to the precise plan; they are not properly within the change of zone approval.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Sciarrotta absent), but Mayor Isen said his vote was reluctant, but the property must be used. He hopes for either a sale of the strip or a precise plan which will be satisfactory to everyone.

Councilman Miller asked what would happen if the owner sells the back portion and ends up with a piece of commercial property attached to his R-1 lot. City Engineer Nollac said there would have to be a lot split before it could be sold in that event.

9. CASE NO. 65-28, JONES & BEDNAR, CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change of zone from R-2 and A-1 to C-3 for property located at 3040 West 182nd Street at the southeast corner of 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Affidavit of Publication as to both Items 8 and 9 were presented and there being no objection, ordered filed.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and stated the recommendation is for approval subject to stated conditions. No one came forward.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval subject to approval by the Traffic and Lighting Section for ingress and egress to Crenshaw Boulevard and 182nd Street. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

Mr. Philip Jones of 5901 West Third Street, Los Angeles, attorney for the owner asked about the conditions and was told they are the usual conditions and read from the recommendation stated in the transmittal.

10. CASE NO. 65-29, YOUNG AND REMINGTON, VARIANCE. Formal hearing on variance of the off-street parking requirements to permit eight parking spaces in lieu of the required 27 spaces for proposed 4,300 square foot office building.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-29 and Mr. Roy Young of 3729 Via la Selva, Palos Verdes Estates, business address 318 Vista Del Mar, Torrance. He appealed for approval of a variance which has been recommended for denial by the Planning Commission. Barring the possibility of approval, he asked if it could be reconsidered by the Planning Commission, in that one commissioner was absent and there was some indecision. The neighboring businessmen, he said, favor approval. The lot in question is one of two remaining in this business area which faces the shopping district.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Shartle if in this case, considering that Redondo Beach has no parking requirements, it would not be proper to go along, since Torrance did not create the existing problem. Mr. Young recalled a previous case before the Torrance Planning Commission in which he represented the owner and gained approval for tandem parking on 4,000 square feet with twelve cars. However, the owner abandoned the plan and there is litigation with respect to that lot.

Under all these circumstances, Mayor Isen thought the variance should be granted, particularly in that Redondo Beach is talking about having an assessment district for parking in the entire area. City Manager Ferraro added that there is a possibility of this being a cooperative project of the two cities. Mr. Young, the title owner of the property, said he would have no objection to being assessed.

Mrs. Mary Walker of 5203 Asteria Street, opposed granting the variance. She did not believe anything that has occurred in the past justifies not adhering to the regulations regarding parking, even though it is all but impossible to find a place to park in this shopping area.

City Manager Ferraro said the eight spaces would be at least eight more than before. Even the lot which is to be purchased by the proposed assessment district will not solve the problem.

Answering Councilman Olson's question as to whether or not Mr. Young has any firm commitments as tenants, he said he has no signed leases but there will be a secretarial service, a civil engineer and a technical engineer, and they would not normally have a great number of visitors. Most of the parking needed would be for members of the offices.

Councilman Olson said he had expected there would be some compromise between the 28 needed spaces and the 8 available, but to date nothing has been offered by the proponent in that direction.

Councilman Miller moved, in view of the split vote at Commission level, to refer the matter back for further study and recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen reminded Mr. Young that a certain degree of parking is essential to the success of their venture and said he believes some type of compromise is the logical answer.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

11. REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE. Chairman of Torrance Planning Commission requesting excused absence for Commissioner Salisbury from August 18 meeting.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection the excuse would be granted and there was none.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS (186.1) FOR IMPROVEMENT OF LOMITA BOULEVARD FROM HAWTHORNE AVENUE TO OCEAN AVENUE. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager that \$45,000 be appropriated from gas tax funds for improvement.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

13. EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX FUNDS (186.1) Expenditure of 1965-66 Street Improvement Budget, I.D. No. 209. Recommendations from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, for presentation to Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the following three recommendations:

1. That \$7,000 be appropriated from 186.1 Gas Tax Funds for improvement of the south side of 182nd Street, east of Crenshaw Boulevard;
2. That Christ the King Lutheran Church be relieved of the requirement of installing curb and gutter on 182nd Street;
3. That \$150 be appropriated from 1965-66 Street Improvement Budget, I.D. No. 209, for sidewalk construction for the City property frontage on 182nd Street, east of Crenshaw Boulevard.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. DRAINAGE PROBLEM at 2401 Apple Avenue. Recommendations from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that
1. City Council appropriate \$1,600 from General Fund Unappropriated Reserve to construct an alley entrance and catch basin cistern; 2. that Council initiate an area-wide 1911 Act Assessment District to construct curbs, gutters, sidewalks and drainage facilities.

Mayor Isen requested that the two items be considered separately and Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the item listed as 1. above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the item listed as 2 in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

City Engineer Nollac explained the proceedings with respect to the assessment district. There will be hearings of protests about a year from now. Mayor Isen wanted the record to show that this action tonight is preliminary only.

The motion carried as to item 2, there being no objection.

15. 1964 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECTS AND 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT - ENGINEERING DESIGN. Recommendations from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that 1. Koebig & Koebig be retained to perform design services on 1958 Storm Drain Bond Issue Supplemental Project No. 741 and 1964 Storm Drain Bond Issue Project 8102, Lines A, G, & H; and 2. That Irvin Engineering be retained to perform design services on 1964 Storm Drain Bond Issue Projects 8102, 8103, lines B, C, D, E and F, and 8104.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur as to both subitems 1 and 2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

16. TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS: Acting Traffic and Lighting Engineer, approved by City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting the below recommendations:

1. Four way STOP at Linda Drive and Reese Road be modified by eliminating STOP signs on Linda Drive at Reese Road, with proposed resolution.
2. Speed zone changes be modified and updated on Anza Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Del Amo Boulevard and on Palos Verdes Blvd. from Torrance Boulevard to Sepulveda, with proposed resolutions.
3. STOP sign be installed controlling the south approach of Gramercy Place at 166th Street, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 149 OF RESOLUTION 63-35
WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-164 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 1 OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-173 WHICH ESTABLISHES 25 MPH PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-165 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Sciarrotta absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 35 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING A LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-166 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 35 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING A LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-167 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS BY ADDING A LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-168 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONCRETE BLOCK WALL AT WALNUT AVENUE SUMP. Contractor: Industrial Fence and Supply Co., Inc.) Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that 1. referenced work be accepted by Council and 2. that liquidated damages not be assessed.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

18. BID FOR FURNISHING CHAIN LINK FENCING AND RELATED HARDWARE.

Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of AA Fence Co. be accepted as the lowest overall bid and all others be rejected.

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

19. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO COVER CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF SMOKE ROOM ADDITION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING TOWER.

The recommendation is that \$1,850 be appropriated from the General Fund unappropriated reserve and that the bid go to Parr Contracting Company in the amount of \$6,645. The additional appropriation is in the amount of \$1,200 as the budget amount is \$5,446.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

20. WEED ABATEMENT RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-169 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1615

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1965-66 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Olson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1615 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1615 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1616

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1965.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1616 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1616 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

22. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the following expenditures:

1. \$1124.76 to Blinker Light Co. for 70 lighted barricades and 70 batteries for same to be used jointly by the Street, Sanitation and Water Departments, a regular budget item.

2. \$526.74 to A. F. Milliron Co. for one only 16 MM movie projector, Bell & Howell model No. 540 with speaker and cover. To be used by Recreation Department at City parks, a regular budget item.

3. \$885.45 to I. B. M. Corp. for two electric typewriters, to be used by Legal Department, a regular budget item.

4. \$316.27 to Harbor Office Supply for three Steelcase filing cabinets to be used by the Legal Department, a regular budget item.

Councilman Olson seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. BID FOR FURNISHING OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. Recommendation of Manager Critchfield for award of contracts to supply office furniture and equipment for Airport Administration Building, and to reject all other bids.

Mayor Isen moved that the contracts be awarded as listed in the communication from Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

25. EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS: Reverend Sippel and Commissioner Gitschier from attending meeting of August 25, 1965.

There being no objection, the excuses were granted.

WORKABLE PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

26. EARLY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR URBAN RENEWAL AREA. Citizens' Advisory Committee Chairman, with City Manager's recommendation for early acquisition of property of Chester Associates, Inc., at 23846 and 23870 Ward Street.

27. EARLY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 23645 Ward Street. Citizens' Advisory Committee Chairman, with City Manager's recommendation, submitting early acquisition of property H. Elkins, 23645 Ward Street.

Mayor Isen asked that the two items, 26 and 27 be referred back to the City Manager's office for further report and recommendation. Councilman Miller so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

28. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION - TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. Citizens' Advisory Committee Chairman, with City Manager's recommendation, submitting Traffic and Transportation subcommittee recommendations re Torrance Municipal Airport.

Mayor Isen suggested the matter be referred to the Airport Commission as indicated in the City Manager's notation on the communication, for study and review in cooperation with the FAA with a report back to the City Council between thirty and sixty days from date. Councilman Olson so moved and Mayor Isen seconded; there was no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

29. RESOLUTION proclaiming September 13, 1965 as WORLD LAW DAY.

Mayor Isen recommended this resolution be filed, as not in proper form for a proclamation. However, Councilman Miller moved instead to bring it back at the next Council meeting and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:

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

30. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of September 26 through October 2, 1965, as NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.

31. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of September as YOUTH MONTH AND AMERICAN YOUTH ENROLLMENT, September 17 through 30, 1965.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

32. PROPOSED DEL AMO SANITARY LANDFILL - CITY OF LONG BEACH RESOLUTION NO. 19392. Recommendation from Sanitation Superintendent, with concurrence of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, and City Manager to endorse.

City Manager Ferraro asked that the words "approval subject to further review by the State Water Pollution Board" be added and that the minutes show that amendment. With the amendment, Councilman Beasley moved to concur in endorsement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and there was no objection.

33. Mayor Isen commented that the question regarding membership of the Torrance Safety Council had been resolved by the opinion of the City Attorney, copies of which were furnished to the councilmen last week and he nominated Mrs. Alva Wilson to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Evelyn Radford. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

34. City Engineer Nollac introduced the new Traffic Engineer, Arthur Horkay and he was welcomed to the Staff by Mayor Isen.

35. Mayor Isen announced there will be an Independent Cities meeting at Rodger Young auditorium tomorrow evening - or rather that the meeting would be held in El Monte instead. No one seemed to wish to attend.

36. Councilman Beasley asked about a couple of Council committee meetings which he had understood were to be scheduled. One on acquisition of property and one on the ordinance regarding trash barrels. City Manager Ferraro said the subjects are not yet ripe, but probably will be by next week.

37. Councilman Lyman said when he first came on the Council there was talk of beautifying Hawthorne Boulevard and of undergrounding power lines. Considering what is planned for Hawthorne as a future Miracle Mile, he felt something should be done. The appointment which Mr. Lyman first made to the Torrance Beautiful Commission requested a legal opinion on the undergrounding subject long ago. He asked Mr. Remelmeyer when that opinion might be expected.

Mr. Remelmeyer said it is an extremely complicated subject and he has already spent a great deal of time on it. The press of other work has it sidetracked at this time and there is much more time necessary, in that there is very little written law on the subject. He said he had given an oral opinion to the Beautiful Commission and hoped to have the written opinion finished in September. Mayor Isen said he believes it is also a matter to be considered by the Public Works Committee of the Council.

Councilman Lyman also made an appointment to the Torrance Beautiful Commission, Sandra Phillips. A poll of the Council was unanimously favorable to Mrs. Phillips' appointment.

38. Councilman Miller stated a rather prominent organization had asked him to investigate the possibility of creating a children's zoo in one of the Torrance parks which will come into being when the sumps are abandoned. Their thinking was in terms of domestic animals with contributions from local organizations to support the project. He said he would like to have the matter referred to Recreation Director Van Bellehem for study of its potentialities. City Manager Ferraro suggested his office work with the Park and Recreation Commission on it and there was no objection. Mayor Isen was particularly enthusiastic and said former Governor Goodwin Knight when he was here at the Rancho Days parade had commented on the interest shown in rodeos by this essentially industrial city.

39. Councilman Vico asked if anything can be done about the area from Pacific Coast Highway along Calle Mayor to Anza Avenue. Both sides of the street are pretty messy. City Manager Ferraro said he would look into it.

40. Councilman Beasley asked if the City Manager could be instructed to look into the cost of putting ashtrays on the backs of the seats in the Council Chamber. The suggestion did not meet with much enthusiasm and there was no second.

41. Mrs. Wayne Gansemer of 20111 Ingram Way, speaking for approximately 800 parents, complained of the lack of a walkway for school children along Anza and presented a petition, which she read, containing 300 signatures.

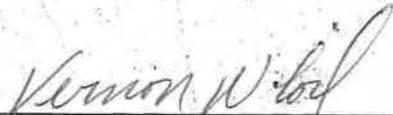
Mayor Isen asked that the City Manager give the Council a report, with a copy to Mrs. Gansemer and also that she be notified at such time as the Council is going to consider the report. She is anxious that the walkway be installed before school starts. City Manager Ferraro said there is a right of way problem and Mayor Isen suggested Mrs. Gansemer talk with him after he has had a chance to analyze the problem. The problem is one with which the council is completely familiar.

42. Mrs. Rambo had a question regarding the Apple Avenue drainage matter and was advised to talk with Mr. Ferraro.

43. Mr. Heher of 5122 Emerald Street said he had been under the impression when the street was improved with curbs that sidewalks were automatically included. Mayor Isen asked him to confer with City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac.

44. As to the Hawthorne improvement, Mrs. Mary Walker of 5203 Asteria Street, said her husband presented plans a year ago and Mayor Isen asked that three members of the Torrance Beautiful Commission participate in the meeting on the subject. He commented that there are also utility poles and a railway on Hawthorne which everyone would like to have removed but there are complications and problems which must be considered.

There being no further oral communications, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



 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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