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Torrance, California
September 21, 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 on Tuesday, September 21, 1965, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Olson on business for the Kiwanis Club. Assistant City Manager Scharfman and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Judy Cohen, a junior at Torrance High School, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Sippel of First Christian Church of Torrance, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 14, 1965, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

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 (Councilman Olson absent).

Mayor Isen inquired of the audience how many were attending Council meeting for the first time and gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of those not familiar with these meetings.

A very distinguished visitor was present, Councilman Rene Larrave of Torrance's sister city, Guatemala City, and at the request of Mayor Isen Councilman Sciarrotta introduced him with a brief resume of his background. Art Reeves, immediate past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and J. Walker Owens, its Manager, presented to Sr. Larrave a card for his wallet indicating he is an honorary citizen of the City of Torrance, a cigarette

lighter, and a king-size key to the City.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read in full the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WELCOMING SENOR RENE LARRAVE, COUNCILMAN AND ARCHITECT, FROM OUR SISTER CITY OF GUATEMALA CITY TO TORRANCE AND BESTOWING UPON HIM THE TITLE OF HONORARY COUNCILMAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-189 and to instruct that it be prepared in perma plaque format. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

Councilman Beasley invited Honorary Councilman Larrave to occupy the seat next to him and escorted him to the rostrum. Sr. Larrave responded graciously and thanked the City of Torrance for its practical help in solving some of his City's problems.

Out of order on the agenda, Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, he would like to hear from Mr. George Post, Chairman of the Steering Committee for the proposed municipal golf course and past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, with reference to

ITEM 13: CASE NO. 65-34, PETITION OF FINANCIAL SAVINGS AND LOAN (G. R. Newhouse, President, and DAN E. BUTCHER. Formal hearing for a conditional use permit for a cemetery including administration and service buildings, crematoriums, mausoleums, etc., on the southerly portion of Tract No. 2200 generally located southerly of 235th Street and northerly of the AT&SF railroad. Recommended for approval by the Torrance Planning Commission.

A letter containing the history, findings and recommendation of the Committee, a map of the area, a memorandum entitled Alternatives for Financing the Proposed Golf Course, and an amendment bringing that memorandum up to date, had been distributed to the members of the Council by Assistant City Manager Scharfman and were referred to in Mr. Post's presentation. He named the members of the committee, many of whom were in the audience, who have been giving careful study to their assignment for approximately one year. Now that it is possible to receive 50% participation by the Federal Government, and because of having discovered a second possible site, the Committee is unanimously in favor of giving further study to the project.

Councilman Lyman referred to the portion of the recommendation which speaks of authorization to apply for the open space program and asked if this was completely unanimous as to the Committee. Mr. Post answered affirmatively, except for those absent from the particular meeting at which the recommendation was made.

Mayor Isen explained the reason for this matter being considered in connection with Item 13 because the land which comprises Case No. 65-34 is included in the parcel referred to as Site 2 in the golf course report. Mr. Post pointed out the proposed cemetery land as being the northwest wing of what is being considered for the golf course.

Councilman Lyman recalled that about a year ago he had contended that the City should use some of this available open space Federal money for acquiring parks and he does not object to golf courses. However, he said there must be some consistent position established and maintained; he sees no logic in accepting money for the golf course and rejecting it for parks.

Chairman Post of the Committee agreed with Councilman Lyman's logic but stated the assignment of his committee was only as to a golf course; there was some discussion within the committee as to that problem, but the Committee did not feel it came within their province.

Councilman Miller protested that some of this sounds like campaign talk and stated his resentment at Councilman Lyman's criticism of the proposal of the Committee which is trying to carry out its assignment. The decision is to be made at Council level - and no decision has been made. He reminded Councilman Lyman that he could express whatever is his philosophy on the subject through his vote. Councilman Beasley agreed that Councilman Lyman's remarks would be appropriate at such time as the Council considers the recommendation.

Councilman Sciarrotta outlined the ways in which the situation has changed during the year. There is now more money available from the Government and more freedom in its use.

The whole intent of the discussion, Councilman Miller said, is becoming distorted. What is now being considered is the duplication as to the properties involved in the cemetery proposal and that of the golf course. Mayor Isen agreed the purpose is to inform the Council so that an intelligent action can be taken as to the item on the agenda.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the report of the Golf Course Steering Committee and Councilman Miller seconded.

The only point Councilman Lyman wanted to make, he said, is if the Council is considering a golf course for Federal money, it should also take another look at its position with respect to parks. The same position should be held as to each.

Mr. Bill Uerkwitz, 23126 Anza Avenue, President of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, said four months ago this Committee presented to the Redevelopment Agency a completed plan for an eighteen-hole major tournament golf course which would more than one-half overlap the land here considered. There was no contact between the two committees on the subject, but each concluded with virtually the same plan.

Mayor Isen said he was present at the meeting which made the recommendation, as was Councilman Miller, and he complimented the Committee for its efforts to preserve some open space for future generations. He suggested a continuance as to Case No. 65-34 which he thought should come up at an eight o'clock meeting of the Council. The Council has an unwritten rule as to matters which come pre-emptorily as this has, that any councilman is granted the privilege of having more time to study. He personally asked that privilege for continuance so that he can personally view the physical location and evaluate the situation as to exists, entrances, etc. If a golf course proves to be not feasible, there are other uses which can be considered, including possibly a park with State participation.

Further, Don Wilson's rights have not been considered although he owns over half of the parcel. After the Marble compromise, this area was set aside for industry and then purchased by subdividers and the price has become prohibitive to industry. Perhaps a better compromise can be worked out through the Planning Commission, the Planning Director and the subdividers for a high-class residential development as well as the golf course.

A general obligation bond would be required and that necessitates a two-thirds majority vote of the people. A continuance as to this application for a conditional use permit would permit time for coordination and study and determination of whether or not there would be community support. For these reasons, Mayor Isen asked for continuance for a reasonable time to permit exploration of these matters.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Council has this right, but it must be to a time certain and Councilman Lyman thereupon moved to continue Case No. 65-34 for five weeks from today, which would be October 26, 1965, an eight o'clock meeting. Mr. Joe M. Doss representing the proponent agreed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Mr. Doss requested the privilege of participation by the proponent in the Golf Course Committee determination because of evidence he has which would challenge some of the statements made on financing. Mayor Isen added that Don Wilson should also have representation at this level and at Planning Commission in the event it goes back there, or at any other commission or committee where matters concerning this may possibly be heard.

Mr. Michael Camras of 2170 South Holmby, Los Angeles, said he (or someone he is representing) is negotiating for purchase of some of the residential apartment property and he questions the right of an individual to sit in on these committee meetings. Mayor Isen assured him if he would leave his address with either Mr. Post or the City Clerk, he too will be notified and given that opportunity; the meetings are open.

The motion to accept the report which preceded the discussion, was ordered carried, there being no objection.

As to the motion for continuance, there was no objection and that also carried; the date being set for October 26, 1965, at eight o'clock.

One of the three parts of the recommendation, dealing with employing a golf course architect to do certain work, was mentioned by Assistant City Manager Scharfman and Mayor Isen asked that he please present this as an oral communication toward the end of this meeting.

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Councilman Beasley moved to recess and reconvene forthwith as Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. The Council reconvened as such at 6:15 p.m.

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Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, he thought it appropriate to extend the courtesy of hearing the Van Tine case at this time.

15. CASE NO. 65-37, M. L. VAN TINE, VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES. Formal hearing for a variance to reduce the required parking spaces from 18 to 15 for proposed office building on the northerly side of Palos Verdes Boulevard approximately between Pacific Coast Highway and Via Valencia. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

Planning Director Shartle reported as to requested information regarding whether or not this property would come within the proposed parking assessment district of Redondo Beach, that it would. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Van Tine, for the record, if he and his wife would bind their property to become a part of it and Mr. Van Tine answered affirmatively.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the variance. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen who stated also that the Council accepts the stipulation of Mr. Van Tine to join the Assessment District and consents thereto. Roll call vote was:

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

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 65-22, PETITION OF GEORGE S. HAAS FOR CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing for change of zone from R-3 to C-3 on a portion of Rancho San Pedro allotted to Ana Josefa Dominguez, comprising 2.06 acres located at northeast corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Border Avenue. Recommended for approval by Torrance Planning Commission.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

9. CASE NO. 65-30, PETITION OF ABBEY RENTS, INC. - REDUCE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES. Formal hearing for permission to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 49 to 37 to permit a warehouse showroom building on property described as a portion of Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract located at 23845 Hawthorne Avenue between 238th and 240th Streets. Recommended for approval by Torrance Planning Commission.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response except there seemed to be someone in the audience representing the proponent.

Mayor Isen asked President Halstead of the Planning Commission regarding a statement attributed to him in the Planning Commission minutes that this would probably be before the Council on October 5th. Mr. Halstead said it usually takes about 30 days. The man in the audience who seems to be from Abbey Rents said he had received a notice.

The Council has maintained a policy of placing things of great public interest on the 8:00 o'clock agendas, Mayor Isen said and he believes it is a good plan to follow as closely as possible.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Councilman Miller seconded; there was no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval with all conditions and Mayor Isen seconded.

Mr. Halstead explained why the reduction is practical in this case as the type of business does not have many customers at one time. This is a compromise. City Attorney Remelmeyer explained from a practical standpoint what would occur if the building is put to use for other business which might require more parking. The Council could always revoke the variance after a hearing, and then get an injunction against the new tenants continuing the use of the building.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to approval.

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Items numbered 10, 11 and 12 all deal with different facets of a development planned by Mr. C. N. Cake of No. 1 Pine Tree Lane, Rolling Hills, California. As to Case No. 65-33, Item 12, the petitioner stipulated to a continuance and on Motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Vico, the case was continued to November 9, 1965, an eight o'clock meeting.

10. CASE NO. 65-31, PETITION OF C. N. CAKE, VARIANCE TO PERMIT A HELISTOP. Formal hearing for a variance to permit a helistop on top of a proposed 14 story high-rise building on property described as a portion of Lot 8, Tract 3458, located at 3433 Torrance Boulevard, between Madrona and Amie Avenues in C-2 and R-3 zones. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mrs. Muriel Cohen of 3420 Maricopa Street came forward and read her objections to the Council. She analyzed the votes of the Planning Commissioners and their reasons for so voting, most of which she considers to be ill-advised. She also read newspaper clippings telling of helicopter accidents as examples of the danger of installing this helistop in the particular area.

Answering a question by Councilman Sciarrotta, Mr. Cake said the helistop would not be in full operation until approximately nine years from now.

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

Mayor Isen suggested that Council refer the matter to the Airport Committee of the Council although Mr. Cake said a long and detailed report had been made by the Planning Commission and Airport Manager. Councilman Miller asked for a copy of that report which he did not recall having received.

Mayor Isen moved to refer Case No. 65-31 to the Airport Committee of the Council for a recommendation two weeks from now and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. There was no objection.

11. CASE NO. 65-32, PETITION OF C. N. CAKE FOR CHANGE OF ZONE FROM R-3 to C-2. Formal hearing on property described as a portion of Lot 8, Tract 3458 south of Maricopa Street between Madrona and Amie Avenues. Recommended by Torrance Planning Commission for approval of a change of zone from R-3 to P-1.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mrs. Muriel Cohen of 3420 Maricopa responded. She complained of the amount of traffic which would use the driveway from Maricopa.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if the Council could restrict the use of that driveway in connection with granting a change of zone. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there could be control by the use of a break in the curb and the direction of traffic; however, he did not believe access to the street could be refused.

Mrs. Cohen believes much of the traffic which would ordinarily use Torrance Boulevard would find it more convenient to use Maricopa and this driveway as access to the fourteen story building which is being contemplated.

Planning Director Shartle said he believes as a condition to reduce parking requirements, the Council could stipulate certain conditions.

Mr. Frank Cook of 3414 Maricopa, right across the driveway from Mrs. Cohen's home, made similar protests as Mrs. Cohen's and listed in detail the traffic which would traverse the driveway between their two homes. He said there would be a health hazard as well as danger to school children in that the heavy going to work traffic which the building will generate will occur at the same time that children are leaving for school.

Mayor Isen said he believes this problem should be continued until the general parking problem is resolved. Mr. Cake outlined the delays he has encountered up to this time and the financial burden inherent in further delay.

David Halstead, President of the Planning Commission, brought up something which had not been mentioned. There is a railroad track which restricts egress from the building to Madrona. He believed it had been the intent of the Planning Commission motion to restrict that temporarily until permission could be gained from AT&SF.

Councilman Beasley pointed out to the residents of the area that the advent of this 14 story building would materially increase their taxes because of general improvement of the area.

Councilman Lyman directly asked Mr. Cake if he would stipulate to restriction as to that access temporarily. Mr. Cake answered that he would go for that.

Mr. Robert White of 3242 Torrance Boulevard, in the shadow of the proposed building, applauded the developer's program.

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with the additional condition that there be no access from this property onto Maricopa Street. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

Mayor Isen stated in explanation, that there has been granted a variance for this P-1 parking area but with the restriction, to which Mr. Cake has agreed, that there will be no going in or coming out on Maricopa Street. He commented to the residents that with the increased value they may be able to sell their properties at immense profits.

Councilman Miller had one parting remark to the effect that because someone objects to a particular phase of a project does not mean they oppose progress in the City. It is necessary to work out every detail to obviate trouble in the future.

A recess was declared at 7 p.m., and the Council returned to its deliberations at 7:10.

14. CASE NO. 65-35, PETITION OF EDITH M. HUNT FOR A VARIANCE AS TO PARKING SPACES.

Mayor Isen said he had just been handed a communication by the City Clerk, to the effect that Mr. Hunt who had planned to speak to the Council had been called away and requested continuance to next week, September 28, 1965, an eight o'clock meeting.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant that requested continuance and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried, there being no objection, and there appearing no one present who had wished to speak on the subject. The City Clerk will notify the petitioner.

16. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM. Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-185 to abate weeds on certain property, with proposed resolution.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-185 declaring parcels listed on pages 1 and 2 inclusive, described in said resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Lyman, they were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this matter; there was no response.

Councilman Lyman moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER/STREET SUPERINTENDENT TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 65-185.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-190 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent)

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

17. ORDINANCE "A" providing for conditional use permits, the procedure for granting same, and establishing standards of development for specifically enumerated land uses, and ORDINANCE "B" relating to a like subject.

Mayor Isen moved to hold this matter for two more weeks and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. There was no objection.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

18. NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE TEMPORARY TRAILERS FOR OFFICE BUILDING. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request be denied.

Mr. R. C. Long from the general offices of the company, 1700 East Imperial Boulevard, El Segundo, stated he and Mr. Fries were present to repeat the request set forth in their communication as an appeal from the decision of the Building Department. He told of the additional contracts which have been awarded the Space and Information Division of North American and which have necessitated bringing in four trailers for administrative occupancy. If this were not done, it would be necessary to move personnel from the Torrance facility, in the Coleman installation on Torrance Boulevard, back to El Segundo. In January of 1966, Mr. Long said North American is negotiating for a two years lease of the entire Coleman building; at the time the present lease was written, there were 87 employees; there are now 183 and by 1968, he anticipates there will be 269. The use of the trailers is only a temporary expedient and they will be moved before March 15th, 1966, at which time the particular contract expires.

Councilman Miller asked Superintendent of Building and Safety if in reality he considers this to be a major issue or, if as his communication could be interpreted, it is merely a technical or professional objection.

On the contrary, Mr. McKinnon said, he concurs with Staff which recommended denial, in that it is a circumvention of requirements. He does not object to a trailer as such, but does object to the use of the trailers for purposes for which buildings are used because of the different standards of safety which apply.

Mr. Long said to pull out their Life Sciences Laboratory from Torrance would cost the company approximately \$75,000 and in that event, it would probably not return to Torrance. Many of the employees at this Torrance facility live in Torrance and some in other beach cities. It will be impossible to maintain the Torrance location without temporary relief as to space for administrative operations.

Due to the circumstances as explained by the North American representatives, Mr. Long and Mr. Fries, Councilman Beasley moved to accede to the request recognizing that it is a problem as to the Building Department and the Fire Department, but that it would certainly be required that the trailers be removed by March 15, 1966, and that there be strict adherence to the Torrance ordinances and regulations. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon suggested that if the permission is granted the trailers be separated so as to give proper clearance. There is no ordinance which regulates this type of trailer use.

Mayor Isen asked that there be included in the motion that the Company work with Staff as to the location of the four trailers and, with this amendment, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that this unanimous decision should be in no way construed as a criticism of Mr. McKinnon's opinion, but rather that the Council is using its prerogative as an appeals board in the interests of the purchasing power of the employees of North American in the community. He hopes North American will be encouraged to make Torrance one of its principal plants.

VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 1,

19. RESOLUTION calling for sealed bids on bonds to be issued to represent unpaid assessments upon lands in Vehicle Parking District No. 1.

City Treasurer Rupert reported that within the thirty days allowed without penalty, twelve parcels were paid for, representing about 16% of the total project.

Mayor Isen requested the City Clerk to assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-191

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR SEALED BIDS ON BONDS TO BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT UNPAID ASSESSMENTS UPON LANDS IN VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-191 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. TRAVEL REQUEST TO ANNUAL WESTERN PLUMBING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION. Request of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that Marvin Davis, Senior Plumbing Inspector, be allowed to attend the conference in Fresno from September 27 through October 1, 1965, with appropriate expenses.

With respect to this Item, Assistant City Manager Scharfman said Mr. Davis has determined he cannot attend, for personal reasons, and suggested substituting the name of Mr. Leinweber to attend.

With this amendment, Councilman Sciarrotta, moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

21. BID NO. B65-62 SELF PROPELLED TURF SWEEPER. Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Park and Turf Equipment Co. be accepted, in the amount of \$5,038.80.

Councilman Beasley moved to award the bid in accordance with the recommendation and reject all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

22. CLAIM OF LINDA PEREA vs. the City of Torrance, with recommendation of City Clerk to deny and refer to the City Attorney.

23. CLAIM OF PIERRE WALTER WALDER vs. the City of Torrance, with recommendation of City Clerk to deny and refer to the City Attorney.

As to both of these items, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

24. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM, with proposed Resolution of Intention.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-192

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 Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-192, after inserting on the second page thereof, in Section 3, the date of October 5, 1965, at 5:30 p.m., and Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

25. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following two items of expenditure:

1. \$1,081.44 to Fred Klingler for Engineering annual requirement for reproduction paper, a regular budget item.

2. \$325 for special purchase of 16 inch diameter "Y" iron pipe fitting to be used with the Water Well Development Program by the Water Department, from Reliable Iron Foundry.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

INSURANCE:

26. FAMILY HEALTH FOUNDATION - PENDING CLAIMS AND RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE BOND. Submittal of material by City Manager.

There is a detailed listing in the communication referred to and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager; retain certain moneys and release others, with respect to Family Health Foundation's cash performance bond, subject to paying the nine claims accepted. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

27. CLEON MERCIADIS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENT PLOT FOR SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES NOVEMBER 15, 1965 TO DECEMBER 31, 1965. Airport Commission President Blaisdell submitting Commission's recommendation of approval.

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

28. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 TO U. S. GOVERNMENT LEASE NO. DA-04-353-ENG-4778 (NIKE). Airport Commission President Blaisdell submitting Commission's recommendation to accept.

At the request of Mayor Isen for an explanation, Airport Manager Egan stated this will result in the City getting thirty acres back as well as an air easement. The Council was very well pleased.

City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-193

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 DATED AUGUST 27, 1965, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DELETING A PORTION OF THE NIKE PREMISES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-193 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. OVERPASS AT 187th AND CRENSHAW - REQUEST FOR SCRAPING AND REPAINTING. Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission.

The City Manager's recommendation noted on the communication was to refer to the City Manager for evaluation and cost estimates with a report back to the City Council when data is available. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to do so and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. There was no objection.

30. ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSIONERS. Communication of City Attorney.

In effect, the City Attorney is suggesting alternative ways of curing chronic absenteeism of members of City commissions and Mayor Isen said he believes it could be handled in a less complicated fashion. Councilman Sciarrotta thought there should be at least 2/3 attendance. Mayor Isen would like to see some regulation as to the commissioner who puts in an appearance, is registered as present, and then excuses himself.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said this is a matter which the Minute Secretary could report.

Mayor Isen asked if the matter could be held for two weeks and if the Councilmen have some suggestions to please make them to the City Attorney. There was no objection.

Councilman Beasley and Councilman Lyman believed it is always within the power of the Council to remove any commissioners who do not comply with the requirements of "substantial attendance".

Councilman Sciarrotta said he had been informed that there are members of the Civil Service Commission who follow the practice of signing in or being marked present and then leaving. He believes this should not take place in such an important commission.

31. REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES as to Rosalie M. Stapleton of Torrance Youth Welfare and of Margaret H. Clark as to Civil Defense and Disaster Commission.

There being no objection, the request was granted.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1619

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. 65-27. (Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1619 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1620 re VENDING MACHINE FEES.

A Mr. Edward Schneider of 2688 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, and Tom McGowan who lives on 227th Place in Torrance, each argued that the proposed increase is too drastic and contradicted the statement which had been made that this made the fees comparable to immediately adjacent cities.

Councilman Miller moved to continue the second reading of Ordinance No. 1620 for thirty days within which there could be a comparison with other cities in the South Bay area. In the meantime, Mayor Isen advised the two men to talk with Staff and Administration. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. Assistant City Manager Scharfman described the situation at the Mobil Oil Company sump fire which is now under control, and complimented both the Fire Department and the Police Department on its handling of what could have been a much worse condition.

35. Returning to the subject of the proposed golf course, Mr. Scharfman said there are two matters which need action by the Council:

1. Authorization to start investigation and application into the open space program; and
2. The employment of a golf course architect to lay out an eighteen-hole golf course in this area to see how it would fit in that there are a few more acres than would be needed.

Mayor Isen asked for a ceiling price on the second request and was told by Mr. Scharfman that it was quite likely the same person would be retained as for the first site considered and the price would be around \$500.

Councilman Vico moved to authorize up to the amount of \$500 for preparing a layout of the golf course on this Site No. 2 and also to authorize proceeding as to the open space grant. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

36. City Clerk Coil reminded the Council that October 12th is Columbus Day and also falls within the meeting time of the League of California Cities. The Planning Department wishes official word that there will be no Council meeting so they may properly schedule their hearings.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with the meeting as of October 12th and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried, there being no objection.

37. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned the very nice report from the League of Women Voters on the library which represents a lot of work. He recommended the report be studied thoroughly.

38. Councilman Vico appointed as replacement for Mr. Popovich on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, Mr. Edward Gregory of 23201 Anza Avenue, whose telephone number is FR 8-5805.

39. Honorary Councilman Larrave would like to set a date for a visit from Guatemala City to Torrance early in December, if possible, for about three days. Subject to change, if found advisable, the dates were set as December 5, 6 and 7 and Councilman Beasley moved to extend an invitation for those days. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. Mayor Isen hoped the Marimba Band could accompany them and also, or even more so, for the Armed Forces Day celebration next May.

40. Dr. Rollin Smith of 2682 Harborside Drive, Rolling Hills, who operates the Harbor Animal Hospital near the east entrance to the City of Torrance, said he believes that area should be improved and he, as one of the first owners of business there should be the first to do so. To complete a project he has started, he needs a little more room at the east corner on Lewellen and Torrance Boulevard, at the radius. If he could have 15 feet, he would devote two or three feet to landscaping. Assistant City Manager Scharfman asked for a chance to evaluate the request which is for a curb return adjacent to Dr. Smith's building. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Vico, the request was referred to the City Manager and City Engineer, subject to Staff approval, by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

Councilman Miller has been interested in beautifying the same area and Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta is working on it from Torrance Beautiful Commission. Mr. Scharfman said a proposed meeting has been asked for with Southern Pacific, formerly Pacific Electric, but as yet there has been no reply.

Councilman Vico suggested an appointment be arranged through Mr. Art Reeves who is acquainted with the man from Pacific Electric.

Dr. Smith thanked the Council and remarked as to the people-to-people program, that he has been in Moscow and Armenia and probably was the first American doctor to operate in an animal hospital there.

41. Mr. Paul Green of 19609 Darien Avenue, said on September 7th an appropriation was made for baseball diamond lighting in La Romeria Park in the Southwood Tract. Although the neighbors do not object to baseball, they do not appreciate the bright lighting. This Park is not suitable for organized baseball. He presented a petition from the homeowners which he said covers one hundred percent of the periphery of the Park. There has evidently been some misunderstanding or lack of communication. Recreation Director Van Bellehem said this should be taken up with the Park and Recreation Commission which will meet tomorrow night.

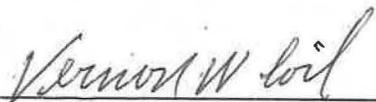
Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter to Park and Recreation Commission and request that they hold a hearing sometime within thirty days and inasmuch as the lights have not been placed, to withhold any money set aside for the purpose. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. There was no objection. Both sides of the issue will be notified.

42. Mr. Uerkwitz offered whatever service the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement could perform toward the planning of a golf course, stating they had had four months of work and study on the subject. Mayor Isen suggested that notice be given these various committees of any sub-committee meeting on a subject of interest to them.

42. A Mr. Alario who lives on Madison Street had a problem regarding transportation of school children and said he was referred to the City Council by the School Board. There is also a possibility the parents of the children would like to charter a City bus for the purpose and Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised him to call on the Bus Superintendent whose office is within walking distance of Mr. Alario's home.

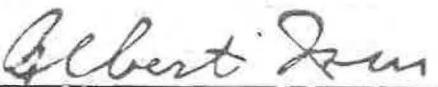
43. Mayor Isen made a general statement that he was extremely pleased with the active citizen participation and cooperation with the Council and Management. All sorts of activities are expanding and in every direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary