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Minute Secretary

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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, October 5, 1965, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, following an informal work session on the subject of City Treasurer and City Clerk additional duties called for 5:00 p.m.

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 Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

Mayor Isen noted the presence of the Mayor and councilmen from Lomita and introduced Mayor Clyde Bernhardt, Councilman Meadd Gardiner, Mayor pro tem Wilbur Hammond, City Manager Stanley Green, all of whom had attended in order to discuss certain southern Torrance boundary problems later in the meeting.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mayor Bernhardt of Lomita led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend M. A. Rygh, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 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 regular meeting held September 28, 1965, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta 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 Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen inquired as to how many persons were present at a Council meeting for the first time, and because there were quite a number, he explained Council procedure in some detail.

Mayor Isen then explained the purpose of the pre-council discussion which was continued at this time regarding the problems involved in regard to the City Treasurer's extra duties and compensation and the possibility of placing it on the ballot in April as a full time position. He repeated a preliminary and informal motion he had made before Council convened, but was interrupted by Councilman Beasley who asked to withdraw the second he had made to that motion. Councilman Sciarrotta then seconded the motion in place of Councilman Beasley. No vote was taken.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Council authorize placing on the ballot for next City election, the making of the City Treasurer position a full time position in the same manner as is the City Clerk's, and specifying the legal duties for which he is responsible (indicating he intended the salary to be \$750) and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Council place on the ballot for the coming April election, additional duties which are felt to be essential to be assigned to the City Clerk and that he be given responsibility for those duties. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen moved that effective upon a proper ordinance which would take thirty days, that the City Treasurer receive \$250 additional for extra duties, the said duties to be approved by the City Council when the ordinance is presented. Councilman Olson seconded.

Councilman Beasley moved the City Treasurer be given responsibilities as indicated under Staff Functions listed on page 2 of City Manager Ferraro's letter:

5. Supervision of Central Cashiering
6. Responsibility for Bank reconciliations
7. Establishment and supervision of a city-wide communications system
8. Initiation and supervision of a short term investment program.

and then decided to delete Item 7 and include only items 5, 6 and 8; and that he receive an additional \$300 per month. Councilman Olson seconded.

City Attorney Remelmeyer commented that these duties now fall within the realm of the City Treasurer and he is already responsible for them; if they are not his, they would be the responsibility of the City Manager and cannot be taken from him. Under this set of facts, the only thing which could be done would be to authorize payment to the City Treasurer now in office, as a temporary employee of the City, for additional duties assigned him by the City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta questioned subitem 5 "Supervision of Central Cashiering" in that he thought it should be a duty of the Finance Director. City Manager Ferraro confirmed this and said only subitem 8 is applicable to the City Treasurer.

Councilman Miller asked Mr. Ferraro if the duties pertinent to initiation and supervision of a short term investment program represent \$250 additional responsibilities and Mr. Ferraro answered affirmatively.

Councilman Beasley then said he would change his motion and moved that the City Treasurer be assigned subitem 8, supervision of short term investments, and for such be paid \$350 per month and given such other duties as may be provided for by the Council. There was no second.

Mayor Isen expressed as his opinion that this being only an interim measure, it should not exceed \$600 total for the City Treasurer.

Councilman Sciarrotta made a substitute motion that the City Treasurer be assigned the duties entitled initiation and supervision of a short-term investment program and that he have an additional \$300 and that other duties may be assigned to him between now and April by the City Council that are not administrative duties and that they fall within the realm of the office of the City Treasurer. Mayor Isen seconded.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated from a legal standpoint, this is an impossible motion; if this is important enough to discuss in public, it is important enough to do right as it will set a precedent for the future. Mayor Isen said he would take a chance on its being a good motion as stated and he called for the question.

Councilman Olson said in summary, it seems the question is should the City invest \$3600 to make back \$50,000, and City Manager Ferraro stated it is a tremendous field.

Mayor Isen again asked for a vote, presumably on the motion stated at the top of this page which he seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Miller modified his vote by saying it is understood to be based upon his opinion of the ordinance which comes before the Council.

Councilman Vico explained his negative vote: the matter should stay as is until April when the people who put him in office should decide.

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The regular agenda of Council was started at this time, as follows:

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM: Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-192 to abate weeds on certain property.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-192 declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 3 inclusive, described in said resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the affidavits were ordered filed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the hearing be closed. Councilman Beasley seconded and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-197

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 RESOLU-
 TION NO. 65-192.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-197 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

9. CASE NO. 65-36, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHANGE OF ZONE, C-2 to C-3 on property located on the southeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 182nd Street, (approximately .34 acres). Recommended for approval.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-36 and there was no response.

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

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve, subject to all Staff conditions. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. CASE NO. 65-39, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHANGE OF ZONE, R-3 to C-3 and P-1 located south of Sepulveda Boulevard, north of 227th Street between Cypress Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-39.

Planning Director Shartle noted a technical correction that the southerly portion of the Church property which was indicated as being zoned P-1, be zoned R-3. At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Councilman Beasley moved this correction be made and Councilman Olson seconded, there was no objection.

Mr. James Hynes of 2316 227th Street, said he did not believe the Planning Commission had given clear consideration to all the facts. He objected to R-3, essentially. Councilman Miller referred to a case with similar circumstances in West Torrance and stated R-1 across from R-3 always causes traffic problems.

Councilman Vico moved to deny "the whole thing" and Councilman Beasley seconded.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved a substitute to send the case back; there was no second.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman; there was no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to send the case back to the Commission for restudy and recommendation; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. Mr. Hynes is to be notified of the time it will again come before the Commission and the Council.

Mr. Fred Gledhill came forward and said everyone agrees the C-3 zoning on Sepulveda is acceptable. A Richfield gas station is planned for the corner of Pennsylvania and Sepulveda.

Councilman Olson moved to reconsider the decision just made and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley; there was no objection. Councilman Olson would like to approve C-3 for Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Reverend May of the Church at Cypress and Sepulveda feared this would exclude the Church because they are not included in C-3 zoned property. Any further building or development, he said, would have to be done by conditional use permit or variance.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the case back to the Planning Commission for restudy. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, but failed, as follows:

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

Councilman Miller moved that the case be referred back, excluding that property which would be the gentleman's property on the southeast corner of Sepulveda and Pennsylvania, and the church property, for future study. Mayor Isen did not approve of this motion.

Councilman Olson moved that a lot split be granted and Councilman Beasley did not approve of this motion.

Councilman Olson then moved a change of zone to C-3 on the northerly portion of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 be granted and that the southerly portion of said lots as well as the southerly portion of Lot 6, be returned to the Planning Commission for further study, and that further, the northerly portion of Lot 6 which is the church remain as is, R-3. The Planning Director said this would create spot zoning.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Planning Director Shartle worded a motion: that the Council take the action considered on Lots 7 through the north portion of Lot 11 and refer all of Lot 6 and the southerly portion of Lots 7 through 11 back to the Planning Commission for further study. Councilman Miller so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen made another motion as to Mr. Hynes' problem, that the remainder of this area which is now designated as R-3, be further studied by the Planning Commission forthwith. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen explained to Mr. Hynes a similar situation which had arisen due to an error in thinking, and asked that this matter be set for an eight o'clock hearing.

11. CASE NO. 65-40, PETITION OF TORRANCE INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC. for a conditional use permit to allow the construction of a retail liquor market and delicatessen on property located on the northwest corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Anza Avenue. Recommended for approval.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

City Clerk Coil read a letter from Frank Schmidt protesting approval.

Mr. C. R. Hosler, speaking on behalf of the homeowners association in the area, said they are strictly neutral.

A lady from the audience who later was identified as Mrs. Katie Roberson of 22037 Anza Avenue, protested.

Mr. Hosler whose address is 22311 Marjorie Avenue, told of the poll which resulted in the feeling of neutrality as to the liquor store. However, said the association is very concerned about some of the variances

which are being granted in the area, especially the pole sign at the Shell station.

Councilman Beasley objected to the prevalence of service stations within the City, as having low valuation, very little sales tax revenue. He did not consider a retail liquor store/delicatessen operation a nuisance. As a contrast to Councilman Beasley's remarks as to the general disreputable appearance of many service stations, Mayor Isen lauded the new Union 76 station at Sepulveda and Anza as the most beautiful in Torrance.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. CASE NO. 65-41, PETITION OF MARGARET VAIL WOOLLEY FOR A VARIANCE to reduce the off-street parking required for a commercial store building and warehouse on property described as a portion of Lot 3, Tract 2675 located on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard between Carson Street and Monterey Avenue. Recommended for denial.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-41 and Mr. Dick Miller of Alter Realty, representing the proponent, spoke in protest of the tight parking restrictions in Torrance. Also, as to a petition containing 16 signatures, there was duplication in that both husband and wife signed and he believed the Planning Commission should have noticed this. He described the crowded present quarters of Blue Chip redemption store at Torrance Boulevard and Arlington Avenue and its five parking spaces. At the proposed spot there would be thirty-two parking spaces. There are six employees and the visitors stay an average of twelve minutes. He urged approval rather than denial as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Benny Freeburg of 1735 Date Avenue which he said is a dead end street and his protest is on behalf of the residents of that street who will be left no parking spaces in front of their homes. With the parking cut from 63 required spaces down to 27, there is no question that the customers of Blue Chip would either park on Date or continue to circle the block in search of a parking place.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico; it was so ordered.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department to deny the variance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Vico stated all requests for this type of variance should be treated in a like manner. He felt too much lenience has been shown in the matter of parking and it is to the advantage of the merchant to be able to furnish his customers ample parking.

Mayor Isen said he feels it is obvious that the overflow would park in front of the residences, especially where the problem of the Blue Chip store is compounded by the presence of the Post Office. Each case, however, should be decided on its individual merits.

Councilman Beasley said he believes Blue Chip Stamp store engenders as much parking problem as does a bank.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he has voted consistently against granting such variances.

13. C. N. CAKE, VARIANCE TO PERMIT HELISTOP.

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

A recess was declared at 6:45 and the Council reconvened at 6:52.

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Mayor Isen invited Dr. Rollin Smith to come forward and witness the signing of a proclamation declaring the week starting October 17, 1965 as TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL WEEK, a formalized copy of which will be delivered to him later.

Dr. Smith introduced District 51 Lieutenant Governor Mike Light, Governor Roger Saunders, and Administrative Assistant Governor Bert Hickock, all members of the Torrance Toastmasters Club, and responded with appropriate remarks to the presentation. Councilman Lyman recalled his experience with the friendliness and hospitality of the group.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

14. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30357, R & L Harris, Subdivider; Lanco Engineering, Engineers, 22 lots located easterly of Prairie Avenue at 177th Street. Recommended for approval with conditions.

Mr. Clark Leonard was present from Lanco Engineering. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed concern about the street and City Manager Ferraro said the recommendation is that the street go through, with the City paying for the improvements of that which is not within the subdivision and the developer bearing the expense of that which is. Mr. Leonard agreed to this division provided the number of lots could remain as planned. It was also brought out that the Park fee ordinance would be effective.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and of the City Manager as to Cordary Street, and that the City Council appropriate \$2,600 from the General Fund for the construction of pavement, curb and gutter across the Edison right of way; and that all other conditions and exceptions be approved. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

15. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON'S APPEAL FROM DECISION ON WAIVER. Request for waiver to construct a one-story addition, with ten foot rear yard setback.

Mr. Johnson, 16622 Glenburn Avenue, set forth his case as contained in the agenda material which the Council has studied. Director of Planning Shartle said the objection, of course, is as to the small amount of rear yard which would remain, which would violate City regulations on the subject.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the waiver. Councilman Lyman seconded.

Mr. Joe Condoe of 1230 South Rosewood, Inglewood, representing the builder, gave dimensions in comparison of this case with that of W65-97, James W. Craig, which has been referred to in discussion of this waiver. The neighbors have signed approvals. He showed a plan of what he considered the only architecturally suitable addition to the house.

It was agreed that all the conditions set forth by the Planning Department in their memorandum dated September 15, 1965 will apply and roll call vote was:

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

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City Manager Ferraro reminded the Council that Items 25 and 26 should be considered prior to the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

25. CONTRACT NO. 65-RA-11 FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Contract No. 65-RA-11 and proposed resolution thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT NO. 65-RA-11 DATED OCTOBER 1, 1965 BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PLANNING, ENGINEERING, PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CALIF. R-93).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-198 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY with proposed resolution thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT NO. 65-RA-14 DATED OCTOBER 1, 1965 BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FOR THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CALIF. R-93)

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-199. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the Council recessed for the purpose of holding the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

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STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

16. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF 182ND STREET, SOUTH SIDE, EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD B65-69. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Sully Miller Contracting Co. be awarded the contract, in the sum of \$6,187.98, the low bid.

Councilman Beasley moved to so award the contract. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. TRAVEL REQUEST - CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION. Assistant Water Superintendent Powell, with concurrence of City Manager and approval of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, requesting permission to attend the Annual Fall Conference in San Francisco, October 27 through 29, 1965, with appropriate expenses.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. 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.

18. CHANGE OF POLICY AS TO UNIFORM RENTAL PROGRAM, submitted by Director of Finance, with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of the changed method of procedure on payroll deductions for uniform rental. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. GRADING OF OLD CITY DUMP SITE: Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that additional funds in the amount of \$1,800 be allocated from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to complete grading of subject dump site.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

20. BID FOR ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPE: Acting Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer, recommending that Certain-tyed Products Corporation be awarded the bid, in the amount of \$15,523.20, subject to sales tax.

21. BID FOR A PUMPER WITH EQUIPMENT AND 100 FT. AERIAL LADDER TRUCK WITH EQUIPMENT. Request of Fire Chief Benner, concurred in by City Manager, to purchase fire pumper and aerial ladder truck, at cost of \$58,988.80 for the aerial ladder truck and equipment, tax included and \$40,546.48 for the 1200 gpm pumper and equipment. The successful bidders are American La France and Seagrave Fire Apparatus, Incorporated, respectively.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in awarding the bids as stated and rejecting all others. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following three expenditures:

1. \$394.36 to Sanders Office Supplies and Equipment for four legal metal files, 4 drawers each, to be used by the Building and Safety Department, regular budget item.

2. \$303.80 to GarWood Truck & Equipment Company for one hydraulic pump, Vickers, to be used by Garage Department as a replacement auxiliary hydraulic system unit on a City packer truck.

3. \$1,042.08 to Henry Pratt Co. for six 12 inch valves to be used by the Water Department in the new water well construction program, a special Council appropriation item.

Councilman Beasley 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 EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER BLANKENSHIP.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the excuse would be granted; there were no objections.

PARK AND RECREATION:

24. PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TAX PROPOSED ORDINANCES.

This matter, it seems was put on the agenda inadvertently and at the request of Mayor Isen, it is to be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. REQUEST FROM DON WILSON BUILDERS TO CONSTRUCT FOUR MODEL HOMES IN TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 28414.

Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that request be approved.

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

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A Mr. Robert Nickel who represents Keenan Pipe and Supply Company did not catch the action on Item 20 and when he was told the bid went to another company, complained that his company had presented the low bid. Other matters were involved as explained in detail in the letter from the Acting Water Superintendent. However, in the face of the complaint of Keenan's representative that Certain-Teed had not submitted the lowest bid, Councilman Miller moved for reconsideration of the decision. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

Keenan submitted a bid which met specifications and at a lower price and Mr. Nickel asked why his company had not been awarded the contract. Councilman Miller read to him from Mr. Powell's communication to the effect that neither of the foreign pipes met the specification for fluid-tite or ring-tite pipe. The difference in cost will be more than made up by the saving effected because the City Water Department crews are experienced in laying of the recommended joint and, in addition, the probable cost of inspection at the jobber's plant to insure that proper hydrostatic test prior to delivery, would not be involved as to the American made pipe.

Mr. Powell explained more in detail and City Engineer Nollac and City Manager Ferraro confirmed his explanation.

Mr. Ferlazza also of Keenan Pipe & Supply told what municipal water departments they furnish and that extensive studies have been made of the pipe, which is manufactured in Belgium, with favorable results. Basically, he said all asbestos cement pipe is foreign because of the fibers used.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as originally made by the Water Department.

Councilman Miller moved a substitute to refer the matter back to the City Manager and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman.

Acting Water Superintendent Powell said there is no time to wait until the next Council meeting, in this case, October 19th. The pipe is to be used between two of the new wells, one in the Department Yard and one at Alaska Avenue and Maricopa Street. To hold up work would do damage to the drilling process as the wells will go into development next week.

Councilman Miller said with this explanation he would withdraw his motion but Councilman Lyman refused to withdraw his second. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, Isen.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Acting Water Superintendent and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

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City Manager Ferraro also wished to call to the attention of the Council with respect to Item 21, the purchase of certain pumper and aerial ladder truck, a difference in manner of financing by borrowing money from the bank, at low interest, and repaying directly to the bank. Councilman Beasley moved to concur as to this manner of financing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

27. Mayor Isen proclaimed United Crusade Month from October 15 through November 15, 1965.

28. Mayor Isen had previously in this meeting proclaimed TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL WEEK.

29. This item appears earlier in the meeting, on page 10.

Mayor Isen proclaimed October 23rd as UNITED STATES DAY, in the City of Torrance.

30. OPINION OF CITY ATTORNEY RE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS LEGISLATION.

Mayor Isen noted the receipt of this memorandum and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

31. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 25875, Tom Omatsu, Subdivider, Rush Engineering Co. 2 lots located east of Amie Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Maricopa Street. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval, with conditions.

City Manager Ferraro said there should be a change in the title of this item. The subdivider's first name is Robert, not Tom.

City Engineer Nollac explained why this would be considered as a subdivision, although it contains only two lots. Further, Mr. Nollac said a further condition should be added, to which Mr. Omatsu has consented, if and when a right of way acquisition is necessary to open up Maricopa Street to Amie Street, that would be included.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with all conditions, including the one just outlined by Mr. Nollac. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSIONERS: Communication from City Attorney.

Mayor Isen would like to hold this item for two more weeks, but suggested that members of commissioners who have two unexcused absences should be replaced, rather than three, as has been the rule. Also, if a commissioner is not present for two-thirds of a meeting, it should be considered an absence. With these changes, he believed the report from the City Clerk's office should be submitted quarterly, rather than monthly.

Councilman Beasley was of the opinion that 25% should be substituted for 40% as an absence ratio. Councilman Sciarrotta especially mentioned those commissioners who appear and then leave a meeting and agreed with the percentage mentioned by Councilman Beasley.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1621.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1621

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 34.151 OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 34.176 OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 34.201 OF ARTICLE IX AND SECTION 34.226 OF ARTICLE X OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO LOWER THE DRAINAGE FEES FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICTS 5-E, 8-A, 8-B AND 8-C AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1621 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that whatever orals are presented this evening be as brief as possible because of the presence of the Lomita officials and the discussion to be held with them. He also pointed out that the adjournment this evening should be to October 19th at 5:30 p.m. because of attendance at the League of California Cities (and the holiday) on October 12th.

34. City Manager Ferraro mentioned the matter of the walkway for Madrona Elementary School. A report from the Traffic and Lighting Engineer, reported the discussions at an October 4, 1965 meeting with representatives of the school district and the PTA to discuss possible improvements the City might make under present policy. He told of the negotiations he will attempt and Mayor Isen asked that the record show he has the blessing of the City Council in his attempts.

35. City Manager Ferraro said the State has announced that they are going to install signalized intersections at the San Diego Freeway at Western and 190th Street at no cost to the City. The Council was very pleased.

36. City Manager Ferraro requested as an emergency, that concurrent publication be authorized as to a variance for Parnelli Jones who plans to open up a tire store with the City of Torrance. Mayor Isen moved that the request be granted. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

37. Councilman Lyman asked for a report on the status of parking as to the various buildings on civic center; what parking is needed for each and what is being done, or will be done about it.

38. At this time, Mayor Isen asked Mayor Bernhardt of Lomita to present the matters for discussion, principally as to the boundary lines and annexations which are of mutual interest. In turn, Mayor Bernhardt asked that Lomita's City Administrator, Stanley Green, make this presentation.

He stated the common problems as to Lomita's westerly boundary and a finger of land which Torrance annexed a couple of years ago. There is a dilemma as to the school children who live on the property as between Torrance Unified School District and Los Angeles Unified School District. Hillworth Avenue which is west and to the south of this property presents a problem also. It seems three sides of this little strip of land is within the City of Lomita.

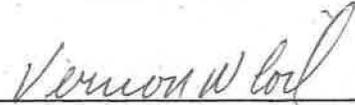
Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer regarding the legality of Torrance's annexation proceedings in this area and Mr. Remelmeyer answered that they are valid. Mayor Isen then announced he would not favor giving up any of Torrance's territory. Councilman Sciarrotta agreed with the Mayor. Councilman Beasley's impression is that Lomita is attempting to establish a shopping area on Pacific Coast Highway, but he mentioned some problems Torrance also has with respect to streets in this neighborhood. He believed there is a State law which will permit procedures to alleviate the conditions to mutual advantage.

A suggestion of a committee from both councils, engineering and administration to go into the boundary problems for mutual assistance, was mentioned by Mayor Isen. Along these lines, Councilman Miller thought Administration might investigate this and come back with some certain recommendations to a committee of the Council. In that respect City Manager Ferraro asked for some guidelines and Mayor Isen asked that he first confer with Mr. Green of Lomita and get a clear definition of the problems. Councilman Miller said he would like to know where Torrance's advantage lies and Councilman Olson asked that the interests of the citizens in the area be taken into consideration also, and that whatever is done be only after a good deal of study and consideration.

Mr. Green said there are undoubtedly other matters which can also be ironed out through such procedure and the Council of Lomita has, in effect, given him instructions similar to those given to Torrance's City Manager by this Council.

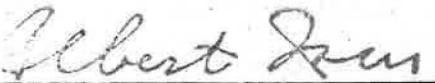
Management of both cities will proceed as instructed.

This Council meeting, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to October 19, 1965 at 5:30 p.m., by unanimous roll call vote.



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

APPROVED:



Albert J. Jans
Mayor of the City of Torrance