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

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

Matters discussed at a pre-council informal meeting will be further considered in their regular order on the agenda. The two subjects which were scheduled for pre-council meeting are: councilmen's salaries and the proposed ordinance regarding rubbish receptacles.

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, November 16, 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, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Several young men and young ladies were present from The Civil Air Patrol and at the request of Mayor Isen one of them led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend W. J. Rieder, First Lutheran Church, the Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of November 2nd Council meeting. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection. The minutes of the November 9th meeting remain to be approved because of the long meeting and intervening holiday.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman 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 gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Also in the audience was a group of seniors from Bishop Montgomery High School and Mayor Isen welcomed them.

Officer Raymond Silagy of the Torrance Police Officers Association read in full a letter in support of increased salaries for the councilmen and presented the letter to the City Clerk for filing. Mayor Isen indicated for the record that he also had received a letter from Mr. Cecil Alter in favor of an increase and City Clerk Coil reported there was a letter to the same general effect from Ellinwood Homeowners Association.

Councilman Beasley requested permission to move for reconsideration of two items on last week's agenda. The two cases he referred to were cases numbered 65-45 and 65-46 dealing with the precise plans for the corner of Sepulveda and Anza and the corner of Torrance and Anza. He stated neither the proponents nor the property owners had been notified. The one person who spoke at the previous meeting was not the one who had worked with the Planning Commission on development of the plan. Councilman Beasley moved that cases 65-45 and 65-46 be reconsidered by this Council at its November 23, 1965 meeting at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Miller seconded. Later he seconded an amendment by Councilman Beasley which in effect changed the date to December 7th, a 5:30 meeting. Roll call vote on the amended motion was unanimously favorable. Mayor Isen instructed that notices be sent to the interested parties.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. AMENDMENT OF LAND USE ORDINANCE: Ordinance A repealing Section 20, etc. and Ordinance B repealing certain sections of Appendix I, etc.

This is a continuation of the hearing on the two ordinances, Mayor Isen said, and he asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Thomas Pierry, an attorney representing the 4305 Medical-Professional Group, expressed appreciation for the work of the Council on this particular piece of legislation. His clients, he said, are concerned with the definitions appearing on page 4 of Ordinance A of "convalescent home".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that under Section 8 (b) after the words "rest homes" the words "convalescent homes," be inserted. Councilman Beasley seconded.

City Manager Ferraro said the concern of the doctors is that there not be a convalescent hospital in a C-3 zone without a conditional use permit. City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested that (d) be changed so as to include C-3 in the list "R-3, RR-3, R-4, C-1, C-2". Mr. Pierry said the question is making beneficial use of the land; there is no question of competition involved. There is now in the Building Department an application for a permit for a one-story convalescent home next to 4305 Torrance Boulevard.

Planning Director Shartle explained the purpose of the ordinance. The break between allowing, or not allowing residential use occurs between C-1 and C-3. Mayor Isen agreed that similar types of buildings should go along this part of Torrance Boulevard, not one-story structures. In the future rest homes could go in only on variance in C-1, C-2, or C-3.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Section 8 (d) be amended to read as follows:

"(d) Nursing homes, specialized homes for geriatrics and convalescent hospitals conditionally permitted in R-3, RR-3, R-4, C-1, C-2, C-3 zones; no such permit is required in C-4, and C-5 zones."

Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson.

Councilman Olson moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1635

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 20 ENTITLED "USE PERMITS" TO APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 20 THEREFOR ENTITLED "CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS" PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, THE PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING SUCH USE PERMITS, AND ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SPECIFICALLY ENUMERATED LAND USE.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1635. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1635 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1636

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EFFECTING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE): REPEALING SECTION 6 ENTITLED "R-3 LIMITED MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 6 THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 7 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION A THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 8 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION A THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 9 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION A THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 10 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION A THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 10-Y AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION A THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 11 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION A THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 12 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION A THEREFOR; REPEALING SUBSECTION D OF SECTION 15 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION D THEREFOR; IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A NEW PROCEDURE GOVERNING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Councilman Olson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1636 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1636 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney prepare a proper ordinance as an emergency measure, for next week, to put into effect a moratorium on the building of rest homes, convalescent homes, or guest homes in C-3 zones. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

9. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29497, MARLI CORP., SUBDIVIDER, E. L. PEARSON & ASSOCIATES, ENGINEER. 8 lots located south of 238th Street between Cabrillo Avenue and Walnut Street. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

10. It was noted on the agenda that this number is not used.

11. FINAL TRACT MPA NO. 21970, CROWN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SUBDIVIDER, SOUTH BAY ENGINEERING CO., ENGINEERS. 5 lots located north of Newton Street and east of Nancy Lee Lane. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

City Manager Ferraro determined that the individual names are: V. J Swanson, president of the Crown Savings and Loan; also that Spraker and Halstead were involved in the tentative subdivision.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. CASE NO. 65-40, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TORRANCE INVESTMENT CO., INC. City Attorney, noted by City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption resolution granting a conditional use permit on property located on the northwest corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Anza Avenue.

In that this involves the same corner as two cases to be reconsidered on December 7th, Councilman Beasley moved that Item 12 be held until that time also. Mayor Isen seconded and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. DEDICATION OF 232ND STREET AND WIDENING OF 233RD STREET FROM PORTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-A SUMP. Proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY 232ND STREET AND 233RD STREET.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-229. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY BY CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK FROM WESTERLY OF ROBERT ROAD TO CALLE MAYOR (B65-81) Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that Sully-Miller Contracting Co. be awarded the contract for the project, \$5,652.

This is the walkway for South High School. Councilman Olson moved to concur in the award of the contract and that all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

15. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD: Request of Kenland Development Company, Inc., for a temporary billboard to be located at 22947 Hawthorne Avenue, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, concurred in by the City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

16. RECOMMENDATION RE LEASE ON DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS. Pine, Lessors.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Ferraro how much it would cost to retain these two lots and was told \$224 annually. Mayor Isen thought it might be well to label them strictly employees' parking and retain them. Councilman Beasley moved to do so and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. The understanding was that this renewal would be on a year to year basis, running from August 31, 1965. Whether or not they are to be used for employees' parking can be decided later; the motion is to renew the lease. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Pine was present and Mayor Isen explained the action of the Council to her.

17. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION OF \$2500 from 186.1 GAS TAX FUNDS. Request for appropriation of \$2500 for installation of pedestrian signals at the intersection of Plaza del Amo and Arlington Avenue.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. PRINTING OF ELECTRIC CODE. Request for approval of expenditure of \$623.20 for printing 50 copies of proposed and 1000 copies of final form.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

19. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300. Councilman Olson moved to approve the following expenditures:

1. \$1,148.41 to James Jones Company for 12 hydrant heads, Water Department budget item.
2. \$450 to Parker-Smith Construction Company for sanitary sewer backflow preventers at four locations on Via El Sereno.
3. \$676 to Fraser Cement Company for meter boxes and components Water Department regular budget item.
4. \$611.52 to Baldwin Piano & Organ Co. for one spinet size piano plus dolly, Recreation Department budget item.

Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

20. CLAIM OF H. E. JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Recommendation by City Manager that claim be paid. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it was clearly the City's fault. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to pay the claim, \$928.65. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

21. REQUEST FOR REFUND OF DRAINAGE FEES: Recommendation of City Engineer/ Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that Buhler Construction Co. be refunded the drainage district 5-E fees on property at 20455 Anza Avenue, less \$25 administrative expenses, in a net amount of \$2,157.40.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. 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.

22. BID ON ROTO BOOM AND TWO PACKER BODIES: Recommendation from Garage Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Guptill Equipment Co. be accepted for the roto boom and that bid of Gar-Wood of Los Angeles be accepted for two packer bodies. \$4,638.40 on roto boom and \$15,425.75 on the packer bodies, both including installation.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the two recommended bids and reject all others. Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

23. BID ON CRAWLER LOADER. Recommendation of Garage Superintendent, concurred in by City Manager, to accept bid of Shepherd Machinery Co. in the amount of \$22,910.16.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and reject all other bids. 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.

City Manager Ferraro asked for determination of a financing policy matter regarding this. It was to have been carried on by lease-purchase at the time of the budget but the cheaper and more advantageous to the City would be a direct cash outlay. Councilman Beasley moved to conduct the purchase according to the recommendation of the City Manager and Finance Director. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded, although Councilman Vico requested that the item be held a week. Roll call on Councilman Beasley's motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. REQUEST FOR EXCUSED TARDINESS OF COMMISSIONER BLANKENSHIP.

Mayor Isen saw no reason to clutter the agenda with this type of request and the item was filed. The ordinance regarding absences of commissioners does not go into effect for approximately two weeks.

25. RECOMMENDATION THAT \$4500 BE APPROPRIATED FROM 1964 REVENUE BOND FUND AND CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FAAP 9-04-123-05 BE AWARDED TO DENN ENGINEERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and reject all other bids. The maximum fee quoted by Denn is \$4,000 and compensation for supplemental work for drafting at \$12 per hour; engineer's conference time at \$15 per hour. Councilman Sciarrotta added that there also be appropriated the sum of \$4500 from the 1964 Revenue Bond Fund for these purposes. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS WITH ACME AIRCRAFT COMPANY, TROJANAIRE, INC, HI-SHEAR CORPORATION; PALOS VERDES AVIATION CO.; UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA; SHELL OIL COMPANY; AND TEXACO INC.

There was considerable discussion of whether or not Trojanaire should be included. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he has reason to believe they will pay the past royalties and suggested that the Council authorize execution of the agreements contingent on that payment as to Trojanaire.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS WITH ACME AIRCRAFT COMPANY; TROJANAIRE, INC.; HI-SHEAR CORPORATION; PALOS VERDES AVIATION COMPANY; UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA; SHELL OIL COMPANY; AND TEXACTO, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS.

Mayor Isen moved to concur and adopt Resolution No. 65-230 subject to the Mayor and City Clerk not being authorized to sign any agreement with Trojanaire until a release is given by the City Attorney's office showing they are in good standing on payment of the royalty. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

27. REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION TO CONSTRUCT FENCE AT GUENSER PARK.
Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting an appropriation of \$2,000 to construct a protective chain link fence on the Guenser Park ball diamond.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and appropriate the amount from the Recreation Projects Contingency Reserve. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was:

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

28. RECOMMENDATION TO SELL 260 WOODEN CHAIRS TO THE YMCA, for \$1.00.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation to sell these obsolete chairs and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

POLICE MATTERS:

29. EMERGENCY LOITERING ORDINANCE.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1637

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE V ENTITLED "LOITERING" TO CHAPTER 18 AND ARTICLE LIII ENTITLED "OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS" TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING PROBLEM AREAS REQUIRING POLICE SERVICE AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1637 as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:30. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed December 1965 as MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY MONTH.

31. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of December 1, 1965 as CIVIL AIR PATROL WEEK and at his suggestion, Raleigh Dean, Information Officer of the Patrol briefly explained the purposes of the group. Airport Manager Egan added comments in appreciation of their help at the Airport.

A recess was declared at 6:25 and the Council returned at 6:40.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, the Council adjourned its meeting as such, to meet as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

32. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO COMPLETE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT NO. 28575 NEAR MADISON STREET BETWEEN SPENCER AND DEL AMO. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that six months extension be granted.

City Engineer Nollac described the effect of the current storm on this location, but stated six months would be sufficient extension. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the extension and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent, having left at recess to attend an areawide Boy Scouts meeting).

33. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 28518. Subdivider: Royal Crest Construction. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager to release Bond No. B-423802.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

34. REPORT ON PROPOSED REFUSE CONTAINER SPECIFICATIONS:

This subject had been discussed in depth at the pre-council meeting and Councilman Lyman moved to refer it back for further study, to the Public Works Committee of the Council. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:35. ORDINANCE NO. 1631.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1631

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 26.9.17 ENTITLED "PARK AND PLAYGROUNDS" OF CHAPTER 26 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING ARTICLE LIV ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX" TO CHAPTER 16 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING UNITS, THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH TAXES IN THE PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND, AND THE USE OF SUCH FUND FOR PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1631. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1631 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

36. ORDINANCE NO. 1632.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1632

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. 65-28. (Jones & Bednar).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1632 at its second reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

37. ORDINANCE NO. 1633.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1633

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE AREA SHOWN WITHIN THE BLUE BORDER AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED IN BOOK 82, PAGES 34 and 35 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND REPEALING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1625.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1633 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

38. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Ferraro gave a brief summary of the effects of the three days of rain which he said borders on a capital storm which would amount to 12 inches of rain in five days. A new storm anticipated for this weekend will probably reach that peak. There have been serious problems in the Barton Tract near Hawthorne Boulevard below Los Tortugas. A Mrs. Shook's home has suffered from mud and debris. Mr. Ferraro exhibited several photographs during his explanation. A partially finished sewer line was taken out by the force of the water which came down onto Bluff Street which does not have a center crown, but is designed with a low middle to carry water. City crews have been placing sandbags and meetings have been held with the subdivider who brought out his crews also. Considerable landscaping has been destroyed by mud and water.

All of the sumps are completely full and Mr. Ferraro showed on a chart or map, where the troublesome spots are located. The dirt and debris at Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Highway was the result of the County project of an extension of Hawthorne Avenue.

A storm drain put in by a subdivider discharged water which caused a severe problem at the property of Mr. LeVane Forsythe on Newton Street. The force of the natural drainage here ruined the east side of the yard. A crew has been placing sandbags and barricades at this, the most serious of all the flood problems of this storm. Additional hose has been ordered on an emergency basis; all the pumps are going; people and equipment are working overtime. The radios authorized in the street and garage vehicles are worth their weight in gold in communicating the need for assistance at trouble spots.

Councilman Vico asked who will be responsible for the cost of this cleaning up and Mr. Ferraro said a time log is being kept and there will be a charge against Mr. Barton who has both a bond and proper insurance. Mayor Isen said the erosion at the Barton tract was caused by the untimely rain. A few weeks later all the necessary protective devices would have been installed. City Manager Ferraro agreed.

Mayor Isen made a very favorable comparison with the condition which existed in the big storm nine years ago. The bond issues during the intervening years have corrected a great deal of the drainage problems. Mr. Ferraro described the regional drainage system which will go to Bixby Slough through Lomita and take care of South Torrance and obviate the need for many sumps.

City Engineer Nollac said \$2-3/4 million of the bond issue will be devoted to Torrance in addition to the two regional projects; the total will be around \$7½ million. The problems have materially lessened within the past five or six years under equivalent rain conditions. The money has been voted and is in process, Mayor Isen said, and there is no reason for sensational rumors. Some of the improvements will be in for the 1966-67 rainy season and the regional projects are about three or four years in the future.

39. City Manager Ferraro said Mr. Uerkwitz had requested a work session with the Council on CACCI matters, for from a half to three-quarters of an hour. It was set for 7 p.m., on December 14th prior to council meeting.

40. The ribbon cutting for the new parking lots will be Friday at 11 a.m. with no host luncheon at the Palms at noon, Mr. Scharfman said, rain or shine. Mayor Isen spoke of the beautiful job of stuccoing both walls which are boundaries of the lot and hoped no signs would be painted on them. Cooperation will be asked of the furniture store.

41. City Clerk Coil explained why it will not be practicable to hold a Council meeting November 30th, and on motion of Councilman Lyman, seconded by Councilman Vico, it was decided to dispense with the November 30th meeting. In order to complete the year's calendar of Council meetings, it was decided, on motion of Councilman Lyman, seconded by Mayor Isen, to also dispense with the December 28th meeting. The Council is traditionally dark in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, except for Councilman Sciarrotta. City Manager Ferraro was authorized to arrange the agendas so that only the most pressing items will appear.

42. Chief Koenig expressed his thanks for the assistance of the Airport staff in capturing the dangerous hold-up men. He described what happened resulting in apprehension of the men who were armed with sawed-off shotguns. The young officers from his Department who made the arrest handled the delicate situation commendably and Chief Koenig said Torrance has reason to be proud of them. However, he gave the principal accolade to the Airport people.

43. Chief Koenig also told the problems which flood conditions have caused his department, including four times the normal number of calls. Most of the staff and command officers have come in, voluntarily, around the clock. Three police personnel who assisted in sandbagging at the Shook residents have asked that their names not be mentioned.

44. Councilman Beasley recalled that several years ago Councilman Benstead had requested that something be done about the traffic situation at the Del Amo Shopping Center and since then, Councilman Lyman has mentioned it, as has Councilman Beasley on several occasions. Two telephone calls during the past week indicate to him that there is need of outside assistance. By 1980, Mr. Beasley believes Hawthorne Avenue will need twelve lanes to move its traffic - and there appears no relief in sight. Sepulveda Boulevard is rapidly approaching the same crisis and Carson Street through town is a joke. Torrance Boulevard is overloaded and the signals at Torrance and Hawthorne need complete revamping. Torrance Boulevard east to the freeway is impossible. Del Amo Boulevard needs expediting and 190th Street still presents some problems although improvements have been made. Not to clear up these problems will cause a build-up of consumer resistance and deprive Torrance of considerable sales tax revenue. He laid the problem at the feet of City Management which he said must call in the State, the County and the City of Los Angeles officials toward the solution, immediately.

Mayor Isen agreed in the main, but did not believe some of the pessimism expressed is warranted. He suggested a report from the Traffic Engineer as to what is intended and when something can be done and what cooperation he is getting from the City of Los Angeles, the County, and the State.

Councilman Lyman also spoke of the situation at the Del Amo Shopping Center and hoped for more signals permitting ingress. City Manager Ferraro admitted it is difficult to keep even with the growing expansion and development and he and the Council discussed in particular the place where a left turn is permitted from Hawthorne Avenue into the Center.

Councilman Miller pointed out other problem spots west of Hawthorne, although he believes the City has done what it could with the money it has had to spend. Mayor Isen said a meeting with Councilman Gibson would be in order.

Chief Koenig said a study is being made by his department's research and advance planning division. There is not sufficient margin in number of personnel and to assign motor officers to the problem spots is very expensive although it is often necessary because of their mobility. He expects to talk with people at State level when in Sacramento this week.

Councilman Beasley said the stores in the Del Amo Shopping Center are very interested in the flow of traffic from the east because they estimate that one-third of their business comes from east of the store; one-fifth from the unincorporated section of the County.

45. Councilman Miller gave an oral communication on behalf of Councilman Olson, to the effect that a sixteen year old junior at South High, Tim Chang of 208 Vista del Parque, was one of 12 boys to win the Scout Merit Badge in space operations, according to an article in the Long Beach Independent Press Telegram. He moved that a letter of commendation should go to him and Mayor Isen moved a permanent plaque be prepared. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded, as to both and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

46. Councilman Sciarrotta said he would postpone a long communication which he plans to give in the near future. He made an announcement that the trip of the Guatemalan officials has been delayed and they will not be here in December, as previously anticipated.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta asked a question about responsibility as to a portion of Prairie Avenue which is unpaved and was advised to talk with the City Attorney about it.

48. Councilman Vico questioned something regarding seniority in the Police Department involving seven or eight fellows and asked what is going on. He did not name any specific instances or persons and Chief Koenig could not answer the indefinite statement. Councilman Miller said he believed this is an administration problem, if the City Manager wants to make a report on it.

49. Mayor Isen would like to have the record show congratulations to Councilman Olson who has been elected District Chairman for the South Bay Boy Scouts.

50. Mayor Isen mentioned the letter, Item B, Information Items, having to do with the assistance which a crossing guard gave to a Mr. Corby who became ill. It was a very fine letter, in recognition and appreciation of a very fine act and Mayor Isen suggested Mrs. Putnam, the crossing guard, be written a letter of commendation for her help outside the realm of duty, with a carbon copy of the letter to Mr. Corby.

51. Mayor Isen referred to an instruction by this Council to the City Attorney to prepare a charter amendment on the duties of the City Treasurer and the salary in time for the next municipal election. He expressed the Council's indebtedness to the League of Women Voters for their communication dated October 19th calling attention to the fact that Section 7, Compensation, is in the wrong place. He read the pertinent section and said their position is well taken. If there is no objection, he said the matter would be referred to the Finance Committee of the Council for recommendation as to additional compensation for the City Clerk and the City Treasurer, with a recommendation that ordinances can be passed by this Council effective April 13, 1966 rather than cluttering the ballot with a charter amendment. He moved to this effect and Councilman Miller seconded; there was no objection.

52. Mr. Chris Sorenson, referred back to Item 12 on this agenda, Case No. 65-40. Mayor Isen told him the action of the Council was to continue the passage of the resolution until December 7th in connection with the two cases on the other side of the street.

Councilman Beasley moved for reconsideration of the action on Item 12 and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to reconsideration.

Mayor Isen then moved to refer consideration of the resolution to December 7th in connection with what he said are companion cases.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt the resolution, stating the case was approved on October 5th. Councilman Lyman seconded the motion and City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND ANZA AVENUE - PCC 65-40 TORRANCE INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-231 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Mayor Isen objected in that this is for practically the same use as the two cases referred to regarding the precise plan by Shell Oil Company. Councilman Beasley said the job of the Council is not to regulate competition. Mayor Isen said it is not competition, but land use which is under consideration and Councilman Lyman agreed with Councilman Beasley - saying he sees no connection between Mr. Sorenson's case and the Shell Oil plans.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 65-231 was:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Sciarrotta, Vico.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

53. Mr. LeVane Forsythe of 4255 Newton Street outlined the damage to his property and the reasons therefor. He said he first talked with the City Engineer about this in 1959 and has talked with the Council several times. Mr. Ferraro said this is a natural drainage; Mr. Forsythe categorically denied the statement, stating the pipe was 200 feet from his house but was moved to an angle which points directly to his house. He believes the contractor for the city moved the pipe to this position. The city dumped a great deal of concrete to defer the water's action, as a temporary measure, at cost to the City of labor and material. He complained of its appearance and of the reason for its being placed there. His appeal was to either extend the pipe down to Hawthorne Boulevard or if it is the fault of the subdivider, the City should never have approved his plans.

City Manager Ferraro suggested the matter be taken under advisement for a report to the Council from Management. Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the complaint will be referred to the engineering department and Management for a report by next Tuesday, keeping in mind the urgency of the situation.

54. Mr. J. B. Mosley called attention to Item G of Informational Items and a copy of that material was delivered to him for comment next week.

55. Some ladies who had asked for action on Bluff Street, seemed to have had their questions answered. The Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

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Mayor of the City of Torrance