

Council Meeting held Tuesday, December 14, 1965INDEX

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Pre-Council meeting on Citizens' Advisory Committee	1,2
<u>OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:</u>	
1. Call to order	3.
2. Roll call	3
3. Flag salute	3
4. Invocation	3
5. Presentations and introduction of employees completing Leadership Seminar	3
<u>STANDARD MOTIONS:</u>	
6. Approval of minutes	3
7. Approval of demands	3
8. Motion to waive further reading	3
<u>HEARINGS:</u>	
9. Case No. 65-42, Martin M. Schultz, Variance	4
10. Case No. V65-49, Thriftmart, Inc.	4
11. Case No. ZC65-50, Schultz Enterprises	5
12. Re Zoning of Victor Precinct	5
<u>PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:</u>	
13. Case No. 65-29, Young and Remington	5
14. Tentative Tract Map No. 30357, R & L Harris, Inc.	5
15. Final Tract Map No. 29103, Butcher	6
16. Culver Investments, Inc. Resolution No. 65-240	6
17. Ordinance re Planned-Development Overlay District No. 1641	6
<u>STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:</u>	
18. Award of contract for chain link fencing, etc.	6,7
19. Bullocks' request for modification of parkway	7
<u>BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:</u>	
20. Extension of time for temporary billboards, Bower	7
21. Torrance Beautiful Commission re entrance signs	7
<u>REAL PROPERTY:</u>	
22. Purchase of tax delinquent land, Resolution No. 65-241	7
23. Withdrawn from agenda	8
<u>TRAFFIC AND PARKING:</u>	
24. Ordinance No. 1642, replacing highway flares	8
<u>PERSONNEL MATTERS:</u>	
25. Oral presentation re Garage Foreman appointment	8
26. Re appointment of Prosecutor	8
<u>ELECTION MATTERS:</u>	
27. Proposed Charter amendments re council salaries	9
<u>FISCAL MATTERS:</u>	
28. Claim of Pacific Telephone	9
29. Expenditures of over \$300	9
30. Memo from City Manager re vending machines policy	9,10
<u>BUS SYSTEM:</u>	
31. Memo from Bus Superintendent re agreement with School	10
<u>POLICE OPERATIONS:</u>	
32. Expansion of Police Building, architectural services	10
<u>FIRE OPERATIONS:</u>	
33. Fire Chief's request to advertise for addition to Fire Station No. 1 bids	10
<u>COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:</u>	
34. Resolution No. 65-242, safety at holiday time	11
35. Resolution No. 65-243, L.A. County operational area organization plan	11
<u>WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:</u>	
36. Early acquisition of Koletos property - offer withdrawn	11
<u>ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:</u>	
37. Elwin Butcher, request for extension of time	11

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

i.

Council Minutes  
December 14, 1965

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
38. Release of subdivision Bond, Tract 22536	12
<u>SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:</u>	
39. No. 1639, reclassifying case No. 65-39	12
40. No. 1640, re control of service roads	12
<u>ADDENDUM:</u>	
41. Tentative Tract No. 24874	12
<u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	
42. Ferraro re presentation of seven police officers	12
43. Ferraro re McKinnon's graduation from Seminar	13
44. Ferraro re revision of council agenda	13
45. Ferraro re committee on variances, etc. on appeal	13
46. Ferraro re Garrett Corporation tour	13
47. Remelmeyer re perma plaque for Mr. Catterlin	13
48. Johnson re Auditorium Advisory report	13
49. Beasley re recognition of South High student	13
50. Beasley re minibuses for Bus Department	13
51. Miller re YWCA building completion	13
52. Olson (on behalf of Vico) re Butcher and Wilson properties	14
53. Olson re landscaping of oil wells	14
54. Sciarrotta, requesting excuse from December 21st meeting	14
55. Sciarrotta re City Clerk and City Treasurer salaries	14
56. Sciarrotta re private survey of citizens	14
57. Isen re dairies	14
58. Isen re holidays	14
59. Mr. Judd re Santa Claus' visit	14, 15
60. Jim Popp re Jacobs salary survey	15
61. Mr. Koletos' request for lifting restrictions	15

Adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Torrance, California  
December 14, 1965

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

A pre-council meeting was held for the purpose of receiving a report from the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement and the Chairman, Wm. Uerkwitz named the members of the committee and introduced those present. He listed the eleven subcommittees and named their chairmen.

Mr. Uerkwitz outlined the projects which have been investigated by the various subcommittees during the year they have been in existence and the meetings which have been held with pertinent department heads.

Under the provisions of the resolution by which this committee was formed, very broad powers have been assumed and the Committee now asks the Council if the direction it is pursuing is proper and in accordance with the wishes of the Council. Comments by City Manager Ferraro brought to light some conflict or overlapping in responsibilities of the City Administration and Commissions. Mayor Isen believed what is being discussed here is a policy matter and not a matter under the jurisdiction of Management. It is apparent that better communication and understanding should be established and as an example, Councilman Olson told of having received telephone calls regarding plans reported in the local newspapers without the councilmen having been made aware of them. Councilman Sciarrotta pointed out that the committee's function is purely advisory and it is the prerogative of the Council to accept its recommendations and study or refer them to the proper commissions. In any case the decision is to be that of the Council.

Councilman Miller said rather than gloss over the general issues, there should be a definite interpretation of the provisions of the resolution which seem to grant the power to cover any aspect of the city which the committee sees fit. If this is the true intent of the Council, it should endorse the actions and proposed actions of the committee - if it is not the true intent, the resolution should be revised to concentrate on the area which the Council wishes to have the committee act. He considers it imperative to go on record with a clarification which will outline to both the Committee and Management the direction they are to follow. Mr. Lewison, the chairman of the subcommittee which deals with the downtown area, said if this committee is limited to consideration of the "blight" area, there is no reason for many of the subcommittees who have as their areas of responsibility varying aspects of community improvement.

Mayor Isen suggested study by a group to be composed of members of the Committee, and members of the Council. He has considered the prime purpose of the committee to be the compliance with Federal requirements to effect the project near the Airport and when that has been accomplished to extend itself to other areas as the Council would breath power into it, for express purposes. In the interests of future harmony, some rules must be laid down - perhaps that Council blessing be obtained as to any areas of responsibility outside of that concerned with the blighted area under the redevelopment project.

Mrs. Mary Walker, Secretary of the Committee and a member of the Executive subcommittee thereof, said Administration has furnished guidelines to the Executive group, but they have not been compiled into written statements, or any mode of procedure. She was complimentary of Administration and regretted that it can be put in a bad light through reports which show no pros or cons and no minority views.

At the time of the formation of this Citizens Advisory Committee, Councilman Lyman, recalled that its functions and powers were as yet undetermined and the Council did not fully comprehend how it might function or develop. His impression that it was not to be a "super-commission" but on the contrary was tied to the problems of the urban renewal project with possibility of functioning in other areas once that was accomplished. The experience which has been gained up to this point more clearly indicates the future.

The time having arrived for calling the regular Council meeting to order, Mayor Isen suggested a committee of three from the Advisory Committee, the City Manager, Councilman Olson, Councilman Lyman and himself (Mayor Isen) meet at a time and place to be determined. He asked that Mr. Uerkwit serve as one of the group from the Committee.

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on December 14, 1965, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico was absent. Mr. Remelmeyer and Mr. Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Councilman and Vice Mayor of Lawndale, William Coburn, led the salute to our flag and occupied the council seat of absent Councilman Vico to view the deliberations of the council of his neighboring city. He is the brother of Reverend Robert Coburn of the First Baptist Church of Torrance who takes an active part in civic matters.

4. INVOCATION:

Because the Reverend J. Augustine O'Gorman could not attend this meeting, his assistant, Father Pollard, opened the meeting with an invocation of divine guidance to the Council.

5. PRESENTATION:

City Manager Ferraro introduced and gave recognition to the employees who have completed the Southern California Supervisory Leadership Seminar: Edith Simplaar, Dee Manning, John Atkinson, Gene Bourbonnais, Al Leinweber, Glenn Kirkruff, Lt. Robert Wright, and Lt. Robert Hammond.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

STANDARD MOTIONS:6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 7, 1965, be approved as written. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

8. 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 Vico absent).

HEARINGS:

9. CASE NO. 65-42. MARTIN M. SCHULTZ, 3503 Torrance Boulevard, Variance of off-street parking requirements. Formal hearing to reduce off-street parking requirements for a four story non-medical and non-dental business and professional office building. Recommended for approval with conditions.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-42 and there was no response.

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

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in approval, with all conditions listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

10. CASE NO. V 65-49, THRIFTMART, INC., 22217 Palos Verdes Boulevard. Formal hearing on variance to permit reduction of off-street parking requirements to construct a 4,000 square foot addition to the existing market. Recommended for approval.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-49 and Mr. Richard Kelton, one of the owners of the shopping center, asked with reference to condition listed as No. 4, if in the future when the ordinance is finally effective, if the requirements would be greater or less than what they provide. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no problem in this respect.

Councilman Miller asked regarding ingress and egress to Palos Verdes Boulevard about which he has received complaints and telephone calls. No change is contemplated in connection with the proposed variance. Councilman Sciarrotta had the same question and City Manager Ferraro said the City Engineer/Street Superintendent is prepared to make a report. Mr. Nollac said when the question of sidewalks came up in 1964, this too came up and it was agreed that three parking spaces near the south entrance to the lot would be painted out. The public, however, uses these three anyway and creates a visibility problem to motorists traveling south on Palos Verdes Boulevard from the parking lot. He had three alternatives, the third and most desirable of which he said would be to convert those three spaces to bicycle parking by installing bike-racks. Mr. Kelton agreed to work with Traffic Engineering on this problem and Mr. Nollac added that those three spaces are not included.

Mr. Bill Seckinger of 22414 Linda Drive, just above the south end of the lot, complained as he has in the past of noise and the unkempt and dirty condition of the lot and the sidehill to the rear of his home. Mayor Isen read to him the four conditions and Mr. Seckinger said as to the market lot housekeeping, that it is frequently done between eleven o'clock at night and perhaps five in the morning to the discomfort and inconvenience of the residents. He believed this to be a responsibility of the owners of the lot, as would be the clearing of litter from the hillside between the shopping center and the rear of the homes on Linda Drive. Mayor Isen asked for a fifth condition that it would be considered a violation of the variance if the owners do not keep the hillside properly cleaned. Mr. Seckinger was asked to make it known to the City Manager if the owners do not comply.

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

Mayor Isen moved to amend the conditions to show that 237 spaces may be reduced by three in the event it is necessary to take care of the traffic problems and as a fifth condition, that the housekeeping and cleaning of the entire area be maintained or, if not, be construed as a violation of this variance and, with these changes, to approve the granting of the variance. Councilman Miller seconded.

Councilman Beasley announced his intention to vote "No" based on trouble with this center for many years. With the exception of his vote, roll call was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

Despite the passing of the new parking ordinance which it was hoped would solve all Torrance's parking problems, Councilman Olson called to the attention of the Council the possibility that "we are heading in the wrong direction" based on the last three variances. Planning Director Shartle said comparison between the two ordinances shows the new one, overall, requires less; that the previous ordinance was extremely stiff. The present and immediately prospective requirements compare favorably with other communities as to markets.

11. CASE NO. ZC 65-50. SCHULTZ ENTERPRISES. Change of Zone from M-1 to R-3. Third and final hearing on proposed change of zone on property described as Lot 27, Tract 2895, north of Spencer Street, westerly of Earl Street.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-50 and City Clerk Coil read two letters of disapproval.

12. Mrs. Boles of Alter Realty which represents both buyer and seller, asked for a postponement to January 25, 1966, to study the street proposal. This would also cover Item 12. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, Items 11 and 12 would be continued to January 25th at eight o'clock p.m.; there was no objection.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. CASE NO. 65-29, YOUNG AND REMINGTON, 320 Vista Del Mar, Variance. Communication regarding variance to off-street parking requirements at 320 Del Mar.

Mayor Isen said the hearing is still open and Mr. Young exhibited a sketch of the building planned. No one else appeared to speak.

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

Mayor Isen moved to grant the requested variance and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

14. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30357. R & L Harris, Inc. Lanco Engineering. 22 lots located easterly of Prairie Avenue at 177th Street. Clarification of Council action.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the 22 lots, some of which are substandard, conditioned upon the developer placing all utilities underground. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

15. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29103, DAN E. BUTCHER, Subdivider. Eleven lots located northerly of Spencer Street between Amie and Madrona Avenue. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, that Council not approve subject tract map at this time.

City Clerk Coil read a letter from Glendale Savings and Loan in opposition to the tentative subdivision 29103 which would leave a five foot strip between their property and the property to the west.

Dan Butcher of 2371 Torrance Boulevard was present and answered questions regarding the five foot strip Glendale Savings mentioned. Mayor Isen asked the Planning Director if the City could require Glendale Savings before they build to finish the cul de sac and the answer was affirmative. However, there were some rather unclear matters to be resolved and Mr. Butcher asked a couple of other conditions. Mayor Isen moved to hold the Final Tract Map for a week for consideration of these other conditions and asked that Glendale Savings be contacted and something worked out. Supporting data for the conditions has not come to the Council.

On motion of Councilman Lyman, seconded by Mayor Isen, Item 15 will be back on the agenda for December 21, 1965, a 5:30 meeting.

16. CULVER INVESTMENTS, INC. Variance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-240

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15I OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE 65-43 - CULVER INVESTMENTS, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-240 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

17. ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF PLANNED-DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT, etc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1641

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 13-X TO APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A PLANNED-DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT (P-D) AND ADDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS RELATING THERETO TO SECTION 2 OF SAID APPENDIX I.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1641 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF CHAIN LINK FENCING, DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E, PHASE II (B65-88). Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, concurred in by City Manager, that Mills Fencing Company be awarded the contract at \$3,414.76.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen declared a recess to be followed by the regular meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, at 9:00 p.m.

The Council returned to its agenda at 9:10 p.m.

19. BULLOCKS DEPARTMENT STORE request for parkway modification.

The modification is in fact the widening of the sidewalk and enhancing the appearance of the area by attractive planting under a standard plan used at other Bullocks stores. Mr. Snyder of the Realty Division of Bullocks was present and explained the purpose.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the change as requested by Mr. Snyder and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. City Manager Ferraro mentioned the \$2500 cash or performance bond, but that was deleted from the concurrence on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Olson, also. Mayor Isen said an agreement to hold the City free and harmless of damage would be proper, but no bond.

Roll call vote on the motions as set forth in the above paragraph was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

20. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety that request of James Bower for an extension of time for temporary billboards to remain at 4101 Pacific Coast Highway, 4117 Pacific Coast Highway and 23900 Ladeene Avenue be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

21. TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION, submitting request for approval of design and locations of entrance signs to the City.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this matter was referred to the City Manager. There was no objection.

REAL PROPERTY:

22. PURCHASE OF TAX-DELINQUENT LAND, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-241

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-241 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

23. CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CARL QUANDT - Removed from agenda.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

24. ORDINANCE allowing Police Officers to replace highway flares provided by citizens at emergency scenes.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1642

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 17.147 ENTITLED "REPLACEMENT OF HIGHWAY FLARES" TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT FLARES TO PERSONS PLACING FLARES AT THE SCENE OF ACCIDENTS.

Councilman Olson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1642 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Vico absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. ORAL PRESENTATION by Mr. Sam Hunegs, American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees, regarding appointment of Foreman of Garage.

Mr. Hunegs briefly outlined the problem and asked if it would be possible to hold a special session as to this item because it would take at least an hour and a half to go into it in depth.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, there being no objection, his request was granted and the time of meeting will be December 28, 1965, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall. If it is found advisable to do so, the Council can go into a personnel session.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency be held in connection with the meeting of the Council just mentioned. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously (Councilman Vico absent). The meeting will be scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Hunegs requested permission to obtain certain information from the Personnel Department files and Mayor Isen asked him to communicate his wishes to the Personnel Director although the matter to be discussed is a broad matter of policy, not personalities, nor personal records. Mayor Isen also requested certain information contained in the Council minutes of approximately nine years ago when this same problem came to the Council in connection with Battalion Chief Bill Slonecker.

26. CITY ATTORNEY SUBMITTING MEMORANDUM REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS McNARY AS PROSECUTOR.

City Attorney Remelmeyer commented along the lines of his communication and Mayor Isen expressed complete approval of this opportunity to obtain such an experienced attorney on a full time basis.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in approval and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

ELECTION MATTERS:27. PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR.

Mayor Isen pointed out the problem in connection with either spelling out an exact sum, or providing salaries as from time to time provided by the State legislature. There is also the matter of whether to set forth the council and the mayor separately, and whether or not the mayor should receive more than the balance of the council.

Mr. John Judd of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners association referred to a letter which his group had sent to the Council on this subject, favoring conformance with the general law cities and a greater amount for the Mayor because of the greater demands on his time, and the responsibilities entailed in carrying out his duties.

J. Walker Owens, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, stated the Board of Directors of the Chamber had referred this matter to the electorate, by unanimous roll call vote; that it be separated and "spelled out".

Mr. Sam Hunegs of the State, County and Municipal Employees Association, also favored a salary increase as being long overdue, with an extra amount to the Mayor.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this item back to the City Attorney for redrafting of the three resolutions and that it be returned to the Council as early in January as possible. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

28. CLAIM OF PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for damages to cable westerly of 3131 Torrance Boulevard, sustained on August 30, 1965, with recommendation of City Clerk that claim be denied.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the claim and refer it to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

29. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following two expenditures:

1. \$1,375.80 to Motorola Company for two Handie Talkie FM radios with double channel capability plus miscellaneous accessories to be used by the Fire Department as a regular budget item.
2. \$420.14 to Shepherd Machinery Company for 12 grader blades and accessory hardware to be used as stock for two City caterpillar graders, a regular budget item.

Councilman Beasley seconded and following is the roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

30. MEMORANDUM FROM CITY MANAGER RE POLICY ON VENDING MACHINES ON CITY PROPERTY.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to approve the following policies:

That vending machines in the City buildings shall be operated by the various employee organizations on either a contract or

ownership basis, subject to the following controls:

The City Manager shall approve the location of all machines.

All machines owned by employee groups shall be serviced during employees' off-duty hours.

All of the profits shall accrue to the controlling employee association but shall not be used for membership drives, union or employee association salary programs, or for the purpose of influencing public or private groups about union or association programs.

Employee associations operating machines shall file an annual report to the City Manager prior to February 1 covering the previous calendar year. Such report shall include the total net revenue from the machines and the total expenditure of such revenues in such detail as the City Manager shall prescribe.

The operation of all vending machines at City Park and Recreation facilities shall be discontinued.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried, there being no objection.

BUS SYSTEM:

31. MEMORANDUM FROM BUS SUPERINTENDENT concerning proposed agreement with Torrance Unified School District for furnishing bus service.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. No recommendation is made, but there is a request for approval and execution of agreements with Torrance Unified School District. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

POLICE OPERATIONS:

32. City Attorney's submittal of third amendment to original contract for architectural services between the City and Koebig & Koebig, Inc., for the expansion of the Police Department building, with necessary resolution.

City Manager Ferraro explained why the City has elected not to buy the new 100 kw generator. A used one has been discovered which can be rebuilt at considerable saving, \$5,000 as against \$18,000. The \$2100 is a charge by the Engineers for redesign. Mayor Isen favored turning down the additional fee and Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon explained the reason for the change, as an updating of the entire electrical system in the police facility and City Hall. This has been approved in principle only, the work has been done by the engineers, but there is no reason it cannot be held for itemization. It will be back on the agenda January 4th.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

33. Fire Chief's request for permission to advertise for construction bids for the addition to Fire Station No. 1 at 1701 Crenshaw Boulevard, Capital Improvements Job No. 66015.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

34. RESOLUTION supporting the National Safety Council's Holiday Safety Program.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S HOLIDAY SAFETY PROGRAM AND URGING ALL OUR CITIZENS TO DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-242 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

35. RESOLUTION SUBSCRIBING TO THE L.A. COUNTY OPERATION AREA ORGANIZATION PLAN.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-243

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUBSCRIBING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA ORGANIZATION PLAN WHICH PROVIDES FOR COORDINATING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS ON A COUNTY-WIDE BASIS DURING A STATE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 5582, ARTICLE III, REVISED MARCH 9, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-243 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

36. City Manager's communication re early acquisition of property at 23609 Ward Street, in the Meadow Park Area.

The letter states that Mr. Telo Koletos has withdrawn his offer to sell and the recommendation is that this matter be closed and the City take no further action at this time.

Mr. Koletos was present and started to make a statement, but Mayor Isen said inasmuch as the offer had been withdrawn there was nothing to discuss.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

37. ELWIN E. BUTCHER - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO CONSTRUCT SUB-DIVISION IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT NO. 29388. Recommendations from City Engineer/Street Superintendent requiring certain street improvements be installed in 228th Street, and that developer be granted a year's extension of time within which to complete subdivision improvements.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the extension of time, subject to the conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

38. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT NO. 22536, No. 0465-63.  
J. H. Barton, subdivider. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent that (1) subject bond be release and (2) any cash balance remaining on file in the Finance Department be refunded to subdivider after payment of all outstanding fees.

The net deposit after final inspection costs of \$293.57, is \$1,706.43 and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

39. ORDINANCE NO. 1639.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1639

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. 65-39. Torrance Planning Commission.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1639 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

40. ORDINANCE NO. 1640.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1640

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.46 ENTITLED "SERVICE ROAD" OF CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.46 THERETO ENTITLED "SERVICE ROAD" TO ESTABLISH THE PURPOSE AND CONTROL OF A SERVICE ROAD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1640 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

41. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 24874 located southwest of the intersection of Van Ness Avenue and 166th Street, six lots zoned A-1. R. G. Garland, subdivider; Lanco Engineering, Engineers. Recommendation of approval.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in approval and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. City Manager Ferraro stated seven police officers completed the course at the Police Academy. There are two policewomen among the seven and he asked permission to bring the seven to Council on December 21st for introduction. It was granted.

43. City Manager Ferraro announced that Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon had graduated from the University of California Department Heads Executive Development Seminar, the second from the City to have graduated therefrom. Harry Van Bellehem did so a year ago.

44. City Manager Ferraro asked for appointment of a committee from the Council to meet with a committee from Administration to discuss the revision of the Council agenda and procedures. A committee on this subject was previously appointed and was reactivated at this time for this purpose when the membership is determined. Research of the minutes should reveal which councilmen were named.

45. City Manager Ferraro asked for a committee to meet with a similar committee of the Planning Commission on recommendations regarding variances, zone changes to come before the Council only on an appeal basis. The Chairman of the Planning Commission and Mr. Ferraro would like to have coordination between the two committees. The Council committee was mentioned as Olson, Beasley and Lyman.

46. City Manager Ferraro said the Garrett Corporation has invited the City Council and Administrative Staff for an educational tour of their facility which will eventually be the head office of the parent corporation on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Those attending will meet at 10:00 in front of City Hall, for transportation to 190th and Crenshaw by Minibus.

47. City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested a perma plaque resolution in recognition of City Prosecutor Catterlin's fine services to the City. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

48. Assistant City Manager Johnson informed the Council that the Auditorium Advisory Report will be before them next week. The chairman, Mr. Mosley, would like to have about fifteen minutes to make a presentation either at a pre-council session or during the meeting. It was decided to meet at 5:10 for that purpose on December 21.

49. Councilman Beasley stated that a young lady who had participated in Junior Citizens Day has won a good citizens award from the D.A.R. and suggested a resolution of congratulations be prepared. Her name, Mr. Beasley said, is Michelle Clotworthy from South High. There was no objection.

50. Councilman Beasley mentioned the loss which occurs each year in the Bus Department. He suggested as a means of reducing this loss, that the new Minibuses be investigated. They have now developed a greater speed than formerly and are used in other cities. On Friday morning one will be at City Hall to transport councilmen to the Garrett Corporation plant. After the first of the year he proposed that the Transportation Committee find out what they have to offer as a hope of solution of the Bus Department's deficit. The design of the Minibus also offers other distinct advantages, in both convenience and safety.

51. Councilman Miller recalled that on November 2nd he suggested that the City Manager offer City services to complete the YWCA building on Carson Street. He reported the building is now completed due to the donations of many people and firms. He especially mentioned Jack McKinnon. There will be a formal dedication soon and he asked that Mr. McKinnon be especially commended for his efforts.

52. Councilman Olson said Councilman Vico had asked him to make an oral communication on his behalf. The Park and Recreation Committee of the Council has met several times on the proposed conditional use permit on the Butcher property which adjoins the Wilson property along Sepulveda, for a cemetery. This is to come before Council on January 11th and several possibilities have been studied. Mr. Vico recommends that the Council refer this matter to the Planning Commission for study as to both the Butcher and Wilson properties in light of the various proposals and the complications in line with anything the Park and Recreation and Airport Departments find. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection. A report is to be made available to the Council prior to January 11th so that the proponents may be notified.
53. Councilman Olson said about fifteen months ago he asked that the Planning Department evaluate the landscaping of oil wells in developed R-1 neighborhoods. The wells bring in very little revenue and adversely affect the sales value of the residences. Del Amo Shopping Center's treatment of the oil wells has set an example of what can be done to lessen this deleterious effect. This communication is merely a reminder to the Planning Department.
54. Councilman Sciarrotta asked to be excused from the Council meeting December 21st.
55. Councilman Sciarrotta said when the Committee talked about the Council and Mayor's salaries going on the ballot they also discussed the Treasurer's and Clerk's salaries. He said he has learned from the City Attorney that if increases are going to be given to the City Clerk and the City Treasurer, they must be given before election. He intends to bring up this matter in January. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that such an ordinance would need to be passed before election and it must be remembered that there is the thirty day interim before the ordinance would take effect. The Council Committee should study this when it meets again. Mr. Remelmeyer said it will be necessary to have another provision in the ordinance or resolution to take care of the City Treasurer's salary. This is a matter of drafting and Mr. Remelmeyer will work it out.
56. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had made a survey of two hundred nineteen persons who are familiar with City activities. He told the results of his questions as to general opinions of City government and there was a high percentage of praise for the recreation program. One citizen reported a lack of toilet facilities at El Nido Park. He said also that the citizens enjoy the level of service from City employees, especially the Sanitation Department. They appreciate also that taxes have not been increased and like the participation by citizens in committees and commissions under the leadership of Mayor Isen. Words of appreciation were spoken regarding the reorganization and efficiency of the Police Department, and they speak highly of the Fire Department. Councilman Sciarrotta regards the results of his survey as gratifying.
57. Mayor Isen referred to the memorandum on dairies from City Attorney Remelmeyer. Three will be out of the City by February 1st leaving only the Quinn cows and he hoped some means may be found to have them leave also, which he said should be some argument in favor of a children's zoo.
58. Mayor Isen announced that because Christmas falls on Saturday, as does New Year's Day, both Fridays will be holidays. However, rubbish will be picked up on Fridays, as scheduled.
59. Mr. Judd of the Southwood Riviera Home Owners Association said Santa Claus will be at Lago Seco Park on Sunday, December 19th from 1 to 3 p.m. He reported excellent cooperation from the Park and Recreation Department. He asked if the weather proves to be inclement, if the street could be used rather than the leveled off ground. Councilman Beasley moved to refer his request to the Traffic, Police and Fire Departments for granting if possible.

There was no objection. Lago Seco Park is near Adolph Avenue and 236th Street, and it would be necessary to close off both of these for that period of time.

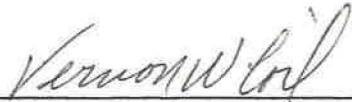
60. Jim R. Popp representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, said his group does not completely understand the Jacobs salary survey. There is a time within which employees can protest preliminary findings and there is a problem involved in contacting the Jacobs' representatives. Councilman Miller confirmed Mr. Popp's statement and Mayor Isen reminded them that whatever is done as a result of this survey will be retroactive to January 1st, if not completed before then. More background information is needed and Mayor Isen asked that Staff provide it.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman stated Mr. Popp's statement is correct; there is not enough information. A letter has been written to the Jacobs company asking that someone be sent to Torrance to answer these questions. There will be an opportunity to discuss these matters and the employees' protest time will not be permitted to lapse. After the pertinent committee has reviewed the survey it will be submitted to the Council, City Manager Ferraro promised in reply to Councilman Beasley's complaint that everyone had seen the report but the Council members. City Manager Ferraro stated a copy has been supplied to department heads only, and employee groups.

The Council is aware of the problem and assures employees that if sufficient time is not made available for protests, an extension will be granted.

61. Mr. Koletos mentioned several other parcels of property he owns on which he wants restrictions lifted at once.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance