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Adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Torrance, California  
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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 at 8:00 p.m., on January 11, 1966, 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. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Planning Commissioner Uyeda led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Arthur Nagel, First Methodist Church, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. ORAL PRESENTATION:

Councilman Beasley presented to Miss Michelle Clotworthy of South High School a resolution in recognition of her having won the Daughters of American Revolution Award for outstanding citizenship and excellence in her studies.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 4, 1966 be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

A correction had been noted by the Minute Secretary to the minutes, previously approved, of December 14, 1965 meeting, as follows:

Add to the bottom of page 10, December 14, 1965 Council minutes, the following:

"Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent)."

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept and incorporate this correction into the record. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all demands regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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 Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the many citizens present. It was necessary for many of the members of the audience to move into the conference room to accommodate the large attendance.

A group of ladies from the Women's Fellowship of Seaside Community Church were present on the subject of their January meeting "Know Your City Government". Mrs. Marjorie P. Moss, Social Action Chairman, is also Deputy City Clerk of Torrance and she was introduced and, in turn, introduced the President of the organization. Mayor Isen lauded the civic interest evidenced by their presence.

Out of order on the agenda, Item 10 was next considered. It was the subject regarding which a great many of the persons were attending this meeting.

10. CASE NO. 65-52, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHANGE OF ZONE FROM R-3 to R-2. Formal hearing on change of zone on property located on the north side of 182nd Street, approximately midway between Taylor Court and Fairview Lane at 2043 and 2049 182nd Street, described as Lot 22 of Tract 25886. Recommended by the Planning Commission for denial.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen suggested that the attorney for the proponents first be heard.

Don Hitchcock, Attorney, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, came forward with a large colored sketch of the proposed apartment house which his client, Mrs. Dale, proposes to erect, and which would require that the area remain R-3. He outlined in some detail the past zoning history of the property, which has been shown in the minutes of the Planning Commission at various hearings. The question has also been considered collaterally in a case involving land owned by a Mr. Powell. Mr. Hitchcock contends that his client had no notice that the zoning was not proper until November 10, 1965. This was just prior to the hearing on November 17, 1965, on a petition to zone the property back from R-3 to R-2. The result of that hearing and another held December 1, 1965 was to hold the zoning at R-3, he said, and the intent of the proponent is to develop her land as it is zoned. No action of the City would indicate that she should do otherwise. He listed the financial disadvantages to Mrs. Dale, because of out of pocket expenses made on the assumption that the land was to remain R-3. He and his client believe that the area would be much better off with the building which Mrs. Dale planned than R-2; for one reason, because of the difficulty of obtaining proper financing on what is known as a "collector street".

Councilman Miller did not believe the Planning Commission should have given a recommendation on the basis of this particular lot, but rather they should have studied and recommended one way or the other - to permit this to remain R-3 would amount to spot zoning. Mr. Hitchcock said he would be happy to have more study of the entire area along 182nd Street if the Council would prefer to do that. Mayor Isen answered that he has his ideas on the subject and sees no reason to hold it further.

Next to speak was Mr. Ralph Crouch, 2463 Los Codona, Torrance, a professor of City Planning at the University of Southern California, who said Mr. Hitchcock had asked him to look at the property from the viewpoint of a city planner, objectively, and he has done so. He read a portion of a letter in support of his theory that it would be good planning to permit the apartment house to be placed where it is planned.

Mayor Isen interjected a question as to whether or not the speaker actually "liked" such an arrangement and there was considerable dissension as to the propriety of the question, by Councilman Lyman. Councilman Miller contended Mr. Crouch should be permitted to continue his presentation without interruption; and he did so. The criteria of development, he said, is quality, and quality consistent with the neighborhood.

Mr. Crouch's presentation contained a great deal with respect to the type of street and the traffic and the growing importance of the street as a traffic carrier. The width and traffic volume are not compatible with low density residential uses and R-2, or duplex uses, have caused many problems in Southern California. There is no doubt that population densities will increase in the South Bay area.

Attorney Hitchcock introduced Dale Looper of 2295 Terminal Avenue, Long Beach, who handled the financing of the proposed apartment house, and who proceeded to read from a letter which has been incorporated into the Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 1, 1965, page 6. Its general tenor was comparison between R-2 and R-3 from a financial standpoint. A good apartment house, in the eyes of a lender, enhances property in the neighborhood; a poor one accomplishes the opposite result and Torrance has an abundance of the latter. Degrees of homogeneity of neighborhoods were discussed and compared.

Mayor Isen suggested that those who are opposed to R-3 here now make a presentation and Bill Gaugh of 18206 Taylor Court (immediately across the street from the proposed apartments) and President of Northeast Torrance Homeowners Association, members of which are identified at this meeting with the acronym printed on blue paper, spoke, assisted by Velma Shelbourn on the history of the area and by Janet Spurgeon as to the neighborhood and social aspects of the situation. In conclusion, he gave a flip-chart presentation of facts and figures.

Mrs. Shelbourn lives at 18308 Fairview Lane and Mrs. Spurgeon at 2038 West 183rd. Mrs. Spurgeon stated this is not a personal disagreement, but rather a disagreement on principle. She also pointed out some discrepancy in figures with respect to cost of plans, etc., as compared with what was mentioned at Planning Commission level. She said additional multiple housing would probably overload the public school facilities. Any two-story structure would overlook the yards of the homes on this street and there is no plan for an alley.

Mr. Hitchcock said he would now make a rebuttal on behalf of the proponent although Mayor Isen assured him the Council is completely familiar with all the facets of the case. He answered some of the arguments advanced by the opposition and concluded by saying that the proposed development would be of good quality, constructed and managed by a person who has lived there for years and loves the area as much as do her neighbors.

Mrs. Dale, the proponent, also described what she would like to put on the property and the events which have led to this particular hearing.

Mr. Gabriel Arillaga who lives in the immediate neighborhood and is Assistant Vice-President of Union Bank which plans to establish a regional office in Torrance, said he would advise the proponent to contact the Bank with a request for a loan to construct R-2; there is no difficulty providing minimum requirements can be met.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Department which is for approval of rezoning from R-3 to R-2. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen made the statement in connection with his vote, that he had completely inspected the area; that Mr. Hitchcock's arguments would have been wonderful if they had referred to the right spot; the only way he could vote in good conscience is "yes". He commented further that he has never seen an area so upgraded as this portion of North Torrance - ten years ago this was the bottom of the barrel. This great improvement has been brought about through good citizen action.

City Manager Ferraro commented that this hearing has been held and determined in a most rational and courteous manner.

Mayor Isen declared a recess and the Council returned to session at 10 p.m.

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On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, there being no objection, a further recess was declared in order to hold the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency.

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HEARINGS:

9. CASE NO. 65-34, FINANCIAL SAVINGS & LOAN - DAN E. BUTCHER, Conditional Use Permit for a Cemetery, etc. Formal hearing on conditional use permit for a cemetery on southerly portion of Tract 2200, southerly of 235th Street, northerly of AT&SF railroad. Recommended by Planning Commission for approval subject to conditions. This is a continuation from October 26, 1965.

Mayor Isen submitted a letter from Judge Wm. MacFaden indicating protest of the Board of Governors of New Horizons and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

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

City Clerk Coil read a protest letter from Dr. Mitchell Hansen, 21350 Hawthorne Boulevard, and it, too, was ordered received and filed.

Mayor Isen recounted the procedures to date on the case. It is a continued hearing on conditional use permit only - not rezoning. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would seem practical and legally sound to continue this hearing further after the time of the zoning hearings. Mayor Isen so moved and Councilman Olson seconded.

Mr. Joe Doss of 22740 Date Avenue, representing Dan Butcher and Financial Savings and Loan, said his principals would like to have a vote tonight in view of the large investment in land and the potential investment in taxable improvements. Councilman Olson reminded him the land could be used for M-2 and said a very careful look should be given any plan to do otherwise.

Councilman Miller said a further delay of a few weeks is not unreasonable in view of the permanent nature of whatever development is made. Mr. Doss' understanding was that the Planning Department had been instructed to determine the highest and best use of the land. On the contrary, City Manager Ferraro stated the instruction was to present a recommendation taking into consideration all of the attendant problems with relation to the site - not its highest and best use.

Mayor Isen did not think the merits of the case are here under consideration and Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta recommended to Mr. Doss waiting until the Planning Commission hearings have been had.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Olson withdrew the motion they had made and Mayor Isen moved that the request for a conditional use permit for a cemetery be denied in Case No. 65-34. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE on zone change re Case No. 65-38, Del Amo Properties.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1649

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS BOUNDED BY OCEAN AVENUE, HAWTHORNE AVENUE, TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND CARSON STREET (THE ENTIRE BLOCK) AND DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-38.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1648 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ORDINANCE ON zone change re Case No. 65-47, Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1650

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN 177th STREET AND 178th STREET AND DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-47.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1650 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. ORDINANCES to reclassify that certain property which is bordered on the east by Tract 9765; on the south by the City of Rolling Hills Estates; on the west by Canyon Road and on the north by California Avenue and described in Planning Commission Case No. 65-7. Two proposed ordinances were submitted and the one used is "B".

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1648

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS BORDERED ON THE EAST BY TRACT 9765 (TORRANCE SAND & GRAVEL); ON THE SOUTH BY THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES; ON THE WEST BY CANYON ROAD (VACATED) AND ON THE NORTH BY CALIFORNIA AVENUE (VACATED) AND DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-7.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1648 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD IN VICINITY OF MADRONA AVENUE B65-71. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that bid of M. B. Smith Co. be accepted and \$1,000 appropriated from the gas tax funds.

Councilman Miller moved to concur, to reject all other bids and to appropriate the amount mentioned. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was as follows:

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

15. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREETS IN TRACT NO. 28575, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOTS 129, 130, 131, and 132 OF TRACT NO. 28575 AND NAMING SAID ACCEPTED LOTS 129, 130 and 131 SARA DRIVE AND NAMING SAID ACCEPTED LOT 132 WHITE COURT.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-6 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

16. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD AT 2638 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that a request for a temporary billboard to be located at 2638 Sepulveda Boulevard be approved.

17. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY BILLBOARD, JAMES M. HALL.

Location: 3000 Pacific Coast Highway. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, to approve.

18. EXTENSION OF TIME ON TEMPORARY BILLBOARD OF SOVEREIGN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for extension of time, location, Maple and Madrona Avenues on Carson Street, be approved.

These are similar matters, each asking for six month extension and they are recommended for approval, providing a bond in the amount of \$500 be obtained guaranteeing removal at the end of that time.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as to each of the three items and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

19. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CITY ENTRANCE SIGNS. This is a resubmittal of report, recommending authorization to purchase and install the signs as listed in the communication of the Traffic and Lighting Engineer dated January 4, 1966.

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

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION NO. 66-5 commending Elmer "Red" Moon for outstanding service to the City of Torrance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COMMENDING ELMER "RED" MOON FOR TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING, DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PHYSICAL FITNESS AND ATHLETIC PROWESS OF NUMEROUS BOYS AND MEN OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-5 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote. A retirement dinner for Red Moon is being held this Friday evening at the Jump-'n Jack Restaurant.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following three items:

1. \$390 to Santa Fe Bag Company for 300 sand bags used by City to combat storm emergency.
2. \$616.04 to Albro Fire Equipment Company for fire fighting jackets, pants and boots to be used by Fire Department, a regular budget item.

3. \$633.06 to Redi Rain Company for 22 pieces of 4 inch diameter drain pipe needed during recent storm emergency.

Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

AIRPORT MATTERS:

22. A. W. Bayer and Associates' Request for removal of lease proposal from the calendar.

23. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES OF COMMISSIONERS.

24. REQUEST FOR REPLACING WIND CONE AT AIRPORT. Recommendation to replace wind cone and appropriate \$2,275 from the Airport Fund.

25. REQUEST TO RETAIN ADVANCED FOUNDATION ENGINEERING, INC. (TWINING LABORATORIES) TO PERFORM TESTING FOR QUALITY CONTROL ON AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. Communication from Airport Manager.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendations set forth in the communications as to Items 22 through 25. 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.

26. REQUEST FOR INVITATION TO NINETY-NINES (POWDER PUFF DERBY) TO USE AIRPORT FOR THEIR 1967 EVENT.

Mayor Isen lauded as a worthwhile project the suggested invitation. However, since they started their journey from here last time, he suggested the invitation be that they make Torrance the termination of the next flight. Councilman Beasley said his understanding is that the departure and termination locations are scheduled for alternate years.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to issue the invitation as stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

27. BID FOR WALTERIA PARK SHUFFLEBOARD COURT SHELTERS. Recommendation from Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of W. Rasmussen be accepted for construction of shuffleboard court shelters and that a transfer of \$1,000 from the Recreation Projects Contingency Reserve to Project 64055 be authorized. \$3,495.

28. BID FOR BLEACHERS FOR TORRANCE PARK. Recommendation of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Superior Scaffold Company be accepted for the construction of bleachers at Torrance Park, Project 65078. \$5,140.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations as stated and reject all other bids. 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.

This action applies to both Items 27 and 28.

POLICE OPERATIONS:29. POLICE DEPARTMENT SWITCHBOARD INSTALLATION FOR NEW BUILDING.

Recommendation from Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of Chief of Police and approval of City Manager, for installation of switchboard in new Police building.

The recommendation is to install the 701 system in the new Police Building and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote. No appropriation is necessary because the City Manager's comments state that additional funds are available in the new building's contingency fund.

FIRE OPERATIONS:30. RED DEVIL FIREWORKS COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE.

City Manager Ferraro asked that this item be withdrawn for an unspecified time. There was no objection.

WATER SYSTEM:

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BYRON JACKSON PUMPS, INC. Water Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer/Street Superintendent, recommending that Byron Jackson Pumps, Inc, be awarded the contract for furnishing and installing pumping equipment for three water wells. The total price is \$26,937.92.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in so awarding the bid and reject all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

32. LIBRARY REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. Submittal of Library Report, by City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the Library Report to the Library Commission and Councilman Miller seconded. There was no objection.

ELECTION MATTERS:

33. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT MAP. Recommendation of City Clerk that Consolidated Precinct Map for the General Municipal Election April 12, 1966 be approved, with a reduction of 226 County Precincts to 99 Consolidated Precincts.

Councilman Lyman doubted that the 99 precincts could be maintained at that low number and City Clerk Coil was instructed to watch and bring the matter back when and if necessary.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval as requested and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WORKABLE PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

34. APPLICATION TO LIFT MORATORIUM - JACK M. ROTH. Submitted by City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to table this application until action of the Citizens' Advisory Committee is presented. There was no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

35. TORRANCE'S ENTRY INTO THE ALL AMERICA CITY AWARD COMPETITION FOR 1966. Recommendation from City Manager to approve.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Isen commented that ten years ago letters from school children comprised a large portion of the presentation. Those same children are now in their early twenties and it would be appropriate that they now participate in a similar presentation on why the award should be granted to Torrance.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

36. YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION REQUEST FOR STUDY FUNDS:

This is a request from the Youth Welfare Commission for authorization to expend no more than \$300 of their budget for the purpose of securing a proposal from Special Service for Groups, Inc. for the establishment of a juvenile delinquency control clinic in Torrance. At a pre-council meeting, 7:15 p.m., this evening, Chairman Galichon and several commission members appeared and presented the request to the Council in detail. It was generally agreed the proposal is desirable and as a result of the pre-council discussion, during this regular session, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

37. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING DISTRIBUTION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this recommendation to the City Attorney for evaluation and analysis. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

38. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS, PHASE II, AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (B65-90). The recommendation of the City Engineer/Street Superintendent, concurred in by City Manager, is 1. that \$23,000 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund and loaned to Airport Fund, 2. that the total loaned to Airport Fund, \$63,000 be repaid to Sewer Revolving Fund at the rate of 10% per year and 3. that R. G. Castongia be awarded the contract for the work at a price of \$26,125.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in all three phases of the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll Call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

39. CHARTER AMENDMENTS RE COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN. Submittal by City Attorney, noted by City Manager, of resolution A-1, providing that members of the Council shall receive \$300 per month; B, providing that the Mayor shall receive additional compensation of \$100 per month; and C-1, combining above resolutions into one ballot measure.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the two ordinances be submitted, one for \$300 for the councilmen, and the other \$100 additional for the Mayor. There was no second.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt, or consider, Resolution designated as C-1 and Councilman Beasley seconded.

Mayor Isen said he would have to vote against that resolution which would lump both into one. It would not give the voters any freedom of choice as separation of the two would. It is quite possible, objectively, to assume that some persons might want to vote for \$300 for all councilmen and nothing extra for the Mayor, or any combination of the possibilities. Councilman Beasley agreed and on suggestion of Mayor Isen, moved a substitute to adopt resolutions A-1 and B. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Councilman Lyman suggested there be two resolutions: one stating \$300 for the six councilmen and one stating \$400 for the Mayor. Mayor Isen added inclusion of the provisions for expenses and vacancies in the offices and Councilman Sciarrotta moved in accordance with the statements in this paragraph. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Attorney Remelmeyer will redraft the resolutions for next Council meeting agenda.

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At 10:45 the Council recessed and came back to order at 10:52.

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40. PROPOSED VACATION OF PORTIONS OF KENT AVENUE, LOMITA BOULEVARD, 230th STREET, 230th PLACE AND 231st STREET.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE PORTIONS OF KENT AVENUE, LOMITA BOULEVARD, 230th STREET, 230th PLACE AND 231st STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-7 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. TRACT NO. 22851 (DEVELOPER: SOUTH BAY REALTY CO.) The recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, is that the request for partial release be denied and that an extension of time of one year be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

42. SALARIES OF CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER. Proposed ordinances establishing salaries and hours of work.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1651

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1651 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta 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. 1652

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND HOURS OF WORK OF THE CITY TREASURER.

Mayor Isen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1652 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

43. No. 1646.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1646

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE TRAILER PARK, ON THE WEST BY THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE PARASOL RESTAURANT PARKING LOT, ON THE SOUTH BY DALEMEAD STREET AND ON THE NORTH BY PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-15.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1646 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Sciarrotta  
Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

44. ORDINANCE NO. 1647:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1647

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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1647 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

45. Councilman Beasley complimented the Torrance Press-Herald on the splendid editorial regarding the proposed auditorium. It was written by Mr. J. B. Mosley, Chairman of the Auditorium Advisory Committee.

46. Councilman Beasley then referred to the matter which came before last week's council meeting on a building permit for a Jack in the Box at 242nd and Hawthorne Boulevard. After considering his attitude at that time, he said he decided to move for reconsideration of this item and he so moved. Mayor Isen ruled the motion out of order because there is a proper procedure which should be followed. At this time, the man does not have a building permit. His plans were being checked in the Building Department at the time the new ordinance went into effect. Superintendent of Building and Safety said it had been necessary to establish ground rules and a cut-off date. After some discussion of the facts and precedents, City Attorney Remelmeyer said in following some of the procedures which have been used in the past, the Council could take the action requested by Mr. Beasley and Mayor Isen said he would entertain the motion to reconsider which was repeated by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,  
Sciarrotta and Vico

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

The question now became what sort of motion would bring the relief desired and Mr. McKinnon stated under the provisions of the new ordinance what is now needed is a conditional use permit. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would be necessary to rule that the ordinance would not apply in this particular case because the man had a request in before the time the conditional use ordinance went into effect. Planning Director Shartle said there are also complications from the planning angle and Mr. Remelmeyer believed the most practical way would be for the man to go through regular conditional use permit procedure.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Council rule that the ordinance not apply and that another permit be issued provided there is no change in plans. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

47. Councilman Lyman mentioned two problems dealing with the area known as the Pueblo on Del Amo Boulevard. One is the slag pile of U. S. Gypsum which, although it poses no health problem, is unsightly and unfenced. It is merely a dumping ground and there are no plans for its disposition. By ordinance the company should have a conditional use permit for a refuse dump. He suggested the City Attorney research to see if anything can be done to remove it.

The second matter is a factory located next door to a residence. It is a repackaging operation for fertilizer and is a nuisance to the neighbors. This too, he believes, requires a conditional use permit. There has also been a ramp established over the sidewalk for a loading dock. Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the two matters would be referred to the City Attorney; there was no objection.

48. Councilman Miller asked City Manager Ferraro the status of the drainage relief at Arlington and 231st Street and City Engineer Nollac answered that the storm drain is in process of being finished. He expects to be advised of a time schedule on digging out the sump this next week. If the subdivider cannot get in and begin work within the next 30 to 45 days the City will take some measures. City Manager

Ferraro promised a report at the end of thirty days on this situation.

49. Councilman Olson referred to Item G of Informational items and commented on the revenue which is being brought to the City through the good efforts of the City Treasurer.

50. Councilman Olson announced the Annual Boy Scout Parade will be held in Torrance for the fourth consecutive year, at 10:30 a.m. on February 5th, with Police Chief Walter Koenig as Parade Director. All the scouts in eight South Bay cities will participate.

51. Councilman Sciarrotta said Mr. Omatsu has resigned from the Citizens Advisory Committee and he named Fred K. Kobiyashi of 2026 West 181st Street (Telephone 324-3571) to succeed him.

Also to replace Mrs. Mary Walker who has resigned, Mr. Wm. Farrer of 2272 229th Street (Telephone 326-4994).

The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results as to each appointment.

52. Councilman Sciarrotta referred to a letter received by Mayor Isen asking that a musical composition mentioned as being composed by a Guatemalan, be played by a musical group from Torrance, presumably at the Los Angeles Music Center. The request was referred to the City Manager for implementation, if possible. There was no objection. Mayor Isen suggested the possibility of a performance by the orchestra section of the Torrance Youth Band.

53. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Ferraro what is being done toward unifying the water systems within the City and Mr. Ferraro promised a proposal early in February to hire an outside consultant. General feasibility is being studied within the City Administration.

54. Mayor Isen referred to the \$75 charge for the candidates' statement which is optional on the part of the candidate. He thought a similar deposit could be established to assure the City that candidates would remove their signs and other election publicity immediately following election, and suggested a \$50 clean-up fee, refundable when the clean-up has been accomplished.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out problems of enforcement, especially where the candidate maintains the signs were not put up by himself. Mayor Isen said the wording could take care of that eventuality and City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to look into the possibility, keeping in mind the shortness of time.

55. Mayor Isen read from a newspaper article telling of Supervisor Hahn's plans for spending gas tax funds earmarked for city use, but as yet uncalled for. Mr. Ferraro said the reference is not to Torrance. Mayor Isen asked for a meeting with the two pertinent supervisors to discuss an increase in appropriation to get Torrance's full share of street improvements.

56. Also, to be discussed with the supervisors, is proper and adequate parking for the County buildings on City Civic Center, probably by double or triple-decking. He repeated the necessary arrangements should be made by the City Manager for a meeting of the supervisors of this district with the City Manager, the City Council, City Engineer, etc. to discuss these subjects at any place they wish. He stressed the immediacy of the problems.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

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