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Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Torrance, California
March 15, 1966

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., on March 15, 1966, 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, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

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

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend H. Milton Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 1966, were approved as written, there being no objection.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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 Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Councilman Olson presented formal resolutions of gratitude to those persons and representatives of those organizations which had been helpful in the Boy Scout Parade on February 5, 1966. A special trophy for Police Chief Koenig will be presented on his return.

HEARINGS:

9. APPEAL TO CITY COUNCIL BY DANIEL ZIPOY OF THE OFF-BEAT BAR. Formal hearing from decision of the License Review Board for suspending business license to operate at 2316 Redondo Beach Blvd.

Attorney John F. Hoornaert of 8543 Artesia Avenue, Bellflower, spoke for his client, Mr. Zipoy. The business license of the bar was suspended for a period of ninety days effective February 23, 1966 by the License Review Board and Mayor Isen expressed his opinion that this is a harsh penalty. At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, J. A. Moss, City License Supervisor, explained the events which culminated in this suspension on the one count of not having a dance permit; the bar owner was found not guilty of lack of an entertainment license. He mentioned previous incidents of complaints against the bar, but these were not before the Council. Councilman Lyman did not believe the Review Board's function was to act as a court of law. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is a choice of remedies but the Board does have the right to suspend the license.

Mayor Isen repeated his belief that the penalty is too harsh; ten days would be sufficient with provision that the owner take out the necessary permits for whatever kind of operation he plans to conduct. More than ten days have elapsed since the suspension was put into effect.

Mr. Hoornaert explained that subsequent to the order of suspension, a complaint was filed in the Municipal Court for violation of the ordinance - not having a dance permit. Mr. Zipoy was plead guilty and fined. He had no quarrel with the finding of the Board, but believed the penalty was prohibitive and could cause the man to go bankrupt. He, too, believed ten days would be sufficient.

Mayor Isen moved that the period of suspension be reduced to ten days and the balance be suspended on condition that he obtain the proper licenses required by the City of Torrance. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Olson said he believes this bar owner should carefully examine the Torrance laws which pertain to his operation; the Council will not continue such leniency as it has shown tonight. Councilman Lyman repeated his belief that the License Review Board has exceeded its authority; this should go before the Court.

City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested that the Council might modify the administration of the ordinance by holding the suspension in abeyance until the time of appeal has lapsed, rather than make it immediately effective. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and Mayor Isen seconded. After further discussion, Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the matter would be referred to the City Attorney for further analysis and recommendation.

Mr. Hoornaert asked for clarification in that twenty days have already elapsed and Mayor Isen stated the purpose of his motion would be to limit the suspension to the time which has already passed; Mr. Zipoy is back in business as of now - but there can be no entertainment or dancing at the Off-Beat Bar unless a proper application for permit is processed. The Council members confirmed that as their intention.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. RECOMMENDED REUSE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept and take this report under advisement. Councilman Vico seconded. City Manager Ferraro said there will be a public hearing at a later time and a motion for preliminary adoption would be preferable. Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion and Councilman Vico, his second thereto.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that preliminary approval be granted with the understanding there will be public hearings and determination. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. J. B. Mosley asked if it would be possible to obtain a copy and Mr. Ferraro answered that copies will be made available.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. IMPROVEMENT OF 190th STREET FROM VAN NESS AVENUE TO FREEWAY OFF-RAMP, GAS TAX PROJECT NO. SS-127. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$80,000 be appropriated from 186.1 funds for the project.

Councilman Beasley moved to so appropriate the \$80,000 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, as follows:

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

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK AT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 236th PLACE AND CABRILLO AVENUE. Job No. 66040.

The recommendations are that Bay Area Construction Co. be awarded the contract for installing subject improvements; and that the City Attorney be directed to proceed with necessary legal steps against Nick Vargas Paving and Construction re non-performance in accordance with his accepted proposal. Bay Area Construction's bid is \$626.96.

Councilman Miller moved to concur as to both phases of the recommendation and Councilman Vico seconded. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the legal action would be in the small claims court. Roll call was:

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. PETITION FOR DRAINAGE PROTECTION - MEADOW PARK RENEWAL AREA. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that the channels in Park and Ward Streets north of 236th Street be completed and that the east/west ditch along 236th Street be filled.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and appropriate the necessary \$500. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was:

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

14. INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAIN IN AMSLER STREET AT DORMONT AVENUE (B66-5). Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work on the subject project and that payment therefor be made to Kohler Construction Co., \$1,666.00.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

15. TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS at 23109 and 23339 Hawthorne Boulevard. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager that the request for permission to erect temporary billboards at locations named advertising R. A. Watts Developments, be approved.

16. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD SOUTH BAY REALTY. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager that the request of South Bay Realty for additional six months be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations as to Items 15 and 16. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

17. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF SMOKE ROOM ADDITION. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the smoke room addition to the Fire Training Tower at 25135 Denny Road be accepted as complete and satisfactory.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the addition and pay Parr Contracting Company therefor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

18. REMOVAL OF NO PARKING - 2AM to 5AM SIGNS: The Traffic Commission recommends removal of the NO PARKING 2 to 5 AM signs on the west side of Paseo de la Playa from Via Riviera to Paseo de la Concha - resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 64-146, SECTION I, ARTICLE I THEREOF, WHICH ESTABLISHES PROHIBITION OF PARKING FROM 2:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-51 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. 45 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN NEWTON STREET AND THE SOUTH CITY LIMITS. Resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 45 MPH PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-52 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. PROHIBITION OF PARKING FROM 8 AM to 4 PM DURING SCHOOL DAYS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LINCOLN AVENUE FROM ARLINGTON AVENUE TO 100 FEET WEST OF APPLE AVENUE. Attached resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING "NO PARKING 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM SCHOOL DAYS" PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17.80 (4) and 17.79(A) OF THE TORRANCE CITY CODE, AND ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-53 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. AGREEMENT NO. 1970 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS. Modification of traffic control signal system at Carson and Hawthorne; installation of traffic control signal system and highway lighting at intersection of Emerald Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from Section 186.1 Gas Tax Fund for the City's share of the project cost. 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:22. ORDINANCE AMENDING CLASSIFICATION PLAN:

Mayor Isen remarked that the Council has already approved the right of the Council to amend the Classification Plan.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick, Civil Service Committee Chairman of the Torrance City Employees Association, reminded the Council there is an ordinance in committee at this time which this amendment might affect. The Section relating to allocation of positions to classes under Rule 21 would be entire deleted by this proposed ordinance, as well as the allocation of new positions and their reallocation. All these powers, duties and burdens would henceforth be those of the City Council. All the changes which will undeniably result from the Jacobs survey would have to be considered by the Council rather than the Commission. These matters are very time consuming. He quoted a pertinent remark made by Commissioner Bowman and suggested that the Council refer the matter to the Committee which is studying the Civil Service Ordinance.

Charles Oates, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Torrance Police Officers Association, agreed with Mr. Kirkpatrick. He stated the Association is satisfied with the manner in which these matters are now being handled and did not think the Council has the time to go through the tedious changes which would be necessary in a classification study.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Beasley asked what had been done about the Assistant Traffic Engineer in this respect. They were told the Civil Service Commission did not agree with the Council and at its meeting "last night" (March 14, 1966) approved a class specification for Civil Engineering Associate - or (correction) Traffic Engineering Associate which is at a higher level.

Mayor Isen said under the circumstances, he believed the position of Assistant Traffic Engineer should be abolished. Mr. Nollac said this is being deferred until the Jacobs Survey is adopted or rejected. The examination for the position has been cancelled.

Councilman Olson moved this item be referred to the Civil Service Committee of the Council (Finance Committee) for evaluation and recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Mayor Isen said he would vote for it on the clear understanding that there will be no examination for Traffic Engineer Assistant, until this question is resolved. The motion carried with this understanding, there being no objection.

23. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION WHILE ON JURY DUTY.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1670

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 13 TO RULE XIII OF "RULES AND REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE NO. 326" PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CALLED FOR JURY DUTY.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1670 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. POLICY REGARDING PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS WITH REGARD TO LENGTH OF SERVICE REQUIRED.

Mayor Isen remarked that the Civil Service has evidently concurred in the opinion of Council that after six months probation, there would be six months further before promotion.

John Kirkpatrick said most allow other than safety employees to take a promotional examination after completion of the probationary period - or even before, with no actual appointment until after completion of the probationary period. He wanted a clarification that this would have no effect prior to its adoption. During his nine and one-half years with the City, he said employees could take promotional examinations after completing the six months probation period.

The discussion then swung to the situation at the City garage which Mayor Isen believes to be inequitable. In order to expedite this policy, he asked for a determination of whether the Council wishes to order an ordinance to be referred in turn to the Civil Service Committee of the Council. Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draft such an ordinance and refer it to the Committee. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. RULE OF ONE ON PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS:

Richard L. DeArmitt of 5102 Pacific Coast Highway, a Fire Department employee and Chairman of the Safety and Welfare Committee, said his group would prefer the "Rule of Three" which he said could be so framed that the abuses would be eliminated. The reason for bypassing the No. 1, or No. 2 man could be given in writing, with a right to appeal to the City Manager.

No ordinance has been drafted on this subject and City Attorney Remelmeyer said there are tremendous issues involved; the Rule of One might not be legal but when the ordinance is drafted it can come directly to the Council without going through the Commission. Mayor Isen said there are many "gray areas" involved in dealing with city employees and it may be some Charter revision would be advisable.

Mr. Hunegs briefed the Council on what occurred at the Civil Service Commission meeting last night, dealing specifically with the Garage Foreman position. Mr. Huneg's plea was to settle the whole controversy now. The matter was not settled at the meeting of the Commission and no date set for the continuation of the hearing.

Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon spoke in defense of the department heads in disapproval of the Rule of One.

Councilman Lyman said there seems to be some reluctance to accept the directions of the City Council. Councilman Beasley said he believes the whole situation has been deliberately confused. He favors boiling it down to the basic issue rather than debating the entire Civil Service ordinance. The responsibility, he said, to remedy the situation lies with the City Manager.

Councilman Miller thought the first man on the list should first be given the chance to make good on the job. Mayor Isen too, thought the employee who had been long in the City service should have been chosen.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if the Council has the authority to make a recommendation to the City Manager in this particular incident, that the party who was chosen be dismissed and Mr. Enrietta be appointed into a probationary period as Garage Foreman. City Attorney said he did not believe the Council has that right. He read from the Charter a statement that the City Council members shall not undertake to coerce the City Manager in respect to any of his duties.

Mayor Isen said he had no intention to "coerce" and without coercion of any sort, he moved, merely as an expression of feeling of this Council so the City Manager might know how this issue appears to the Council, that the incumbent probationary employee in the position of Garage Foreman be vacated and that Mr. Ed Enrietta, No. 1 man on the list, be appointed into this position for a probationary period. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

City Attorney Remelmeyer, answering a question by Councilman Olson, said the people in adopting the City Manager form of government, had necessarily to some degree limited the power of the Council which has no right to tell the City Manager to hire or fire any employee. He acknowledged there was no penalty to the council for exceeding its power, except by the people at election time. Councilman Olson asked him again, if in his professional opinion, this motion is wrong and the answer was a definite affirmative. However, Mayor Isen said it is his motion and he will accept it.

Councilman Miller admonished the council of its duty to abide by the terms of the Charter - it is not a matter of punishment, it is a matter of responsibility and obligation. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the motion proposed by Mayor Isen is a violation of the spirit of the City Charter. Councilman Olson expressed the opinion that the Council should follow the legal direction of the City Attorney who is hired for that specific purpose.

Mr. Ray Saukkola, member of the Board of Directors of the Torrance City Employees Association, said the representative of Council 20 (Mr. Hunegs) had willfully misled both the Council and the Commission.

The City Manager was advised that the motion is an informational thing, only, to inform him of the feeling of the Council on this issue. Councilman Miller refuted the statement, saying this motion is an attempt to supercede powers that are not under Council jurisdiction.

Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency; there was no second.

Councilman Lyman moved to table Mayor Isen's motion and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
 Sciarrotta.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico, and Mayor Isen.

Another meeting of the Civil Service Commission will be required to finish the hearing on the Garage Foreman situation and Councilman Olson moved that the Civil Service Commission submit a ruling on this matter as soon as practicable, within two weeks' maximum. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

Back to the subject matter of Item 25 - RULE OF ONE - PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS, Councilman Sciarrotta said the City Attorney has promised to bring in an ordinance next week. Councilman Lyman moved to refer this to the committee of the Council which is now studying the entire Civil Service Ordinance and Councilman Beasley seconded. There was no objection.

Mr. Cahill, a City Garage employee, expressed disapproval of remarks made by the City Manager with respect to disposition of the Garage Foreman matter and reminded the meeting that Mr. Hunegs spoke as a representative of the employees' organization.

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Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the Council meeting would stand in recess for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. There was no objection.

Following that meeting a general recess was declared and the Council returned to its agenda at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor Isen said that Councilman Vico had asked that a matter be considered at this time which is not on the agenda.

Mrs. Lolita Packard of 20707 Anza Avenue, representing Vel's Ford Sales Company, 20900 Hawthorne Boulevard, referred to a notice received from the City Building Department with respect to the use of a trailer as an office at Vel's. She asked for a six months' extension pending start of construction of a building.

Mr. McKinnon said the building was promised in a short time when this trailer was brought in two years ago.

Mayor Isen moved to extend the permit by six months from this date and Councilman Beasley seconded; there was no objection.

26. Samuel Hunegs' request for information re ordinance which was ordered at last Council meeting.

This request is embodied in the material under Personnel Items already considered at this meeting.

27. SAFETY AWARD - GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL.

This is a notice of a dinner at the Ambassador Hotel on April 7, 1966. Councilman Olson said he would attend.

FISCAL MATTERS:

28. CLAIM of Howard C. and Arbutus K. Atsumi against the City for flood damages to their property at 2049 West 234th Street, Torrance, on December 29, 1965.
29. CLAIM of George D. and Marjorie Ann McNamara against the City flood damages to their property at 2012 West 234th Street, Torrance, December 29, 1965.
30. CLAIM of IWao and Nancy Mochidome against the City for flood damages to their property at 2015 West 234th Street, Torrance, December 29, 1965.
31. CLAIM of Orrin L. and Janet M. Pollock against the City for flood damages to their property at 2049 West 234th Street, Torrance, on December 29, 1965.
32. CLAIM of Toshiyuki and Amy Shinden against the City for flood damages to their property at 2021 West 234th Street, Torrance, December 29, 1965.

The recommendation of the City Clerk as to Items 28 through 32 is to deny and refer to the City Attorney's office. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation as to the five claims and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

33. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF YEARLY BUSINESS LICENSE FEE: Communication from Mrs. Harry Cohen, 1529 Pointview Street, Los Angeles.

Mr. Harry Cohen who operates a baseball battery practice business at 3150 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Torrance, known as Sports-A-Rama, stated orally the matters contained in the correspondence which is a request for some sort of adjustment in the license fee because of the seasonal nature of the business.

City Manager Ferraro stated to extend relief to Mr. Cohen would involve a change in Ordinance No. 1102 and he suggested a revision be drafted to reflect the problem.

License Supervisor Moss set forth his views, stating such a change would affect all amusement machines in the City. Councilman Olson said he would like to have the City Manager study this and send a copy of his findings to Mr. Cohen. He so moved and Mayor Isen seconded.

There is a further ramification having to do with other machines owned by Associated Coin Company, which Mr. Moss says pays its entire fee.

Mr. Cohen was granted the privilege of operating his business without payment of further fees until such time as a determination is made.

There was no objection and this item is referred to the City Manager for study and report.

34. REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE AT CITY ATTORNEY'S SPRING CONFERENCE. City Attorney, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to attend above conference in Palm Springs, March 30 - April 2, 1966, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

35. TRAVEL REQUEST - MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE: Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to attend the above conference on March 21-24, 1966, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

36. TRAVEL REQUEST - AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANNING OFFICIALS. The request is for two Planning Commissioners and the Planning Director to attend the conference to be held April 17 to 23, 1966 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at an approximate cost of \$500 per person.

Mayor Isen questioned the advisability of sending the two commissioners, especially considering that they do not even attend the Los Angeles meetings of the League of California Cities' planning sessions which would be of great benefit.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the request as to Planning Director Shartle only and delete the commissioners. Councilman Beasley seconded.

Councilman Lyman moved to deny the request in toto; there was no second. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to permit Mr. Shartle and one Planning Commissioner. There was no second. The roll call vote on the motion to send the Planning Director only, was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

Mr. Shartle was instructed to bring back a full report for the Planning Commission.

37. REQUEST FOR REFUND OF PARK FEES PAYMENT: Communication from Don Wilson Builders, with recommendation from City Manager that this matter be referred to the office of the City Attorney, pending completion of his report.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the matter to the City Attorney for a report at next Council meeting, an eight o'clock meeting. Two weeks was first mentioned and then three, but Don Wilson who was present, said he will be out of town until April 9th. Thus, the March 22nd date was set.

38. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following seven items of expenditure, taking into account the revision to Items numbered 4 and 5, as stated:

1. \$625.74 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for miscellaneous meter stock parts for meters to be used by the Water Department as a regular budget item.
2. \$1,898 to Western Water Works Supply for 2,500 feet of one inch copper tubing to be used for stock by the Water Department as a regular budget item.
3. \$1,540.71 to Koppl Company for hardware, equipment and labor to connect water transmission line from booster station for new well program.
4. \$654.16 to H. E. Lawson for two each 20" x 10" topping sleeves to be used by the Water Department as a reimbursable item. A deposit for the installation has been received.

Revision: Award to H. C. Lawson at \$654.16 rather than Western Water Works Supply at \$583.86, due to Lawson assuring delivery in three weeks whereas there would be a nine to eleven week delivery from Western Water Works Supply Company.

5. \$1,248 to Wardlaw Fire Equipment Company for 1,000 feet of 2½ inch fire hose to be used by the Fire Department as a regular budget item.

Revision: It has been determined the equipment from Wardlaw Fire Equipment does not meet specifications; therefore, bid of \$1,248 is not valid. It is recommended that the award be made to American Rubber Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$1,289.60.

6. \$440.96 to Wright Line Inc. for two each 20 drawer suspension files to be used by the Finance Department in Data Processing section as a regular budget item.
7. \$2,808 to International Business Machines Corporation for six only electric typewriters, five to be used by Police Department and one in Finance (Customer Service Division) as regular budget items.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

39. REQUEST OF SOUTH BAY AVIATION SERVICES (GEORGE W. TWOHY AND PETER H. C. THOMTE) FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF LEASE ON LOTS A-3 AND A-5. Airport Commission President Blaisdell submitting Airport Commission's recommendation that City cancel lease with certain conditions.

The conditions listed as being applicable to the cancellation were:

1. Lessee pay \$100 service charge for the Airport and City's expenses incurred in connection with providing the lease for which there will be no income subsequent to March 1, 1966.
2. Providing that lessee do everything necessary and proper to implement the cancellation of the lease, all to the satisfaction of the Airport Manager, and all within a thirty day period, but in no event later than March 15, 1966 and that the City waives none of its rights in the meantime under the lease.

(one line of the second condition had been omitted in the transmitted material).

With the addition of that line Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. REQUEST OF ANCHOR PRODUCTS FOR REMOVAL OF LEASE PROPOSAL FROM CALENDAR. Airport Commission President Blaisdell submitting Airport Commission's recommendation that matter be removed from City's calendar.

Mayor Isen declared that this matter is removed from the calendar, without prejudice.

41. PROJECT APPLICATION FAAP 9-04-123-D 05: Recommendation of Airport Manager, that

1. The project application, plans, specifications, cost estimate, and engineer's report for subject project be approved, and
2. That the Airport Manager be directed to submit the Project Application to the FAA, and
3. Subject to approval of FAA, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids.

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

42. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STORAGE SHED FOR JEFFERSON, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried, there being no objection.

43. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF AIRPORT DRIVE AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (B65-95) Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work on the subject project and that payment be made to Sully Miller Contracting Co.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as to both acceptance and payment. 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

44. OFFICIAL NAME FOR FREEWAY PLAYGROUND SITE. Recommendation from Park and Recreation Commission, noted by City Manager, that the Freeway Playground site be officially named La Carretera to correspond with the Spanish names of many of Torrance's parks.

Councilman Beasley did not think this difficult-to-pronounce name would add anything to the park. Councilman Lyman moved to refer this matter to the Park and Recreation Committee of the Council for further consideration and Mayor Isen seconded. There was no objection.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

45. BY-LAWS - CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Citizens' Advisory Committee Chairman, with City Manager's comments submitting material on above subject.

Mr. Wm. Uerkwitz explained the proposed amendment set forth in his communication to the Council dated March 11, 1966, and Councilman Miller moved to add the following wording to the By-laws:

"Article I, Section III. All major projects to be studied by this Committee must be submitted to the City Council for approval."

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

46. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 20 - 26, 1966 as NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK.

47. DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-54 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

48. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREETS TO ALLOW FOR RECORDATION OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29715 (Ralph Garland, Developer). Proposed resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOTS 13 AND 14, TRACT NO. 26673 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED STREETS 180TH PLACE AND 181ST STREET, RESPECTIVELY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-55 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

49. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT CLOTH BANNERS: Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Torrance Scout Center, Inc. to erect a cloth banner over the public way be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request; Mayor Isen seconded and it was so ordered.

50. LEASE OF LAND FROM ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILWAY CO. With Proposed Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE DATED MARCH 1, 1966, WITH THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR LEASE OF LAND FOR BEAUTIFICATION AND CULTIVATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-56 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

51. PETITION FOR DRAINAGE PROTECTION IN MEADOW PARK RENEWAL AREA.

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

52. APPROPRIATIONS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT. Recommendation of Chief of Police, concurred in by City Manager, to approve.

Mayor Isen asked if this would necessitate a full time cook and Councilman Vico voiced strong disapproval of substituting the serving of frozen so called "TV" dinners for the method now used.

Mayor Isen asked for some corroborating figures on this recommendation and City Manager Ferraro stated based on the total cost for the year 1963-64, a 45% saving could be effected. Councilman Vico stated the City of Gardena had tried a similar plan, but unsuccessfully.

Assistant Chief Porter explained this is not a matter of taking a police officer from his duties; there is a full time jailer who would take care of heating the frozen meals.

Councilman Olson said he believes the Council committee should look at this; he did not believe such a saving could be effected.

Mayor Isen moved to refer this matter to the Police and Fire Committee of the Council and there was no objection. Councilman Miller, Chairman of the Committee which is composed of Councilman Sciarrotta and Vico, set next Wednesday (tomorrow) March 16, 1966, at 10:15 for a meeting of that Committee.

53. CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR POLICE STATION ADDITION: Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager for approval,

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Change Order No. 2 as set forth in the communication from the Superintendent of Building and Safety and authorize the addition of \$1,346.09 to the contract price. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

54. City Manager Ferraro cited a problem connected with the dedication services March 20th at the new YMCA Building. Some sandblasting and street striping must be done on Sepulveda Boulevard in the immediate vicinity and he asked for an appropriation of \$320 for this purpose so that it may be accomplished before the date of dedication.

Councilman Olson moved to appropriate the \$320 necessary and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was:

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

55. City Clerk Coil reminded the Council and department heads that there will be no Council meeting April 12, 1966, election day.

56. Councilman Olson announced that the Council Airport Committee meeting has been rescheduled to 11:00 A.M. tomorrow with representatives of the Airport Commission.

57. Mr. Roland Webber of 32201 Valor Place, Palos Verdes, said he has been trying to get precise plan approval for a car wash at Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. He asked the Council to approve the plans. However, they are to come before the Planning Commission tomorrow, March 16th. The Commission has held this item over pending a study by the Planning Department, City Manager Ferraro said.

Councilman Vico said he thought this man is "being kicked around".

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Shartle for an explanation and was told that this man applied for a variance to permit a car wash on Pacific Coast Highway just east of Hawthorne, some time ago. It was approved by the Planning Commission and City Council subject to a plot plan for final review. That plot plan has now been submitted and it was considered and held over for a survey by the Planning Department to determine how many parking spaces a car wash should have. Car washes are not specifically mentioned in the zoning ordinance as far as parking is concerned. The survey has been completed and the results will be presented tomorrow evening at Planning Commission meeting. Normally, the Council would have no jurisdiction at this time; in fact, this is not a matter which would come to the Council at all unless under appeal.

Mr. Webber also definitely thought he was being kicked around and stated he had no reason to believe the matter would be decided Wednesday evening.

The recommendation of the Planning Department is for twelve parking spaces at this car wash and Mr. Shartle said there are also other matters to discuss, such as walls, landscaping, etc. If these matters are resolved other than to the liking of Mr. Webber, Mr. Shartle said he would do everything possible to see that it comes to the Council at its next meeting, or if not possible, it will be brought up as an oral communication. The Monday committee meeting which Mr. Webber referred to several times, is the Staff meeting and Mr. Shartle explained the manner in which such matters are handled and how and why they come before the Staff for discussion.

Mayor Isen referred to the complaint of Mr. Webber that he was "pushed, or kicked around" and, with the comment that he too had been hearing rumors, warned the Planning Commission to make a deliberate sound study of this with nothing which could be construed as "pushing around". Also, he stated that incumbents on the Council do not have to resign in order to run for office again but practically all the cities around here require commissioners, by ordinance, to automatically be removed from their commission if they file for City office. To do otherwise, he said, is open to very great evil particularly in the Planning Commission where terms extend past election time. Very unfair advantage may be obtained because of official position of a candidate. After April 12th, he thinks the Council should consider the possibility of a study toward revision in the ordinances pertaining to commissioners, that they would be automatically off, on filing for City office. He said his remarks do not reflect on any individual, but the possibility exists because of present commissioners filing for candidacy on the Council.

City Manager Ferraro said he believes Mr. Shartle's recommendations on the car wash case are reasonable and that the Commission will accept them. The Council took no action.

58. Mr. William Uerkwitz introduced Mr. J. B. Mosley as the President of the most recently organized homeowners association, Meadow Park Property Owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Albert Isaac

Mayor of the City of Torrance