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Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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September 6, 1966

MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY
COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council, from August 23, 1966, was held at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 6, 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, Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico joined the meeting a few minutes later. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Zeke Alter led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Dr. Brideweser of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Two changes were noted: one for the August 16, 1966 minutes, page 10, Item 37: change the name "George Steinkamp" to "Moreau Construction Co." and in the August 23, 1966 minutes, delete, from Item 45, Page 12, the words "give the City a ten foot permanent easement". With these changes, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, the minutes of the regular minutes of August 16th and August 23, 1966 were approved as written, there being no further objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved to approve all properly audited demands. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order and the motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

City Manager Ferraro announced that the subject matter of Item 11, the Civil Service ordinance will be considered at the September 13th Council meeting, as a pre-council item, at 7 p.m. There will also be a scheduled public hearing on this proposed ordinance September 14th at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM, 1966. Formal hearing on resolution of intention No. 66-168 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered.

Affidavits of Posting and Mailing were presented by City Clerk Coil and on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Olson, ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen ascertain that there are no exceptions except those set forth in the resolution and asked if anyone wished to be heard, this being a public hearing; there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 66-168.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-177 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

9. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM, 1966. Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 66-175 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered.

Affidavits of Posting and Mailing were presented by City Clerk Coil and, on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, they were ordered filed.

Mayor Isen ascertained that there were no exceptions except those listed in the resolution and asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 66-175.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-178 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

10. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM, 1966, RESOLUTION OF INTENTION: Declaring weeds to be a nuisance and setting hearing September 20, 1966 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-179 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

11. CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE - Scheduled for September 13, 1966 at 7 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. RESOLUTION RE Case No. V66-12, Cake.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-12, C. N. CAKE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-180 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico having arrived).

13. RESOLUTION RE Case No. V66-3, First Baptist Church.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-3, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-181 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. RESOLUTION RE CASE No. V66-7, Alan and Caroline M. Seitz.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-7, ALAN AND CAROLINE M. SEITZ.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-182 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. RESOLUTION RE CASE No. V66-6, Chaddick.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 9 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-6 - DONNA E. CHADDICK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-183 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION RE CASE NO. V66-9, Torrance First Church of the Nazarene.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 12 AND 13 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-9 - TORRANCE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-184 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. RESOLUTION RE CASE NO. V66-10, Specialty Engineering Co.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-10 - SPECIALTY ENGINEERING COMPANY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-185 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

18. This item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting.

19. ORDINANCE re definitions for take-out and walk-in restaurants.

Mayor Isen remarked that there is no urgency as to this matter and requested that it be held for further study. Planning Director Shartle was asked to check the requirements of the County Health Department regarding restrooms, etc., as to very small restaurants. The subject will be before the Council again in two weeks.

20. PROPOSED ORDINANCE reclassifying property on Anza Avenue between Calle Mayor and a point 100 feet southerly of 234th Street, Case ZC65-51.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1720

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 LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF ANZA AVENUE BETWEEN CALLE MAYOR AND A POINT APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET SOUTHERLY OF 234th STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 65-51. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Mr. Robert Irvin of 23144 Anza Avenue said this will affect his property and asked that the record show that this ordinance is apt to be appealed in the future as 85% of the people on the street are in opposition. He also asked that when it again comes up, there be no fee for rezoning.

Councilman Beasley moved to table the proposed ordinance and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Olson.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1720 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Olson.

Councilman Beasley asked that the record show he considers Ordinance No. 1720 in depreciation of property, totally unwarranted.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

21. APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUND: With attached proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID-TO-CITIES" FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SELECT SYSTEM OF STREETS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-186 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. REQUEST OF E. E. BUTCHER FOR REVIEW OF VACATION OF ALLEY, MEADOW PARK TRACT, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 33, BLOCK 2, LOT 42. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that no change be made in original recommendations.

The bone of contention is the cost of paving the alley, City Manager Ferraro said. No answer was forthcoming to a question by Councilman Olson regarding established policy on such a situation and he moved to hold the request for more clear report. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. It will be on the agenda next week.

Besides the report from the Director of Public Works, Councilman Olson asked for a statement of standard practice on dedication of these alleys.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES IN MADISON STREET NORTH OF LOMITA BOULEVARD B66-26. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer, noted by Acting Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that Chet Kohler Construction Co. be awarded contract for subject project, in the sum of \$7,828.31.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the low bid of Chet Kohler Construction Co. and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN LADEENE AVENUE FROM EMERALD STREET TO SPENCER STREET B66-63. Recommendation from Acting City Engineer, noted by Acting Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to City Construction Co., in the sum of \$6,876.00

Councilman Beasley moved to so award the contract and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. CONTRACT WITH KOEBIG & KOEBIG FOR DESIGN OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8A. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that referenced contract be modified to reduce lump sum payment thereunder to \$20,277.55 and that payment of the amount due be made.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FOODS COMPANY MARKET, INC.

Mayor Isen praised the Committee's work, but asked about the landscaping which the company had promised. Mr. Schwartz of Foods Company exhibited a before and after drawing of the rear of the store and the improvement which would result from the viewpoint of Atkinson Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND 174TH AND CRENSHAW COMPANY, dba FOODS COMPANY MARKET, INC., DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1966 AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC WELFARE WILL BE SERVED THEREBY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-187 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1721

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY (UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1964 EDITION) TO PERMIT PRIVATELY OWNED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES TO ENCROACH ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LICENSE AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1721 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. REQUEST OF M AND M TRANSFER COMPANY for commercial use of trailer, recommended for approval by Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager.

28. REQUEST OF BAY ROC REALTY for extension of time for temporary billboard to remain at 4320 Pacific Coast Highway, recommended for approval by Building and Safety Director, concurred in by City Manager.

29. REQUEST OF SOUTHWOOD CONSTRUCTION CO. for temporary billboard to remain at various locations within the City, with recommendation of approval by Building and Safety Director, concurred in by City Manager.

As to Items 27, 28 and 29, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendations stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re Mobilehomes, etc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1722

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING THE TITLE OF CHAPTER 28 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW TITLE TO SAID CHAPTER ENTITLED "MOBILEHOMES, MOBILEHOME PARKS AND NONRESIDENTIAL TRAILERS"; ENUMERATING SECTIONS 28.1 THROUGH 28.15 AS ARTICLE I OF SAID CHAPTER ENTITLED "MOBILEHOMES AND MOBILEHOME PARKS"; AND ADDING ARTICLE II TO SAID CHAPTER ENTITLED "NONRESIDENTIAL TRAILERS".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1722 at its first reading. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unan- imously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:30. OCEAN AVENUE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilman Beasley moved to file the report as informational and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

31. REQUEST FOR DRIVEWAY ACCESS ONTO DALEMED STREET AT BRIAN AVENUE, on a temporary basis, with recommendation of approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Traffic Commission and Traffic Engineer that the driveway access on Dalemead Street be allowed, permission to be revocable upon review of the Traffic Commission any time after one year of operation if it is determined that the granting of such access has created an undesirable traffic problem in the adjoining area to the south and east.

Mayor Isen believed the drive would complicate matters and there was considerable discussion of the traffic problem near the Parasol Restaurant. It developed that the neighborhood may not have had notice of the exact nature of the recommendation and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue the item for two weeks, with proper notification sent to the people in the area during that time. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:32. PROPOSED RESOLUTION restoring Legal Stenographer position to the classification plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 66-66 TO RESTORE A POSITION AND SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-188 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable and it was noted particularly that the change will be retro- active to January 2, 1966.

33. PROPOSED RESOLUTION adding position and salary range of Electrician Leadman to the position classification plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 66-66 TO ADD A NEW POSITION AND SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-189 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. INSURANCE PROGRAM: Recommendation of Torrance Employees Group Insurance Committee for renewal of group health insurance contracts with Blue Cross of Southern California and Pacific Health Plan for the year October 1, 1966 through September 30, 1967.

As to the quote of Pacific Health Plan, there are two corrections Mr. Coil said: Employee and one dependent is \$12.29 instead of \$12.84 as listed on the memorandum; and Employee and two or more dependents is \$16.00 rather than \$16.59 as incorrectly stated. With these two corrections, Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval and acceptance of the proposals, contingent on Pacific Health Plan's filing a performance bond in the amount of \$7,500 with the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35. REQUEST OF FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION for study of the new Civil Service Ordinance regarding Chief of the Fire Department examination.

Mr. Richard L. DeArmitt, Chairman of the Safety and Welfare Committee, appeared and spoke on behalf of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1138, stating what is desired is a postponement of the Chief's examination until such time as the ordinance is adopted.

Mayor Isen agreed that the Council should determine one way or another after all this time. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone the examination for Fire Chief until such time as the new Civil Service Ordinance is adopted. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Olson called attention to the fact that firemen from other cities could apply for this position; whereas in Torrance the employees would have to be at least a captain, and there is no experience requirement.

FISCAL MATTERS:

36. CLAIM OF SIDNEY W. BURGESS, 21317 Kent Avenue, for damages allegedly sustained on July 21, 1966 as result of an accident due to a hole in the street.

37. CLAIM OF MRS. EVELYN HERNANDEZ, 2010 West 177th Street, Torrance, for injuries allegedly sustained by her dog on September 1, 1966, as a result of an accident by a moving park lawn mower.

38. CLAIM OF RICHARD L. HALFACRE, 1711 Via El Prado, Redondo Beach, for injuries allegedly sustained on June 1, 1966, as a result of a train hitting his vehicle because of no warning device.

39. CLAIM OF DONALD G. MORSE for damages allegedly sustained on August 21, 1966, as a result of an accident which occurred when he drove his vehicle over an unbarricaded hole in the road.

40. CLAIM OF DONALD M. NOLL, 1711 Via El Prado, Redondo Beach, for injuries allegedly sustained on June 1, 1966, as a result of a train hitting the vehicle in which he was a passenger, because of no warning device.

41. CLAIM OF EUGENE B. WAGNER, 1111 East Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, for personal injuries and property damage allegedly sustained on May 26, 1966, as a result of Mr. Wagner's vehicle collision with a City vehicle.

As to Items 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41, Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

42. REQUEST FROM CITY ATTORNEY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CO-COUNSEL in the cases of Mosley vs. City of Torrance and Roth vs. City of Torrance, at a fee of not to exceed \$2,000.

Mayor Isen asked if it would not be advisable to attempt settlement of these cases; he believed the City's legal department is adequate. He suggested that Mr. Remelmeyer go ahead with the appraisers, but make further attempts to settle before the decision is made as to the co-counsel. Councilman Beasley moved to this effect and Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess the Council meeting for the purpose of holding the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:35 p.m., after a further general recess of ten minutes.

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43. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION to enter into testing contract for 1966-67 with Gold-Thompson and Company, Inc.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable except for Councilman Sciarrotta who had not returned from recess at this time.

44. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR ENGINEERING REPRODUCTION PAPER. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to Printec, \$1,029.53 plus tax.

Councilman Beasley moved that the contract be awarded to Fred E. Klingler Co. whose address was listed as Torrance, under the impression that there would be an advantage as to sales tax and Councilman Vico seconded. However, it developed that this company is not located within the corporate boundaries of Torrance and although the motion had passed unanimously, on motion of Councilman Lyman, seconded by Councilman Vico, there being no objection, the matter was opened for reconsideration.

Councilman Lyman then moved to accept the low bid of Printec and reject all others. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

45. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FROZEN FOOD - FEEDING OF PRISONERS. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor, with concurrence of Police Chief and City Manager, to award contract to Kermins Frozen Food Sales for the period of September 12, 1966 to February 28, 1967.

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

46. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following eighteen listed expenditures:

1. \$689.52 to Essick Machinery Co. for one only 9 cubic foot cement mixer, trailer mounted, to be used by the Sanitation Department.
2. \$988.00 to Southwest Flexible Co. for one only sewer cleaning machine with attachments, to be used by the Sanitation Department.
3. \$614.85 to Dearth Machinery Co. of Azusa for two rubber hopper chains for the Garage Department.
4. \$468.00 to IBM for one only electric typewriter to be used by the Planning Department.
5. \$306.80 to Stenocord Co. for one only Dictator model No. 270 to be used by the Legal Department.
6. \$540.80 to Southland Machinery Co. for one only Thor 2-inch submersible water pump and 20 feet of discharge hose to be used by the Street Department to pump out City sumps and flooded areas.
7. \$521.56 to Essick Mfg. Co. for one only vibrating plate tamper 18", to be used by the Water Department for service work.
8. \$436.80 to Alco Chemical Co. for three gas powered 15 gallon insecticide sprayers to be used by the Park Department.
9. \$369.72 to Victor Comptometer Co. for one only Adder-Multiplier Calculator to be used by the Customer Service Department to compute service bills.
10. \$463.32 to Victor Comptometer Co. for one only printing calculator to be used by the Planning and Research Division of the Police Department to (1) compute job manhours; (2) budget work; and (3) statistical reports for Chief Koenig.
11. \$593.48 to Southwest Tractor Sales for one only rotary mower with power take-off for pulling behind a tractor to be used by the Park Department.
12. \$309.40 to Pacific Toro for one only self-propelled rotary mower, 25 inch cut, with 5 hp. engine to be used by the Park Department.
13. \$411.84 to Up-Right Scaffold Co. for one each portable scaffold, aluminum, to be used by the Fire Department for overhead door and fixture work at the Fire stations.
14. \$774.80 to Prismo California Co. (Bauer Paint) for 300 gallons of traffic paint to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

14. \$812.00 to Downey Mower and Saw Co. to supply three power air brooms to be used by the Park Department.
15. \$514.80 to Pacific Toro for one only heavy duty rotary tiller 6 hp to be used for renovating work by the Park Department.
16. \$312.00 to Best Van and Storage Co. to install a new meter vault for the Water Department at American Standard Corporation, change caused by street improvement work.
17. \$648.76 to Western Water Works for miscellaneous pipe fittings to be used by the Water Department at Toyota Motors and Standard Brands Service.
18. \$799.76 to Hersey-Sparling Co. for two - two-inch Hersey Sparling CT meters - all bronze - with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines.

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

47. TRAVEL REQUEST BY DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY - 44th Annual Business meeting of the International Conference of Building Officials. Fresno, October 3 through 7, 1966, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the travel request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

48. REQUEST TO ATTEND SCHOOL by City Treasurer - IBM School of Basic Computer Management.

Councilman Olson moved to grant the request, with appropriate expenses of not to exceed \$100 paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

49. RAY VANE, INC. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ERECT A CANOPY. Recommended by Airport Commission and Airport Manager, and concurred in by City Manager

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and there was no objection.

50. THREE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REGARDING AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES.

On inquiry of City Attorney Remelmeyer by Mayor Isen, the Council was advised it would be permissible to read titles to these three resolutions and take a vote as to all three, rather than three separate votes.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk assigned numbers, and read titles to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 1966, BETWEEN THE CITY AND HANGARS EAST ASSOCIATION; AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THOSE CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES DATED JANUARY 1, 1967 BETWEEN THE CITY AND LEON J. JONES; DONALD C. THOMPSON; MERLYN W. SYMONS; ROBERT B. ORNE; MACK S. JOHNSTON; ARMAND A. ROVERO, ROBERT WILLIAM WARD AND ROBERT C. CLAYTON; EDGAR S. COOK; LESTER LINDOW AND IRENE LINDOW; A. E. SWAGERTY AND C. V. WILSON; CHET KOHLER, GEORGE RICHARD AND DON G. KARLI; A. W. ARMITSTEAD; HOWARD L. TERRILL; HOMER RENFRO; VERNE E. HONGOLA; HOWARD E. FISHEL; AND A. A. BRODECKY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AND LOCATION OF SAID LEASED PROPERTIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THOSE CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND RICHARD D. MARTIN, DATED APRIL 1, 1966; BETWEEN THE CITY AND HAROLD W. FOAT, DATED APRIL 1, 1966; AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND ELLIS O. WAGNER AND JUDITH G. WAGNER, DATED JUNE 1, 1966, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AND LOCATION SKETCHES OF SAID LEASED PREMISES.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED JANUARY 1, 1967, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND HOWARD E. FISHEL.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-190, Resolution No. 66-191, and Resolution No. 66-192; each individually. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, each vote to be considered as applying to the adoption of all three resolutions.

Councilman Olson said he and the other two members of the Airport Committee of the Council, Councilmen Vico and Miller, have discussed the possibility of some uniform painting of the various hangars as they come up for future leasing. There is a great variation now in painting, colors, etc. and the Committee would recommend that there be some thought given to a standard color, included as a condition of the lease. Thus, the appearance of the airport could be improved and at no cost to the City. These three current leases are already approved, but the painting might be included in future leases. There was no objection.

51. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of amendment to Airport lease between the City and Collins-Dietrich and Petroleum Agreement between the City and Standard Oil.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND COLLINS-DIETRICH AIR SERVICES, INC., DATED APRIL 1, 1966, AND THE PETROLEUM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC., DATED APRIL 1, 1966.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-193. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

52. FINANCIAL PLAN FOR AN INDEPENDENT LIBRARY SYSTEM, submitted by City Manager as requested by City Council July 19, 1966.

Prefacing the consideration of this item, Mayor Isen reported he had talked with Supervisor Kenneth Hahn recently and discussed among other things, the possibility of leasing or renting the books now existing in the library system in Torrance. The Council had been given the impression previously that this could not be done, but if it could, it would be quite a financial boost. He asked that there be a continuance of this phase of the problem so that he and the City Manager might explore the possibility. Supervisor Hahn was very cooperative and indicated he would present the question to the Board of Supervisors if the City of Torrance wished.

Councilman Beasley thought an important factor would be the ability to draw on the downtown Los Angeles library, as well as the frequent change in individual volumes included in the system. These, Mayor Isen believed would be supplementary only; there is an established stock of books which forms a basis. To purchase, classify and catalog a stock of books would be a real problem, and an expensive one which might possibly be obviated. Councilman Sciarrotta's thought was that it will have to be done eventually - why not now? Councilman Lyman also agreed with Councilman Beasley's thoughts.

Chairman George Kurtz of the Library Commission said he believes the recommendations of the City Manager's office should be approved. The contract with the County phases out as of June 30, 1968 and there should be no further delay in hiring a City Librarian. The matter of leasing books was not the consideration of the County Counsel's office; the question was whether the City could purchase the books and The County Counsel's office indicated that was not possible. He feared leasing books would only add expense and complications and prevent the City Librarian from choosing the books to stock the library. In effect, leasing the books would not be necessary if the City Manager's recommendation is adopted, as Mr. Kurtz believes it should be.

Councilman Olson asked, in the event the bond issue should fail, what would be the effect of having hired a librarian and a secretary to come to work next January. The bond issue would go to the public next April, and he wondered if it would not be better to hold off hiring the librarian and secretary until the bond issue has been determined.

Chairman Kurtz said it is imperative to hire the City Librarian immediately. The City has approved an independent library system as of July 1, 1968 and if the bond issue does not pass, some other means of financing the system must be found. Regardless of the means of financing a librarian must be found to proceed toward putting the system into operation. The intervening time between now and January 1st, Mr. Ferraro said, will give time to advertise and hold an examination.

Mr. Ferraro thought there was some merit to a temporary leasing plan, but not on a permanent basis. Mayor Isen said all he had in mind was a transition, a real dry period when money for books might be very scarce.

Councilman Beasley called attention to the money to be derived from the two cent library tax; there is now \$50,000 available in the library fund - there will be \$184,000 available now. To delay purchasing the books, he said would only compound a bad situation. Councilman Miller recommended going ahead with the program as recommended and if something can be negotiated that would be helpful, so much the better, and so moved.

Chairman Kurtz said Councilman Miller had stated his position succinctly; his only concern is to avoid delay in approving the City Manager's recommendation.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded Councilman Miller's motion to concur in the City Manager's recommendations stated on pages 2 and 3 of his communication:

1. Authorize the City Manager to initiate procedure for the placing of a General Obligation Bond Issue in the amount of \$2,350,000 on the ballot of a special election to be held April 11, 1967;

2. Levy a library tax rate of 15.4¢ for the 1966-67 fiscal year. This rate is 2¢ more than the rate proposed for the previously adopted library operating budget;

3. Authorize the retention of the 1965-66 budget surplus and reserves in the Library Fund (estimated at \$65,000) to help finance the following appropriation;

4. Approve a transfer of \$55,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Library Fund to help finance the following appropriation; and

5. Appropriate the following amounts from the Library Fund:

\$10,000 for a librarian (6 months), a secretary (4 months) and related expenses.

\$184,000 for book acquisition (approximately 23,000 books)

Councilman Miller asked for clarification as to when the librarian and secretary would be hired, and to what period the "(6 months)" refers. As soon as possible, to go to work January 1st, as to the librarian - and the six months refers to the period between January 1st and July 1st. Between now and January 1st, recruitment and Civil Service examinations will be processed.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

53. ORDINANCE reclassifying property in Planning Commission Case No. 65-61 - Butcher/Wilson.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said this ordinance has not been prepared because the legal description, which must be exact, has not been received. It will re-appear, possibly next week.

54. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT NO. 19879, SUBDIVIDER: BILL HASVOLD AND O. POLLOCK. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

55. EXPLANATION OF HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES:

Mayor Isen complimented City Manager Ferraro on the clear explanation and on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, it was accepted for filing.

56. APPEAL TO THE COUNCIL FOR REMOVAL OF FLOWERING EUCALYPTUS TREE at 2355 El Dorado. Excerpts of minutes and the original request and recommendation of the Park Superintendent were attached.

City Manager Ferraro strongly recommended reaffirmation of the Park Superintendent's stand. There was no motion for reconsideration. Mrs. Young's communication was ordered filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

57. At the suggestion of City Manager Ferraro, Personnel Director Donovan introduced to the Council the new Personnel Analyst, Leroy Jackson and Mayor Isen welcomed him to the City's Staff.

58. City Manager Ferraro said he has become aware, through publication of a formal bid, that the School District is advertising West Basin water pumping rights. On September 12, 1966, they will accept bids for the purchase of 59.4 acre feet of water and pumping rights as advertised. The City is interested in buying those pumping rights which would authorize the Water Department to pump more, and buy less water from Metropolitan Water District. Mr. Ferraro said he did not wish to lay great stress on the price which the City would offer, but he would like authorization to submit a bid, and further that the Council request Torrance Unified School District to reject all bids and enter into negotiation with the City to purchase the water rights directly. In answer to a direct question as to price, Mr. Ferraro said the figure would be comparable to what is being paid Metropolitan Water District; it is a competitive bid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant authorization as to both phases of the request and Councilman Vico seconded. There was no objection.

59. Councilman Lyman said he would like to introduce a resolution to place before the people of Torrance at the November 8th general election a charter amendment which would provide that the mayor be elected by the members of the Council, to serve at their pleasure, rather than by the people, as under the present system which has been in effect for eight years. Under the present system, the Mayor's position is not a neutral one; he acts as Chairman and also has a vote on the matters before the legislative body. There is a need to maintain order, but without the exercise of dictatorial powers which could thwart the functioning of the majority. One very effective manner of doing this is to make the chairman or presiding officer subject to election by a majority of the members of the legislative body, so that he must satisfy at least a majority of those members, or he can no longer serve.

Councilman Lyman gave his reasons for proposing the amendment: under the present system, a mayor can, if he wishes, run rough shod over other members of the body, carry on private vendettas with individuals or groups and use the full influence and power of his position to crush a person

who has incurred his disfavor or wrath, and the Council has no recourse. Councilman Lyman stated that in the past the Council has been subjected to criticism for acts of the Mayor who has refused to accept any advice or suggestions as to how to conduct meetings. Also, he said the rules of procedure vary from week to week so that it is extremely difficult for a councilman to express views which differ from those of the presiding officer.

In order to improve the workings of Torrance City government and better insure government by the will of the people, Mr. Lyman moved this resolution and, at his request, City Clerk Coil distributed copies to the councilmen and administration. Councilman Vico seconded.

Councilman Miller expressed complete surprise at having received a three page resolution with no advance information of its contents and said he had no idea if this change would be good or bad, but it definitely should be studied and he asked if there had been some negotiations by some of the members of the Council in preparing and proposing such an item.

Councilman Vico gave as his reasons for seconding and supporting Councilman Lyman's motion, that the councilmen have not been able to present matters out of order on the agenda, or, in general, express themselves. He said there has been nothing underhanded in the way this has been presented although undoubtedly it came as a surprise to some.

Councilman Miller repeated his request for time to study the ramifications of such important charter amendment so it might be given at least equal attention and investigation as that which would be accorded a planning matter.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he did not believe this measure, if it passes, would affect the incumbent mayor; it is not something which is being railroaded through and the only purpose of what is proposed here tonight is to get the question before the people.

Councilman Olson agreed completely with Councilman Miller's statements and pointed out that there are several opportunities to place this on the ballot before the expiration of the present Mayor's term, three and three-quarters years from now. He saw no urgency in passing this resolution tonight and thought too that it should be evaluated and the experience of other cities which follow similar modes of operation should be studied.

Councilman Lyman was asked who prepared the resolution and he stated he had drafted it; that its only effect would be to place the proposition of the method of electing Torrance's mayor before the people and all that is needed now is a "Yes" or a "No" vote.

Mrs. Sandra Phillips of 20545 Madison, pointed out that the system now being proposed had been in effect in Torrance some years ago and asked why it was abandoned and why it now seemed to some of the councilmen advisable to revert to the old method. She said there seems to be ulterior motives and described the proposal as outrageous and expressed complete and definite opposition to its adoption. In answer to her question, Councilman Beasley outlined the history of the question as it applies to the Torrance City Council and stated the present system has not operated in the best interests of the City. This is a political decision based on the lack of responsiveness and cooperation of the present Mayor, he said, and he could not recall any particular reason for having changed to the present system some eight years ago.

Councilman Sciarrotta repeated that it seems in no way harmful to present the question to the people and any citizens who feel strongly one way or the other, have the opportunity to work toward its passage or its defeat at the polls.

Councilman Lyman said he can see nothing to be gained by study. The people elected him to represent them and to bring to them any measures which he feels necessary and that is what he is doing here tonight. If it proves to be the will of the people to continue under the present system they can make that will known by their vote and to be aware of that will of the people would prove advantageous to whatever system is in operation and to the officer who presides. Not to be able to propose any amendment to existing law, he said, would be a very unsatisfactory situation. If the Council itself does not wish to adopt the resolution to place the measure on the ballot, they can make that wish known by their majority vote tonight.

Mr. Jeffrey Bradpiece of 23313 Date Avenue, stated he is a relative newcomer to the City and complimented Mr. Lyman on the "slick" way he has managed to get this on the long and difficult Council agenda. In that the Council meets once each week, he said it could better have been presented through regular channels and the citizens could have been given an opportunity to express their views. If this action represents a result of taking the pulse of the people, there is no danger in presenting it in a regular fashion so the councilmen and the public may consider it and express themselves. Mr. Bradpiece said he did not approve of the sudden presentation of a three-page document for immediate vote, which incidentally, he predicted would be 4 to 3. If Mr. Lyman had the pulse of anyone, Mr. Bradpiece said it was of the Council, not the people.

Mrs. Shelbourn of 18308 Fairview Lane, said she does not want the right of voting for mayor taken away from her by Mr. Beasley, Mr. Vico, or anyone else and does not want the selection of the presiding officer to be by the Council members.

Mr. Vincent Baron of 20810 Anza Avenue, addressed himself to the Council particularly to Councilman Lyman, to the following effect: Being a public employee, he has not attended many council meetings nor concerned himself greatly with local politics, but has noticed conflict between the councilmen and especially that Councilmen Lyman, Vico and Beasley show by their facial expressions and general demeanor displeasure when decisions are made which are not to their liking. Because of the conflict between Councilman Lyman and Mayor Isen, Mr. Baron said he believes Councilman Lyman is trying to lead the way down a path away from democracy and toward total dictatorship. This appears to be an attempt to ease the task of certain councilmen rather than improve the method of council operation and the indication seems to be that there will be conflict with whatever person is established as the presiding officer. A true democracy, he said, permits every person to vote on every issue.

This is a representative type of government, Councilman Lyman answered, and everyone does not vote on every issue, but elects a representative to do so by his vote.

Mr. Baron agreed with Councilman Miller that it is not fair to ask for a vote on this matter without knowing all that is involved. To so vote would be hypocritical although he has observed that from time to time items appear on the Council agendas and are voted on without the people in the audience having any idea of their subject matter.

Mr. William Bordo (or Bordeaux) of 23818 Anza Avenue, said he has long been proud of the leadership which has come from the Torrance City Council, but the resolution presented is fraught with emotion and would not do justice to the Council or the citizens if it were approved tonight with no change in wording and with no assurance that it is in the best interest of the public rather than a result of internal conflict in the Council. His concluding statement was that Mr. Lyman is capable of much better than he has presented tonight.

Councilman Miller asked the City Attorney for any comments he wished to make and Mr. Remelmeyer stated he has no comment; it is a political issue. Mayor Isen agreed and the following is the essence of his remarks: This is a political issue and there has never been a matter presented to the Council where any councilman has been denied the right to time to study it. This resolution, he said, has caught him completely unaware; he has served the City as Mayor for eleven years, three at the pleasure of the Council and eight by popular vote. Since the issue of the cemetery has been introduced, there has been a campaign of vilification of himself which has evidently reached its climax tonight. He referred to the cartoon and the editorial which appeared this evening in the South Bay Daily Breeze; and while he had not had time to read it, it seemed obvious that it was timed exactly with Mr. Lyman's motion. It is difficult to conduct an orderly meeting of the magnitude and importance of most of Torrance's Council agendas and he believes every petitioner has been granted courtesy and the right to expression. Furthermore, any councilman has the right of personal privilege.

His words for the proposed resolution were "a bunch of poppycock and political chicanery" and he explained that his vote is but one, on a seven-man council, with no power of veto. To accuse him of trying to run things is not within the facts, but purely propaganda. Last week, he said the Daily Breeze impugned his honesty and integrity and he resents that deeply. However, a public official under the laws of free speech has no recourse of libel and slander. Mayor Isen said further, if his vote could be controlled and if he had withdrawn his opposition to the cemetery and the housing development in an industrial area, this proposed resolution would not have been before the Council. He defied Councilman Lyman to deny that this action is a part of Mr. Curry's campaign of vilification and slander.

Mayor Isen continued that he has worked hard for the City which he has always loved, but now Torrance has progressed to the point that it presents a real ripe plum to those who favor bossism and feel that campaign contributions and other favors are paramount to merit. He challenged the general public to decide if it wants honesty in its public officials or wants to create a situation which in his words, "smells to high heaven". He regrets what has occurred more than his words can express and sees no reason for tonight adopting the resolution presented by Mr. Lyman. If its adoption is accomplished, he said, never was there such a railroad - never would the City of Torrance have such a thing inflicted upon it by councilmen who claim to be sincere.

Mr. Lyman and Mr. Beasley were advised by the Mayor that he is well aware of their political backgrounds and if Torrance wishes to go along with procuring government for the very select few, all he can do is try to prevent it. A mayor should not be a rubber stamp and Mayor Isen said he has voted his honest convictions and he defied anyone to show otherwise from the record. His stand on the Marble tract remains as it was about three years ago when the compromise was made which some people are now willing to abandon.

Sometime ago there was talk of conducting a study of the Charter with the view of possible amendment and this particular amendment could have been studied in conjunction with that general study. An election is expensive; this one would cost the City at least \$10,000 for this one item to be added to the general ballot in November. Mayor Isen concluded that the adoption of this resolution tonight would be the first step in hoodwinking the Torrance citizens; but he does not think this can be done.

Mrs. Cleora Jordan of 4730 McAfee Road, said she was shocked by Mr. Lyman's statements and if they were made as a preface to the introduction of the resolution, they were unnecessary and in poor taste.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1966, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE METHOD OF ELECTING THE MAYOR; AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO CONSOLIDATE SAID SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH SAID GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-194; Councilman Vico seconded.

Councilman Miller restated his position for the record: he does not take particular issue with the resolution, for or against, but does object to the fact that a resolution prepared by one of the councilmen is presented with no opportunity to study, or even read it.

Councilman Olson agreed and again mentioned the other future elections at any one of which the amendment could be placed before the public.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, and Mayor Isen.

60. Councilman Lyman appointed Mr. John Billings to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

61. Councilman Miller appointed Frank Briganti to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

62. Councilman Vico appointed Vern Smith of 2816 182nd Street (telephone 329-0639) to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

63. Councilman Olson reappointed N. K. Pierce to the Torrance Beautiful Commission.

A poll of the council as to all four appointments was unanimously favorable.

64. Mayor Isen commented further on adoption of Resolution No. 66-194 and called on responsible Torrance people to become interested in their municipal government; people who are interested in favors and special privilege are not interested in honest officials and people who want honest officials too often take them for granted and look the other way. The time has come to be aware of what is going on in this City.

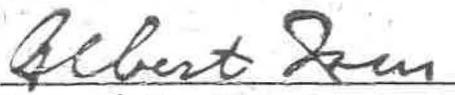
Councilman Vico expressed resentment and asked if the Mayor is calling some of the councilmen thieves and crooks; Councilman Lyman suggested possibly an ordinance which would require financial statements and a full disclosure of property and finances of the councilmen, saying he would be very happy to furnish such a statement which would show that everything he owns is as the result of hard work. Councilman Vico seconded the suggestion, but there was no official action taken, nor motion made.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary
APPROVED:

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Council Minutes
September 6, 1966


Mayor of the City of Torrance


Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the
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