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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 1966, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced Civil Service Commissioner Townsend who has received the Democratic nomination for the 67th Assembly District which he believes is tantamount to election, and at the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Townsend led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Marvin A. Rygh of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regularly adjourned meeting of September 6, 1966, were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the many members of the audience who had not attended previously.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. PERMA PLAQUE COMMENDING SHELL OIL COMPANY.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Councilman Olson, who had initiated

preparation of this resolution, presented it to Tony Rexrode, Sales Supervisor, Bob O'Connor, Second Sales Supervisor and Stan Trainer, Real Estate Representative for the area, Shell Oil Company, in appreciation of the company's installing modern, attractive stations throughout the city and elsewhere, although no requirement was made for them. One of the men from Shell Oil responded by thanking the Council and stating they intend to continue the same type of cooperation. Shell was the first of the major oil companies to start replacing their stations with the modern ranch type, which is now being followed in development by the others. The net result will be better compatibility with areas in which the stations are located.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. PETITION OF B. A. WECHSLER FOR REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS: Subject property is located at northwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Arlington Avenue. Recommended for denial by the Planning Department.

Mr. Wechsler was represented by his attorney, Gordon Phillips of 2422 Torrance Boulevard, who stated this is a petition to remove some conditions attached in granting a zone change of the property in 1958. Mr. Wechsler did not own the property at that time but subsequently purchased it. The original owner had wished to put up a medical building and the plan did not materialize.

This is a rather unusual type of petition which seems to have no statutory authority and no precedent for procedure. Mr. Phillips believes there is some question as to the legality of some of the conditions imposed at the time of the zone change which would prevent its sale and development. Mr. Wechsler has no wish to develop it, however.

Mayor Isen's only doubt was with respect to the neighborhood people who came to the hearings in 1958 and had no reason to believe that the conditions would not remain. Mr. Phillips agreed there should be notice to the neighbors, but there was no established procedure for this type of petition, and asked if there should be hearings before the Planning Commission and if so, how many.

Councilman Miller asked the City Attorney if the Council could legally remove the conditions, without public hearings and Mr. Remelmeyer said his office has concluded that inasmuch as there is no particular statutory provision in the Land Use ordinance, that the petitioner would have to go through a similar procedure as when he applied for the zone change. Notice would be given to all property owners within 300 feet; two hearings would be held before the Planning Commission and the case would come to Council as any other zone change case. This procedure was satisfactory to Mr. Phillips who said he was attempting to get an affirmative ruling as to what is required and a directive as to notice and publication of the hearings.

Councilman Sciarrotta was confused as to whether the land is A-1 or C-2 and this was satisfactorily explained by City Attorney Remelmeyer. It was zoned C-2 but with restrictions which have not been met - the zone change itself was to take effect when the building was constructed. Consequently it would remain A-1. The filing fee has been paid previously on the zone change petition and Mayor Isen moved to refer the matter to the Planning Commission and treated as a zone change, merely to remove the conditions, and that there be no further filing fee required. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re ZC66-14, Standard Oil Company.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1723

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 235TH STREET APPROXIMATELY 125 FEET EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AT 2457 235th STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-14. (STANDARD OIL COMPANY)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance NO. 1723 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. PROPOSED ORDINANCE to reclassify Case ZC66-16, AMPCO METAL, INC.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1724

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN 212TH AND 213TH STREETS ON THE WEST SIDE OF BOW AVENUE AT 1825 WEST 213TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 66-16, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SAID PROPERTY. (AMPCO METAL, INC.)

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1724 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote, except for Councilman Miller who abstained because he is doing business with some of the people involved.

REAL PROPERTY:

12. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re purchase of tax deeded land.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-195

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-195 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

13. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re NO PARKING 2 to 5 A.M. signs on Maricopa east of Victor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-146, ARTICLE I, WHICH ESTABLISHES PROHIBITION OF PARKING FROM 2:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-196 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:14. PROTESTED POSITIONS:

This item is as a result of the final hearings on the classifications of certain employees following the Jacobs survey which reallocated the position of Intermediate Typist Clerk in the Fire Department to Secretary with continued regular standing for the incumbent and recommended that the position of Account Clerk in the Finance Department (Customer Service) identified by incumbent Rosetta E. Johnston, remain as is with continued regular standing for the incumbent.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations as to the two positions and Councilman Olson seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S WORK OF INSTALLATION OF BLEACHERS AT TORRANCE PARK. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Building and Safety Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to accept as satisfactory and complete.

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

16. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the expenditure of \$4216.16 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only 8 inch meter - model DC - (to L. A. specifications) and one 10 inch FM meter with six inch CT by-pass 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.

17. TRAVEL REQUESTS: City Attorney submitting request to attend annual conference of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, to be held in Quebec City, Canada, October 9 through 12, 1966, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Lyman moved to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

17A. REQUEST TO ATTEND FLEET AWARD DINNER by Bus Superintendent, International Ballroom, Beverly Hilton, September 19th.

City Manager Ferraro asked also that three employees, members of the safety group, be included, four in all, at \$12.00 each. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve attendance by Bus Superintendent Chamberlain and the three mentioned by Mr. Ferraro. Councilman Olson seconded.

Roll call vote was:

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

18. MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST. City Manager's suggested date of November 9th.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in scheduling the affair for November 9th, a Wednesday. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING AND ENDORSING
THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18 - 24, 1966, as NATIONAL
HIGHWAY WEEK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-197 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT NO. 23369, SUBDIVIDER: DON WILSON BUILDERS: Bond No. 520886, \$17,700.00. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer, noted by Acting Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Mayor Isen, a recess was declared in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting, there being no objection. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:35 p.m.

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21. SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Request of City Clerk for authorization to employ the firm of Martin & Chapman to furnish election supplies and services relating to the forthcoming Special Consolidated Election to be held November 8, 1966.

City Clerk Coil had recommended that Option B in the amount of \$7,370 be accepted and the necessary funds be appropriated and Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation. Councilman Lyman seconded and a lengthy discussion ensued.

Because of the many people present who are interested, Councilman Miller explained this is in reference to the situation being put on the ballot with respect to election of mayor by the council rather than the populace. He asked the City Attorney if the allocation of money to put the measure on the ballot were defeated, whether or not the item would still go on the ballot and Mr. Remelmeyer said "Yes". However, in the

event of rescission of last week's action, he believed the County Counsel would accept such a motion and permit the Registrar of Voters to effectively remove the measure from the ballot. There is no provision in the law to directly rescind the resolution.

Councilman Olson asked Mr. Remelmeyer whether or not the passage of such an amendment would affect the term of the present Mayor whose term still has three and a half years to run. Mr. Remelmeyer said he has not reached a conclusion on this "very good question". Any motion for reconsideration would necessarily come from one of the four councilmen who voted on the prevailing side of the question.

Mrs. Cleora Jordan of 4730 McAfee Road, said she had written a letter to the Daily Breeze which has not been published and she does not expect that it will be. If the manner in which this resolution was presented is to be the mode of government in our City, she proposed that there be an investigation into the generalized accusations made by Councilman Lyman in prefacing his motion.

Mr. Jeffrey Bradpiece of 23313 Date Avenue, asked that the Council seriously reconsider their action which would make a chairman responsible to the councilmembers rather than the people, which he thought would establish a four-man dictatorship. He expressed the belief that the dream described in the Daily Breeze editorial of a king and puppetry was the dream of Mr. Curry, its editor, rather than Mayor Isen. He disapproved of spending \$7,370 of the people's money on the theory that possibly the chairman would be removed. During the three and a half years remaining of Mr. Isen's term, there could be many changes of attitude and it is quite possible this whole procedure would be re-enacted. Mr. Bradpiece does not think there is a chance of this measure passing at election. He again urged reconsideration and said to so spend this money is criminal.

Mrs. Franka Summers of 1621 Flower Street spoke from the standpoint of freedom of the people to vote for their mayor, regardless of who the individual might be. She would prefer to take a chance on the choice of the people and expressed the hope that the Council would reconsider.

Mr. John Haidinger of 4502 Via Corona said regardless of the personalities at issue, he would plead with the Council not to so spend this money. The City voted in 1957 and there seems to be no reason to change what was established at that time and to change back would be taking three steps backward. He agreed with Mrs. Summers' statements.

Mr. F. C. Fuller of 23050 Nadine Circle, said he has lived in Torrance for fifteen years. He asked how the Council in good conscience can go against the wishes of the majority, 3½ to 1, expressed in the decision made in 1957. He spoke of coincidents in City government; of the apathy of the people; of the lack of knowledge of the ramifications of this action; the prosperity of the City under its present system. He questioned the councilmen who had voted in favor of the resolution individually as to their motives and statements.

Councilman Sciarrotta answered Mr. Fuller and went on to state that he had received many telephone calls and had called and talked with all of the councilmen except Mayor Isen, with the thought of possibly reconsidering. However, as a result of a group of telephone calls with intimidating overtones and threats of investigation, he has decided he cannot change his vote. He now welcomes investigation.

Councilman Lyman also answered to the effect that he believes this action is imperative so that all sides of the question can be aired and the public made aware of the things which would affect their decision and vote.

This public awareness and understanding of the ramifications of the action, Councilman Miller said, should have been established before the vote on the resolution. His opposition has never been to the presentation of the resolution, but rather to the precipitant thrusting of the resolution before the Council for immediate vote. He has no fear, however, that it will be approved by the people.

As to curbing the Mayor's powers, he said it is not necessary to have a title of either mayor or councilman, to go before the Planning Commission, for instance, and object to something. Councilman Miller called attention to the fact that the other councilmen have not had the duty of expediting the conducting of meetings and cannot really say with what degree of tact they would do so. What is involved is the freedom of choice and it is a shame to have to spend this kind of money to place this on the ballot when it could have been decided by a free and open discussion. If, in truth, it was necessary to send it to the Board of Supervisors at such an early time - perhaps it could have been presented to the Council at an earlier time. He expressed the feeling that this whole matter could have been better handled and the hope that there would be a motion for reconsideration - for the good of the City.

Councilman Beasley spoke in favor of the council selecting its own presiding officer, probably at regular intervals. Most of the people who are here tonight, he said, have never before attended a Council meeting and know nothing of its problems. Further, he said he has never hesitated to vote his honest convictions on any matter before the council, and he feels it would be well for the dignity and welfare of this City for the council to select its own presiding officer.

Councilman Olson said Councilman Miller had very well expressed the minority opinion. He, too, criticized the rush tactics used in presenting the resolution. The particulars of how the method would operate have not even been discussed. He is totally opposed to the way it is being done; he was opposed last week and is now.

Councilman Vico did not like Mr. Fuller's remarks and he called to everyone's attention the large sums of money spent in an attempt to get the South Bay College. Also he said he has nothing to fear from an investigation.

There is nothing new or radical about the proposal, Councilman Sciarrotta said, and its only result is the choosing of a presiding officer. He listed the various legislative bodies who choose their chairman in the way proposed and said the only argument is the spending of \$7,000. Many expensive surveys have been made. He said he hopes the people will be able to keep the present system, but it is necessary to find out what the pulse of the people indicates. If the people want the system as now established retained, he felt there was no reason to worry, and he stated again that the only good argument the people have is that money is being spent.

Mr. John W. Judd of 23505 Ladeene Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposed amendment, and related an incident at Council meeting when he was hurried through his presentation by the present Mayor. He feels the councilmen are better aware of who is qualified to act as chairman of the council than are the people.

Mr. Wm. Borton of 3116 Winlock Road, critically questioned both Councilman Beasley and Councilman Lyman and said there is no reason to spend \$7,000 to decide something which was decided several years ago. He feels the people wish to elect their mayor and they have that right, although there is not always a sufficient number running to be able to make a good choice.

Councilman Sciarrotta reminded him he could keep that right by voting.

Mr. Wallace Brown of 23038 Nadine Circle has been a resident for eighteen years and has seen Torrance grow from 22,000 population to its present status as a large city. He has voted both for and against the present mayor and voted to keep the system which is now in operation of choosing that mayor. He described the method of choosing a government head in Russia and the power struggle which results. If this proposal should pass at the November election, he questioned how it could ever be again reversed without a petition by the people. He favors the present system and presenting and passing the resolution in question, he said, was stupid. The cost of the election should not be the deciding factor. A more suitable proposition for the ballot would be the question of whether the mayor and council should have a salary commensurate with their responsibilities so they could devote full time to City business.

Councilman Vico recalled that the Mayor had asked, at the start of the meeting, how many were attending for the first time and asked the audience, rather, how many are here of their own free will. Mr. Brown said it is his first Council meeting, but certainly not his last.

Councilman Miller said, in effect, that the council operates as representatives of the people, elected for that purpose, whether or not the citizens are there checking on what they do.

Mr. Earl Jordan of 4730 McAfee Road, said all the councilmen represent him and he expects every man on the Council to have equal rights although as he understands it, three of the councilmen had no opportunity to read the proposition and know what was being proposed. He said, addressing Councilman Beasley, that he expects to protect one of the last freedoms people have.

Councilman Beasley moved the previous question and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen and the motion failed, thus continuing the discussion.

Mayor Isen declared a ten minute recess and the Council returned to its deliberations at 9:20 p.m.

Mr. Vincent Baron of 2941 West 235th Street stated he had read Mr. Lyman's article in the newspaper but Councilman Lyman corrected the implication that he had written any newspaper report, or that the quotations were necessarily accurate. Mr. Baron said he was referring to the statement that the Mayor could by various means influence the council's vote. He felt the mayor in his capacity as chairman acted as a check and balance. However, if the mayor is elected by the council members, Mr. Baron feels the very thing that Councilman Lyman evidently fears would become true in that the chairman might use his gavel for or against certain individuals.

Mr. Baron admonished Councilman Vico that he represents the people who elected him, referring to the statement earlier in the meeting that Councilman Vico would not change his vote, even if there were 50,000 people present who wished him to do so. He referred also to Mr. Vico's question as to how many people were present of their own free will. He also referred critically to a remark by Mr. Butcher on a television interview that there were shills at Council and Planning meetings on the cemetery proposition. He explained the word shill for the benefit of Councilman Vico.

Mr. Baron's comments to Councilman Sciarrotta were particularly pointed, stating that Mr. Sciarrotta speaks for both sides of the issue and the resulting confusion of voices in denial and resentment caused Mayor Isen to insist on more strict parliamentary procedure.

As a point of order, Councilman Lyman asked that the speaker, Mr. Baron, confine his remarks to the issue and that he not "cross-examine" the councilmen. Mayor Isen ruled Councilman Lyman out of order and invited an appeal of the decision of the Chair by vote. He also reminded Councilman Lyman that he had never followed through on a set of rules which he had requested be prepared for conducting Council meetings.

Councilman Beasley moved the previous question which, in effect, would eliminate any further debate and Councilman Vico seconded, then withdrew their motion, and Mr. Baron proceeded with his remarks. He is of the opinion that the question of how to elect a mayor may come up again and again in the future, causing future elections and expenditures. When machinery becomes superannuated in industry, its component parts are replaced and intimated such a procedure might be apt as to the Council.

Councilman Vico asked for what branch of government Mr. Baron works and was told it is the Federal Aviation Agency.

Mrs. Donald Hauser of 23009A Nadine Circle, who has lived in Torrance for fifteen years, said when the people voted to elect their mayor they had good cause to do so. She can see no reason why this proposition had to go through so hurriedly. It has not even been determined what effect its passage would have on the present mayor. The timing of this, she said, has been very bad for all the councilmen. Many things which have been decided by the Council might better have been considered more thoroughly and given more publicity. She suggested possibly the mayor's term should be limited to two terms; should the mayor's office be salaried? The people can sense personal things are causing conflict and she recommended more adult consideration of issues, and less emotion. In conclusion she asked that if the Council is serious about this, to please put it before the people at a time when there are no prejudices and people can think this through sensibly.

Mr. Robert White of 3242 Torrance Boulevard, feels he is seeing the actions of a pressure group. He favors a living constitution, one that can be changed, and the Charter of the City of Torrance should also be a living document capable of being changed. He outlined the change by the City to its present system in 1957 and remarked that since that time the City has grown by 100,000 population. These new residents should be given the opportunity to decide as to the type of mayor and council set-up and he hopes this program will be continued on through election.

Mr. Stanley Dunn of 505 Via la Selva, commented as to Mr. White's remarks that the value of any change is that it is reasoned; approached through proper timing, hearings and consideration. A change in the charter is not what is being opposed, but rather the lack of time to consider it. He said to decide a charter issue under the pressure of conflict is not fair nor adequate. The only issue now technically before the Council is the appropriation of the money for the election costs. He thought the money might better be spent for any one of the many things Torrance needs more - library books, police, a juvenile delinquency control division, sports and playground equipment.

Mayor Isen said sometime ago the League of Women Voters made an extensive study of the Charter, including these provisions, and the Council agreed that time was too short - before the April elections - and there should be a blue ribbon committee appointed to go over all the provisions of the Charter and suggest changes to be presented to the people for adoption or denial. Because of many other pressing problems, this has not been done but is among the things to be done by the City Manager's office. The committee is to sift out areas for study and recommendation by professionals.

Although Torrance has grown phenomenally, he thought Mr. White's figures were a little high. There were about 40,000 people when Mr. Isen was elected as a councilman and around 75,000 when the charter change was adopted in 1957, under which the Mayor is elected by the people.

Mayor Isen believes most of the people would like to have a streamlined charter. The present charter provides for a very weak mayoralty and the trend of government is toward a strong mayor type of government, but this is the responsibility of the people. He does not believe the people want a yes man for a mayor, or one who enjoys the festive duties of the office to the point where he would quake at the thought of losing it through disagreement with the other councilmen's opinions on important issues. This might be true if he were elected by the council members.

Mayor Isen said as to whether or not his office would be affected by this proposed change, that the twelve years have been a long, difficult struggle and he does not believe that his vested interest in the term of office can be cut short. The \$7500 now being considered, he described as an exorbitant waste but it may prove to be a good thing because he is sure the people do not want the right taken from them and will come out strongly against the proposition. The results of this November election will no doubt be reflected at the next election of councilmen, and may prove in the long run to be very effective.

Again, Mayor Isen said he has one vote only and no way of influencing the balance of the council. To say otherwise is to insult the intelligence of the people of Torrance.

His appearance at the Planning Commission, Mayor Isen said was only to point out what he believed to be a mistake in mode of procedure. Any one of the councilmen could have, and should have, done the same thing.

Councilman Olson pointed out to Mr. White with respect to his statements regarding a living charter, that he too is a representative of the people who appoint him, as a union business agent, and he doubted if Mr. White would vote on a contract without reading it. This is exactly what the councilmen were asked to do with respect to Mr. Lyman's resolution.

Councilman Miller added one sentence: "We voted on it last week and had the hearing tonight."

The motion was to appropriate the \$7,370 (Option B) as recommended for the costs of the November election on this one particular subject and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, and Mayor Isen. (Miller as a protest)

22. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re licensing, taxation and regulation of businesses.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1725

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE I THROUGH IV OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW ARTICLES I THROUGH IV IN SAID CHAPTER 16 ESTABLISHING THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING, TAXATION AND REGULATION OF BUSINESS AND TRADES IN THE CITY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1725 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1725 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. ORDINANCE NO. 1720.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1720 at this its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

24. ORDINANCE NO. 1721.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second 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, 1954 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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1721 at this, its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

25. ORDINANCE NO. 1722:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 NON-RESIDENTIAL 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1722 at this, its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. City Manager Ferraro asked for assistance in naming a day for dedication of the traffic signal at Del Amo Boulevard and Anza. It was decided to set October 4, 1966, a Tuesday, at 3:30 p.m. and the Council will be notified.

27. City Manager Ferraro welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Mosley home from their European trip.

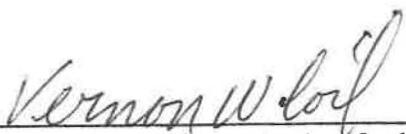
28. Councilman Beasley reported briefly on the appearance he and Assistant City Manager Scharfman made before the interim committee of the Alcoholic Beverage Control, at which they objected to the method of distribution of licenses throughout the County. There is an unequal distribution as to Torrance - one for every 1400 people; 96 within the City of which 38 are within a very small downtown area. The legislative acts taken by the City to attempt to control the situation were described to the committee.

29. Councilman Sciarrotta said while in Washington, D. C., he discussed the income tax kick-back to cities movement with several congressman who appeared to be sympathetic, but did not actually make any commitment. Many cities have registered their wishes by proper correspondence and resolutions urging consideration and enactment of the proper legislation. Under a system of \$10 per taxpayer, Torrance would be eligible for \$1,400,000. Mr. Sciarrotta enumerated several reasons why this kick-back system would be advantageous.

Mr. Sciarrotta asked that the Legal Department prepare a resolution in favor of such a plan, with copies to pertinent senators and representatives, after and if it is adopted by the Council.

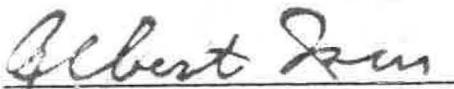
On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Mayor Isen, this meeting was adjourned to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, September 14, 1966 for the purpose of hearing on the Civil Service Ordinance, a special meeting. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The time was 10:15 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary

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