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Torrance, California  
September 27, 1966

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 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, Sciarrotta, Olson, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Airport Commissioner Blankenship led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend E. E. Brideweser of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection opened the meeting with an invocation and was presented with Certificate of Appreciation of his inspirational guidance during the month.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held September 14, 1966 and September 20, 1966. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited 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 Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure and asked that Item 34 be considered at this time, out of order.

34. PURCHASE OF WATER RIGHTS FROM R. A. WATT COMPANY:

The recommendation of the Acting Water Superintendent, concurred in by the City Manager, is to purchase from R. A. Watt Company 210.53 acre feet in pumping rights for \$100 per acre foot. Councilman Lyman moved to concur and authorize such purchase; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:8. MARBLE ESTATES ZONING MATTERS:

A. APPEAL TO CITY COUNCIL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 66-31 for a cemetery on M-2 zoned property southerly of 235th Street and westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard, described as portion of Tract 2200.

Mayor Isen asked that the proponents first make their presentation and asked that speakers on either side not repeat what has been said before, in order to keep within reasonable time limits.

Mr. George Bluett, a management consultant, with offices at 2371 Torrance Boulevard, residence 5901 Waukesha, Palos Verdes, spoke on behalf of Dan Butcher. He pointed out other Southern California cities who have experienced great population explosions and yet have provided cemeteries principally Anaheim and West Covina. Mr. Bluett said this would be a planned interment repository, a thing of beauty, and it is difficult to understand why a community would reject something so obviously necessary. He quoted from a survey statistics which indicate that the five cemeteries now available to Torrance will be filled within the next ten years, and respectfully requested that the conditional use permit be granted. After the opposition has been heard, Mr. Bluett will speak in rebuttal.

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

No one else appearing to wish to speak for the appellants, Mayor Isen invited the opposition to speak.

City Clerk Coil listed the following communications which have been received in opposition: Petition with 31 signatures; letter from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krueger, Earl M. Emanuel, Mrs. Eleanor L. Emanuel, Mrs. Harold St. Onge, Maxwell Klum, and Marguerite A. Thomas, as well as a letter from Dr. Hassen which had been received earlier and included in the agenda material.

Mr. Jeffrey Bradpiece, 23313 Date Avenue, spoke from the standpoint of the tax revenue which will be lost to the City. Another drawback would be the prohibition of thoroughfares because of the cemetery, and read various excerpts from State and City law. Mr. Bradpiece believes Mr. Butcher and Mr. Wilson will by some legal maneuvering avoid the interment tax, or cause many years of litigation.

Mrs. Donald Hauser of 23009 Nadine Circle referred to the City Attorney's report and the computation of interment tax by Mr. Dundore, the Finance Director, and quoted vital statistics which indicated that the death rate in Torrance would have to exceed that of Los Angeles County 2 to 1, even though admittedly the average of Torrance citizens is 25 years.

Mrs. Rose Craig, a Torrance realtor, whose residence address is 4009 Sepulveda Boulevard, expressed opposition to the use of prime industrial land for a cemetery, and read an article which enumerated the many advantages to a community through attracting new industry.

Mr. Harry Weaver who lives at 2212 Thorley Place, Palos Verdes Estates, represented the Chamber of Commerce of Torrance as head of the Industrial Development Committee. His company is Union Carbide on Del Amo Boulevard near Hawthorne. He said Torrance can attract industry and there has been a phenomenal growth of industries near Lomita Boulevard. Neither the price of land nor the taxes here are too high to attract industry at this time, and he named those which have come within the past two years and the number of employees of each. Industry is no longer unattractive as far as the structures and surroundings are concerned.

Mr. Weaver listed the various City agencies which have rejected the idea of a cemetery at this location and referred to a letter from the Chamber of Commerce written about a year ago which the Chamber still holds as its view. Further, he said in answer to a question by Councilman Sciarrotta, he is authorized to express this opposition of the Chamber. Mayor Isen called attention to other industries which have recently come to Torrance, but Mr. Weaver said he was talking only about this immediate vicinity on Lomita Boulevard. R. G. Harris is working on an industrial park on Lomita and Marshall Laboratories will be established in the neighborhood soon.

Mr. Gene Caprio, 22920 Nadine Circle, read into the record the following letter from the Board of Governors of New Horizons:

"Gentlemen: It has come to the attention of the undersigned that a letter may be in the possession of the Planning Commission or the Torrance City Council, stating that the Board of Governors of New Horizons has offered its approval of the proposed cemetery now being considered by the Council. For the record, I wish to state that at no time has the Board of Governors of New Horizons offered such approval publicly or privately. A majority of the owners in New Horizons emphatically disapprove of the proposed cemetery but no official action has been taken by our board in this matter."

Mr. Caprio is Chairman of the Board of Governors of New Horizons.

Mr. Chuck Kastner, a Torrance realtor, spoke of the Torrance Airport as one of its greatest assets toward attracting industry. The City is buying property at the west end of the airport for urban renewal, to be used for industry. The property here considered is within half a mile of the airport - why should the City buy property at the west end of the Airport and then decide industrially zoned property is not needed for industry within half a mile? He asked for a vote against the planned cemetery.

Mr. Jack Saling of 22640 Juniper Avenue, a member of the Board of Palo Del Amo Homeowners Association, reaffirmed its stand against the cemetery. The majority of the citizens of Torrance, the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission, are against the cemetery and he admonished the councilmen that they are elected to represent those citizens and should vote as the people wish. Otherwise, the people will certainly remember and the homeowner associations will not let them forget.

Mr. F. C. Fuller of 23050 Nadine Circle presented a card of protest from Lee Willard and family; also a number of signatures of residents of New Horizons, which he presented to City Clerk Coil. Mr. Fuller believes the City owes proper access roads to the Del Amo Shopping Center, referring to Madrona and Maple Avenues. He read from the City Code regarding the regulations prior to granting a conditional use permit. Many citizens object to crematoriums. He does not feel he has had proper response from the councilmen he has discussed this with. He promised growing interest from the citizens in City government and urged not granting the permit.

There is some possibility that one of the freeway study areas runs through the property under discussion and Mr. Fuller and the Council talked about this. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had been reliably informed that the City officials of Torrance would make the decision on that particular freeway's location and until that is determined this appeal cannot be solved.

Councilman Beasley stated this is not the way the State Highway Commission operates; the State Highway engineers will make two recommendations as to routes late this year, based on cost per mile, the number of people who can be served, etc. and none of the factors are

political. If the State Highway Commission has determined that the route will go through the cemetery, Mr. Beasley said they will communicate with the State Cemetery Board, as they are well aware of the problem.

Councilman Olson reminded the meeting that what decision may be reached by the Highway Commission is purely speculative.

Mayor Isen questioned Mr. Fuller as to the petition he had presented: there are 211 signatures and they are true and correct signatures. The petition was ordered filed, and Mr. Coil read the narrative portion aloud.

Mayor Isen suggested a recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Councilman Beasley so moved; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

A ten minutes recess followed with the Council returning to its agenda at 9:12 p.m.

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Continuing with the public hearing on the appeal, Wallace E. Brown who resides at 23038 Nadine Circle, had a correction to note in the figures which Mr. Bradpiece had mentioned. Since it appears Mr. Wilson is only furnishing 18 or 20 acres toward the cemetery - and the rest to go into homes - there will be \$134,848.50 off the tax rolls. Mr. Brown does not want to be one of those who assume this deficit.

Mr. William Borton of 3116 Winlock Road, said he represents several families in the Walteria section, and compared this project to the project now claiming his attention, the proposed dump at Torrance Sand & Gravel Co. site. Neither, he said, is the highest and best use of the land.

Mr. Harold St. Onge of 2929 West 235th Street, agreed with the other protesting citizens and presented a petition containing 57 names to that effect. The signatures are those of people who live on 235th and adjacent area and Mr. Onge said he would vouch for their authenticity.

Mr. Vincent Baron of 2941 West 231st Street read from the City Code conditions on conditional use permits for cemeteries and hoped the Council would investigate the conditions before granting any permit. He read the contents of a petition which had been presented at the Planning Commission level with ten reasons for not granting the permit, and corrected a couple of statements which had been made with respect to the proposed freeway and access by railroad, streets or alleys. He cautioned the councilmen on their duty to represent the people and said if, after having heard all the evidence on this appeal, the vote is in favor of the cemetery permit, the councilmen's reasons for so voting could well be questionable.

Mrs. Hauser inquired of Councilman Sciarrotta, if it becomes necessary for the City to purchase the property to extend one of the north/south streets through, whether the price would be at cemetery property values, or at the market value of the property as acreage and was told it would be at market value.

Councilman Lyman asked that the hearing proceed as a normal hearing. Each of the councilmen will, no doubt, wish to make a statement after the hearing is closed.

Mrs. Vera Powell of 2909 West 235th Street presented a petition containing 127 signatures obtained from the residents of 235th Street, the apartment units. She commented that so far no reference has been made to any plans for the proposed cemetery which she had understood would be presented.

Mrs. Mary Walker of 5203 Asteria Street recalled a referendum to stop industrial zoning on property south of Sepulveda Boulevard. Attached to the cemetery proposal would be the R-1 of Mr. Wilson, which will be under the flight pattern. Her opposition to the cemetery is from a financial viewpoint. There is no objection to the cemetery as far as the airport location is concerned, but the homes also would be under the flight pattern. The establishment of this residential parcel would tend to disturb the balance of the City's planning. Mrs. Walker wants the industrial zoning to stay and feels the big issue is the residential rather than the cemetery use.

Mr. Lee Center, 3011 Johnson Avenue, Redondo Beach, spoke from the viewpoint of a pilot who uses Torrance Airport and as a member of the Los Angeles Airport Commission. He spoke of the critical need for airports. The land available for airports over the state and the nation, is becoming less and less. Regardless of the decision on this appeal, he asked the Council to consider carefully the effect it will have on the Airport which is one of the most valuable assets a city can have. About 15 airports in the County have been abandoned although the need for airports in the area is becoming greater and greater because of the great growth in the aviation industry.

Mrs. Marylou Carpenter of 2614 Grand Summit, agreed with the others who had spoken in opposition and said she did not think the location could ever be made beautiful or serene as she thought a cemetery should be.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Bluett to speak in rebuttal, if he wished.

Mr. Bluett said while the people are sincere in their belief that they are going to be damaged in their property rights, but they overlook the fact that they are attempting to make decisions as to his client's property and what he may or may not do. If this property remains industrial he said it could be used for a fertilizer plant, or other objectionable uses.

This hearing should be for the purpose of hearing arguments for or against the particular proposal made and Mr. Bluett stated his client intends to spend a considerable amount of money in the construction of buildings of quality - probably up to a million dollars. New Horizons has a six foot wall and there is one down Crenshaw Boulevard and they are not unattractive. There is no intent to decrease the value of anyone's property. In other cities, for instance, West Covina, the new Forest Lawn cemetery is adjacent to very expensive homes and the adjacent homeowners have found there is no reason to object to its appearance.

Councilman Lyman moved to close the hearing. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Lyman was anxious to speak on the subject, but Councilman Olson said he wished to make a motion. The gist of his remarks are that while Torrance has enough homes and apartments, it could use more jobs. Because of the Airport the area mentioned for homes is not suitable.

Councilman Olson moved to concur with the Planning Commission's third finding on the case; that the Conditional Use Permit be denied and that the houses also be denied. Councilman Miller seconded.

Councilman Miller made a statement at this time, stating he was on the council and took part in the industrial zoning of this entire parcel of land. The agreement was to hold the line and preserve a balanced community. There is now a possibility of commercial development at the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda. There is very little industrially zoned land left in the City. The land in question was zoned industrial; the proponents knew it when they bought - and it should stay industrial.

Councilman Lyman said this is one of the most important decisions to come before the council, based not upon whether or not to have a cemetery. Thirteen months of study have gone into this and he said he would like to outline the basic issues for the people's information. He recounted the history of the zoning of the land in question from the time it was first presented as a request for R-1 on the Butcher property. He has always felt R-1 is the best for that land, and said more population is needed to meet the demand of the shopping and financial centers in existence and the larger ones which are being planned.

A school has been placed in the immediate area; a hospital is planned for it and there is no more danger there than in any other area of the city. He does not believe that every foot of the city should be developed industrially; people and homes are not bad. Commercial development can play an important place in a community and provides a desirable tax base. Commercial development is based on people. If "industry only" were valid Beverly Hills would be the poorest city in Los Angeles County and Vernon would be the wealthiest. High value commercial development can be surrounded by high value residential development.

Mr. Lyman believes the City has the opportunity of developing another Century City of commercial and residential property second to none in the nation. Del Amo Properties is negotiating to develop another Century City and a requirement is that the railroad tracks be removed, as it is too risky to invest \$200,000,000 with the possibility of a high density switching operation which would cut the property. He said the City should take every possible step toward developing as Del Amo Properties has proposed, and that the railroad tracks be removed.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he voted for the cemetery a couple of months ago because he believed it would be compatible to the nearby airport from which the City derives a great deal of revenue. Giving up the R-3 along Crenshaw he said would more than make up for the handicaps which 135 homes might bring to the City. Aesthetically, it would improve the city to have this open green space and he said experts have stated that memorial parks do not adversely affect nearby property. He mentioned the fifty acres near the airport and the Pueblo district as replacement for the industrial zoning which might be lost.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he will not vote for the second reading of the ordinance until certain conditions are stipulated in an airtight fashion, so as to be a part of the conditional use permit. His conditions were: an absolute decision on a solution for Madrona Avenue; a determination on the amount of the burial tax which has been discussed; absolutely no crematorium.

He asked also for more information about the freeway; is the City going to have any say in determining its route? He had had occasion to view Forest Lawn Memorial Park recently and admired its beauty. In this connection, what, he asked, will be the precise plan for this project? Repeating his warning that he will not vote for the second reading of the ordinance until these things are explained fully to his satisfaction, he moved as a substitute "that this be postponed until these things are made airtight and the proponents are willing and agreeable to conform with all of these before. . ." Councilman Lyman seconded.

Mayor Isen said he would like to speak on both Councilman Olson's motion, and Councilman Sciarrotta's substitute motion. He believes the promise of a second Century City is a lure and is presented only for the purpose of confusing the issue. No such project has come to Mayor Isen's knowledge. A newspaper had mentioned some negotiations between Santa fe and Del Amo Properties.

Santa Fe is interested in box cars being filled and shipped out and Mayor Isen doubts that they plan to remove their tracks.

The Council unanimously rejected Mr. Butcher's request for a conditional use permit for a cemetery in about late January of this year - the only thing that has changed since that date is the coming and going of April 12, 1966.

Nothing is definite in this proposal and as now constituted, Mayor Isen called it a "booby trap" to every man, woman and child in this city. If a conditional use permit were to be granted, the motion made by Councilman Lyman at the previous meeting, would once it were passed, grant Don Wilson his R-1 zone and maybe more. Nothing is written into the motion which requires compliance of any kind by Mr. Butcher. The area will be cut up piecemeal and the City will miss out on industry.

Mayor Isen addressed remarks on the burial tax figure to Finance Director Dundore and reminded him that he had not considered the school tax, the County tax and the special assessment districts. Torrance's city tax is only about 16¢ of the Torrance taxpayer's dollar. Instead of the \$8 mentioned by Mr. Dundore, Mayor Isen said \$50 would be more realistic under these circumstances.

From the standpoint of a lawyer Mayor Isen stated in this appeal, the appellants did not make out a case before the Planning Commission, nor here before the Council. They have not complied with paragraph 20 of the Land Use ordinance. Two specific requirements which Mayor Isen mentioned were proof of financial ability to maintain and develop the proposed cemetery; and submission of adequate plans for perpetual care of the cemetery. In order to do that there should be a plot plan with every grave and every crypt marked. There are problems of access, of the streets, a park, screening from adjoining properties. If this were so appealed in a court of law and demurrer were filed, it would be proper for the Court to dismiss the appeal, on the ground that no showing had been made. He asked City Attorney Remelmeyer his opinion on this.

Mr. Remelmeyer said satisfaction of those two conditions must be made before the Council can grant the permit. However, satisfaction of those two conditions is also necessary before a permit can be acquired from the State Board of Cemeteries. Messrs. Butcher and Wilson said they did not wish to go to the expense of preparing this type of analysis for the Council unless they have reasonable assurance that the Council will grant the conditional use permit. It is possible for the Council to tentatively grant them a permit subject to these various conditions listed in the agenda material, but it could not be finalized until such time as this precise plan material were presented to the Council. They could present it to the State and get their approval and then bring it back to the Council for its approval.

Mayor Isen said Torrance has a very liberal section of the law which allows cemeteries in any zone and he does not wish to have the City pre-empted by the State. He believed Councilman Sciarrotta's substitute motion should be withdrawn, the appeal dismissed and then start over.

Councilman Lyman did not agree - he said the permit should be granted, subject to a precise plan, with as many conditions as the Council wished to attach. There are two ways to defeat this project, one to vote against it and the other to drag it out over a period of years.

Councilman Beasley said in Item 4 of the Staff recommendations the two questions, precise plan and financial ability, are taken up, and these other conditions mentioned by Mr. Sciarrotta could be included by

a simple motion. The detailed plans will have to come before the Council.

Mayor Isen answered both Councilman Beasley and Councilman Lyman to the effect that they are making out the case for the appellants, whereas the law requires that they make their case. Any couple of citizens who find it necessary to have more space in their home and ask for a permit to add a bedroom is required to bring in plans in full detail, give a street dedication, etc. because they do not have someone on the Council to present their case. He submitted that any Court in California at this stage in proceedings would say that this case has to be dismissed. If the conditional use permit is granted by the Council, Don Wilson would be in business and could start the homes very soon. Many people object to the homes as well as the cemetery.

Councilman Olson said there seems to be some question as to whether or not this is still a 4 to 3 vote. One councilman who voted for it is now modifying his affirmative vote.

This substitute motion of Councilman Sciarrotta was not to table, it was to continue the appeal, but a time certain must be set, City Attorney Remelmeyer said.

Mr. Joe Doss, representing Mr. Butcher, said he believed his principal would concur in the suggestion and would like to present a detailed plan but he would like to know exactly which suggestion or alternate suggestion he should follow in preparing such details for the Council.

Councilman Miller said he cannot vote for a delay. He is against both the cemetery and the R-1 zoning, per se, the basic concept is detrimental to the city.

Councilman Olson asked Councilman Sciarrotta if he would consider withdrawing his motion until such time as Councilman Olson's original motion is voted on - the motion to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission in denial of the conditional use permit. Councilman Sciarrotta consented, as did his second and roll call vote on the original motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Sciarrotta, and Vico.

Councilman Lyman then moved that this matter be continued until the Council meeting of November 22, 1966, an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute, that inasmuch as a case has not been made by appellants, that their appeal be denied, without prejudice. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson and Mayor Isen.

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

On the failure of the substitute motion, the motion now on the floor is the motion to continue the case to November 22, 1966 and roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Mayor Isen.

Junior Citizens' Day which has been planned for November 22nd will be rescheduled by the City Manager's office.

Mr. Wallace Brown asked how a referendum would be initiated and Mayor Isen told him by petition, with the legally necessary number of signatures, presented before the next time the Council acts on this question. He was advised to talk with City Attorney Remelmeyer.

City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested the consideration of the Ordinance on the Wilson property, ZC 65-61, be also continued to November 22, 1966, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

After a ten minute recess, the Council returned to its agenda at 11 p.m. Councilman Beasley did not return.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. PROPOSED RESOLUTION REVISING MASTER PLAN NO. 2, South Torrance Oil Fields.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING MASTER PLAN NUMBER 2, SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELDS, BY THE REALIGNMENT OF 232ND STREET BETWEEN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND ARLINGTON AVENUE.

Councilman Miller discussed with Planning Director Shartle a different manner of alignment and City Manager Ferraro believed it would be helpful to study the subject further as to cost. On suggestion of Mayor Isen, the resolution was held for thirty days. The number assigned above will be retained.

10. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re ZC66-17, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1727

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, ON THE SOUTH BY ARTESIA BOULEVARD, ON THE WEST BY HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, AND ON THE EAST BY AMIE AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-17, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SAID PROPERTY. (TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1727 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

11. CUL DE SAC NAMING: The recommendation of the Planning Commission is to name this short cul de sac street on the north side of 190th Street between Van Ness Avenue and Western Avenue, Gramercy Place.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. REQUEST OF GEORGE E. McMULLEN FOR EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 25.32 of City Code. Right of Way dedication as a condition of improving property.

The recommendation of the Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, is that the request be denied.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullen of 23725 Cabrillo Avenue were present and Mrs. McMullen spoke first, reading portions of Ordinance No. 1208. In reply, Mayor Isen read the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and stated that to his knowledge this policy had never been deviated from. He asked if she had any stringent arguments in favor of such deviation. The street to the north has been widened, but not to the south. Cabrillo is a select system street, Mr. Nollac said, and the present plan is to wait until the dedications are received from other lots to the south so there would be one complete project and would include curb and gutter. Sidewalks are installed at the expense of the property owner.

Mrs. McMullen distributed snapshots of the property and sketches of the proposed improvement to the councilmen.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said if the policy were varied in this case it would then become necessary to vary in each case where such a request might be made.

Mr. McMullen also spoke from the standpoint of the ordinance from which Mrs. McMullen had read and asked the Council to consider the problem in the light of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1208.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in denial as recommended by the Director of Public Works; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent)

#### SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN 164TH STREET between Taylor Court and the easterly City boundary (B66-60). Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept subject work.

Mayor Isen moved to accept the work and make final payment to the contractor, Chet Kohler Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,612.70. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

#### BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

14. PROPOSED ORDINANCE prohibiting billboards for ninety days.

Councilman Lyman asked about the large signs painted on one of the Union Oil Company tanks near Lomita and Crenshaw Boulevards intersection. Building and Safety Director McKinnon told him that is classified as a sign, rather than a billboard, in that it advertises the product of the business at that location.

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1728

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OR DISPLAY OF ANY BILLBOARD OR BILLBOARD STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR A NINETY DAY PERIOD AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1728 at its first and only reading, as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF EL NIDO PARK RESTROOMS (B66-49). Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the construction of El Nido Park restrooms be accepted and the contractor paid, retaining 10% for not more than 40 days.

Councilman Miller moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

16. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD REQUEST FOR EXTENSION. George Denbo, at 3000 Pacific Coast Highway. The recommendation is for approval, of the sixty day extension request.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur, Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

17. REJECTED BIDS. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, concurred in by City Manager, that the bids for waterproofing, plaster repair and painting of Fire Stations 1, 2 and 4 be rejected.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations for the reasons set forth in the communication. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS re NO PARKING ANYTIME signs on Crenshaw Boulevard, both sides, between Del Amo and Dominguez.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, ARTICLE III, BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

This is for Crenshaw Boulevard, both sides, between Del Amo and Dominguez. Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-203 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, ARTICLE III, BY REPEALING SECTION 7 THEREIN AND BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

This is for Crenshaw Boulevard, west side, between Torrance Boulevard and 190th Street. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-204; Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, ARTICLE III, BY REPEALING SECTION 6 THEREIN AND BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

This is for Crenshaw Boulevard, east side, between Dominguez Street and 190th Street. Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-205 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. CLAIM of Mrs. Willard A. Smith for damages resulting from vehicle accident on August 31, 1966.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

20. TESTING CONTRACT FOR SAFETY PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS: Recommendation of Civil Service Commission and Director of Personnel with concurrence of City Manager.

Mayor Isen moved to approve the testing contract and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

21. PURCHASE OF POLICE, STREET AND SANITATION VEHICLE RADIOS. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor, Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to purchase radios from Motorola.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PASSENGER CARS (B66-75) Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to approve an award to Ray Vane, Inc.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation made and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TIRES AND TUBES (B66-68) Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to approve an award to Desser Tire and Rubber Co.

Mayor Isen asked for more information on the amount of this contract and also as to whether this could be done through cooperation with the County of Los Angeles, as with the gasoline contract. City Manager Ferraro will report on both questions at a later council meeting.

25. RENEWAL OF BUS LEASE TIRE AGREEMENT: Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Bus Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to approve renewal of Bus Lease Tire Agreement, with B. F. Goodrich Co.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

26. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the following four items of expenditure:

1. \$370.55 to Pacific States Inc. for 17 6 and 8 inch cement lined pipe fittings to be used for stock by the Water Department.
2. \$512.72 to Econolite Corp. for one traffic signal controller to be installed by Traffic and Lighting, as a maintenance replacement.
3. \$369.72 to Victor Comptometer for one only Multimatic Calculator to be used by Purchasing in pricing department requisitions, running extensions, and figuring sales tax.
4. \$1,215.92 to Prismo California Company for thermo plastic tape plus miscellaneous traffic control words of the same material to be applied as permanent markings to streets for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic control.

Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

27. COMPUTER SYSTEMS WORK. Recommendation of Finance Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that Associated Aero Science Laboratories, Inc. be retained.

Mayor Isen said he would like to have an overall report on the future of computers in the City offices. City Manager Ferraro, however, offered an oral report at this time but said he would like to meet with the council to discuss it further. He does recommend approval of this item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested approval. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

28. AWARD OF CONTRACT OF IMPROVEMENT OF LA CARRETERA PARK (B66-67) Recommendation of Director of Public Works, noted by Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, that McAMIS ENGINEERING be awarded the contract and all other bids be rejected. \$30,275.13.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, except for Councilman Vico who voted "No" and Councilman Beasley who was absent.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

29. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement between City and Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc. fiscal year 1966-67.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1966-67.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-206 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:30. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re weed abatement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-207

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 Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-207 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

31. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE RETURN OF PORTION OF INCOME TAX.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADOPT AN EQUITABLE RETURN OF A PORTION OF THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-208 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

32. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re After Hour Restaurants regulation.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1729

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE LV "AFTER-HOURS RESTAURANTS" TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF AFTER-HOURS EATING ESTABLISHMENTS.

Mayor Isen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1729 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

PROCLAMATION:

33. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 3 through 7, 1966, as TORRANCE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP WEEK.

34. Appears at the first of this meeting's minutes.

35. City Manager Ferraro announced an October Clean-up Day and distributed an informational bulletin on the subject.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

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

## APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance