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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, January 24, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Isen welcomed the members of the Senior American Government Class who were present with their instructor, Mr. Eubanks, from West High School.

The new Park and Recreation Commission member, Mr. Dean Cole, was introduced by Mayor Isen and welcomed to membership.

Mayor Isen also announced it a pleasure to introduce to the Council and the audience the newest Judge of the South Bay Municipal Court, George Perkovich, who will be holding court in the new courthouse soon.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Judge Perkovich led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Minister of the Month of January, Reverend Philip Hiller of the First Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the January 17th meeting, together with the adjourned session held on January 18th be approved.

Later in the meeting Mr. L. J. Beauchamp of 3819 Artesia Boulevard complained of being quoted out of context with respect to the home inspection program and asked that paragraph three on page 14 of the Council minutes be changed to show, rather than "He asked if the City would not purchase his home rather than inspect." that if expensive alterations were found to be required the City would consider purchasing his home." Mayor Isen asked that the change be made to conform to Mr. Beauchamp's intent and there was no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta included this change in his motion and with the second of Councilman Vico, the motion carried, there being no further objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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. The motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

8. VARIANCE 66-17, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS: Request to allow expansion of an existing school, South Bay Junior Academy, in the R-3 and M-1 zones located at 4400 Del Amo Boulevard. Recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard against the recommendation and there was no response.

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

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval, subject to all conditions and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CUP 66-40, ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY: Appeal of Rolling Hills Plaza Company for a conditional use permit to allow the use of a trailer for office space on C-3 zoned property, located at 25348 Crenshaw Boulevard. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to conditions.

A later communication from the Planning Director recommended that the appeal of conditional use permit application No. 66-40, be withdrawn from the agenda. Such conditional use permit is no longer necessary for occupancy of the trailer as permanent facilities are being constructed on the same premises for the same persons.

The item was withdrawn in accordance with Mr. Shartle's recommendation.

10. CUP 66-38, ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY appeal for a conditional use permit to allow construction and operation of a drive-in theatre on property zoned C-3 located northerly of Pacific Coast Highway at the easterly City boundary. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to conditions, and for denial by the Planning Department.

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

The recommendation is that the Council continue the appeal for a period of thirty days and, at such time as the results of the Airport Negotiating Team negotiations are available, that they be referred directly to the Council Airport Committee for review before returning to Council.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard. Attorney George Kurtz of 1425 Marcelina Avenue stated he represents some of the property owners in Lomita whose properties adjoin the proposed drive-in theatre site. If the matter is continued any objections may be presented at that time.

Councilman Beasley moved that the item be continued to the regular 8:00 p.m., Council meeting on February 28, 1967 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

11. PP66-7, GEORGE E. STEINKAMP: Petition for a precise plan of development for a commercial development located at the southwest corner of 182nd Street and Western Avenue. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval, subject to certain conditions.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval, including the nineteen conditions appended. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. PROPOSED ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in ZC66-22 located on the north side of Artesia Boulevard westerly of Van Ness Avenue from A-1 to C-3.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1744

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD WESTERLY OF VAN NESS AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZC 66-22. (TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1744 at its first reading; Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

However, Mr. Courtland Selvage, 2210 West 173rd Street, said he and the other residents of the area had not been notified of this matter coming up for hearing; he had attended one of the Council meetings on the subject and the Planning Commission meetings.

The neighbors were "dumfounded" at the change, he said.

Mayor Isen said originally a medical building was to be placed here, but did not materialize. The difference between C-2 and C-3 is that C-2 would permit apartments and the Council thought it would be better to have C-3 and eliminate this possibility as C-3 would restrict the use to business. Anything which might prove to be objectionable would require a conditional use permit - such things as a drive-in restaurant, filling station, or beer bar. The residents are more protected now than before.

There was some question about how much of the land is to be included in the change to C-3 and Councilman Miller said he believes there is an error; the Council's intent as he recalled was to make more land under C-3 than is set forth in this ordinance. In this set of circumstances, Mayor Isen suggested that the matter go back to the Planning Commission for study of the larger area, which evidently the Council had intended. City Attorney Remelmeyer said this may not be necessary; the notice as published may have included all the property.

Mayor Isen moved that this item be referred back to the Planning Commission and that Gordon Phillips, attorney for Mr. Wechsler, be notified of the time it will be there considered. Councilman Vico added a provision of notification of the homeowners in the area also, and seconded Mayor Isen's motion. There was no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to rescind the action by which Ordinance No. 1744 was approved at its first reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

#### STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. SIDEWALKS AT DEL AMO SHOPPING CENTER: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that public sidewalks be required along the Hawthorne, Sepulveda and Carson frontages of the Del Amo Shopping Center.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the requirement recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. There was no objection.

Mr. Herman Link, the Manager of Sears Store and Mr. William Belding, Store Manager of the Del Amo Broadway were in the audience and Mayor Isen introduced them to the audience.

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After a ten minute recess, the Council returned to its agenda at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Isen asked that Traffic and Lighting Engineer Horkay introduce his mother who is visiting from Chicago.

14. PROPOSED VACATION OF ALLEY SOUTHERLY OF ENGRACIA AVENUE BETWEEN LLEWELLYN AVENUE AND SANTA CLARA STREET.

Attached to the material was a resolution setting date of public hearing, with the recommendation that it be adopted. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 67-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE THAT

CERTAIN ALLEY SOUTHERLY OF ENGRACIA AVENUE,  
BETWEEN LLEWELLYN AVENUE AND SANTA CLARA STREET  
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE  
FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE  
PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-8 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen stated that any persons interested in discussing the vacation of this alley may do so before the Council on February 28th, at 8 p.m., the time set in the resolution.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

15. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 72. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 72 with connection charge of \$4.36 per front foot be established to recover cost of construction.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF CALLE MAYOR AT JUAN AVENUE BY INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS - B65-84, Job No. 66041.

The recommendation is that the Council accept the work on the subject improvement and that payment therefor in the amount of \$6,731.35 be made to the contractor, Chet Kohler Construction Co.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

17. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF PAINTING EXTERIORS OF THE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER AND BEACON TOWER. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the work be accepted as complete and satisfactory to the City and that final payment be made to James Huntley & Company, retaining 10% of contract cost for a period of not less than thirty nor more than forty days, at which time the amount so retained be paid to the contractor.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. The time was 8:55 p.m. and Council returned to its agenda at 8:57.

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18. PROPOSED ORDINANCE repealing section 24.45, et al of the Code, re billboards.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1745

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF "THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 24.45, 24.84 AND 24.85 OF CHAPTER 24 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING THERETO ARTICLE V ENTITLED "BILLBOARDS" AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1745 at its first reading and Councilman Lyman seconded.

Mayor Isen asked for any discussion and Chairman Donald W. Walker of Torrance Beautiful Commission said the Commission is very much in favor of the ordinance and feels that billboards are not compatible with a more beautiful Torrance.

Mr. Jim Matkins, representing Foster & Kleiser, 1550 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, said his company had not been notified that this ordinance was presented to the Council December 13th, nor did they have notice that it was coming before the Council tonight. He did receive a telephone call to that effect and attended for that reason. Mr. Matkins had before him an unrevised copy of the ordinance and, reading from that objected to portions of Article V, Chapter 24 of the Code.

As to Section 24.100, he said the specified maximum height should be at least 40 feet. He doubted that there are many 300 foot lots available for billboards, as set forth in Section 24.101 and said it would constitute a complete prohibition.

Mr. Matkins questioned any available vacant lots, as to Section 24.102, but had not had time to check the average depth of lots on Section 24.103.

The company is operating on an income of about \$75 a month and Mr. Matkins said it is ridiculous to expect landscaping and maintenance of billboard sites at such a price. This deals with Section 24.104.

Section 24.102, he said is in effect complete prohibition.

Mr. Matkins strongly objected to the ordinance for these reasons and said under its provisions the outdoor billboard business could not do business in Torrance. The Council discussed Mr. Matkins objections and Councilman Beasley said if there is such stringent restriction of billboards, the same should be true of developers' signs.

Councilman Olson suggested that the objections be referred back to the ad hoc Committee for evaluation, with a request for recommendations on them. In that event, Mayor Isen said another ninety day moratorium on billboards would be necessary and asked if the matter of maximum height might not be decided by the Planning Commission in each case. City Attorney Remelmeyer said that would leave it "too wide open"; some criteria must be established.

Councilman Olson moved that the matter be referred to the pertinent committee and that Mr. Matkins be notified of their meeting time so he and others may appear. Mr. Matkins will obtain a copy of the revised ordinance from Mr. Shartle.

Mayor Isen asked if Foster & Kleiser would have any objection to the ninety-day moratorium and Mr. Matkins advised they would not.

The motion of Councilman Olson was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION to prohibit all stopping on Hawthorne Boulevard at Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. Vel Miletich of 20900 Hawthorne Boulevard, Vel's Ford, said this came as a surprise to him and would create a hardship to his business. However, Public Works Director Nollac said the area of Hawthorne being considered is south of Torrance Boulevard and advised Mr. Miletich to talk with Traffic Engineer Horkay.

Item 19 will be held and considered at the next Council meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. CLASSIFICATION STUDY OF CONTRACT POSITION IN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Civil Service Commission submitted for consideration by the Council, the establishment of the position of Intermediate Typist Clerk in the Police Department, approved by the Commission on January 9th. The position would be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and Councilman Miller seconded.

Personnel Director Donovan said this was originally a part time position but has developed into a full time requirement. Mayor Isen favored holding it for consideration in connection with the budget but Chief Koenig said the time necessary to conduct the examination and fill the position will use up that much time. The Civil Service Commission has asked that all temporary positions be terminated as soon as possible.

Roll call vote on the motion to approve was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. CLAIM OF LOUIS A. BIANCHI against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a street sweeper hitting his vehicle at Anza and Sepulveda on November 23, 1966. Recommended by City Clerk for denial and referral to the City Attorney.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

22. TRAVEL REQUEST: Request of Building and Safety Director for permission to attend Annual Business Meeting of ICBO, California Chapter, February 24th and 25th in Fresno, California, with appropriate expenses paid. This is a budget item.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested permission. 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.

23. DONATION OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT.

The Torrance Police Officers Association has offered to donate athletic equipment to the Torrance Police Department to furnish the exercise room in the new Police Building Annex and Chief of Police Koenig recommends that it be accepted with thanks.

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

24. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

1. \$596.70 to Virco Mfg. Co. for purchase of 85 chairs, stacking type, to be used at El Retiro Rotary Building. Requested by Recreation Department.
2. \$471.16 to Coast Equipment Exchange for the purchase and installation of one only Tokheim gasoline pump - Model 485 complete with accessories, to be installed at Fire Station No. 4.
3. \$1,112.28 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for the purchase of one 2" CT meter - all bronze - with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines and one only 8" check detector designed after L. A. City pattern. Payment for this service has been received from Aeronca Co.
4. \$736.65 to J. Jones Co. for purchase of 124 3/4" and 1-1/2" angle valves and 100 3/4" copper couplings to be used by the Water Department for stock for new water services as required.
5. \$304.20 to Western Highway Products for purchase of 25 30" stop signs, to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for traffic control.
6. \$526.12 to Kirst Pump & Machine Works to repair one 4" water-driven Fairbanks-Morse pump, part of the Torrance City water service.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF INSTALLATION OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EASTERLY OF CONTROL TOWER (JOB 51024). Recommendation of Director of Public Works and Airport Manager, that Council accept the work and that final payment be made to the contractor.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. Final payment is in the amount of \$1,700. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

26. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF INSTALLATION OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT AT TORRANCE AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT (JOB NO. 66050). Recommendation of Director of Public Works and Airport Manager, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work and that final payment be made to the contractor.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation stated. The amount due the contractor is \$1,880. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

27. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FAAP 9-04-123-05 - WIDENING OF AIRCRAFT PARKING APRONS AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. Recommendation of Director of Public Works and Airport Manager, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work and that final payment be made to the contractor, Griffith Company; that Council appropriate \$10,668.77 from the 1962 Airport Revenue Bond Construction Fund to cover the additional cost of the contract.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried as follows:

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

28. EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH SOUTHWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SOUTHWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE FOR A BALL PARK.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-9. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Mayor Isen asked that the note of Director of Recreation Van Bellehem be attached to the top of the lease, advising them that they are subject to inundation, etc.

Councilman Miller thanked Administration and Mr. Van Bellehem for a good job of relocating this little league.

Roll call vote on the resolution was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

29. PROPOSED RESOLUTION from Inter-City Highway Committee advocating the elimination of the Pacific Coast Freeway from the Slauson Freeway to Artesia Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley explained the reasons for this resolution and the area which would be eliminated if its recommendation is followed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DELETE FROM THE CALIFORNIA FREEWAY AND EXPRESSWAY SYSTEM, SIGN ROUTE 1 (PACIFIC COAST FREEWAY), BETWEEN LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ARTESIA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-10. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

30. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 5 through 11, 1967, as CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH WEEK.

31. GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, with proposed resolution authorizing its execution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-11 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 29741 - SUBDIVIDER: ROYAL CREST CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1742:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1742

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.33 OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "DISPOSITION OF MONIES COLLECTED AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1742 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. ORDINANCE NO. 1743.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1743

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 16.118 ENTITLED "STATE LICENSEES" TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1743 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Assistant City Manager Scharfman asked Council permission, pending formal contract, to authorize the State to schedule March 8th, Certification effective April 15th for a special census of the City of Torrance. The permission is asked because of the short time element. The State has estimated the total cost at approximately \$25,000 and the amount is appropriated. Authorization should include hiring the enumerators and doing the necessary things to begin the census, such as providing office space, telephones, etc. The proposal will come to the Council in formal written manner as soon as possible. The State must be authorized to reserve time for the Torrance special census for their personnel and equipment.

Mayor Isen agreed this expenditure would mean a great increase in revenue from the State to the City. Mr. Scharfman said it is evident that the population has increased since last year according to State Finance Department estimates. The state will not estimate any more because it has been seven years since the 1960 census, but they will make an actual head count. After that headcount, they will then estimate again when requested, up to the year 1970.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the permission requested by Mr. Scharfman. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

36. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked authorization to settle a false arrest lawsuit, Arguella vs. City of Torrance, at no cost to the City. The insurance company will make the payment but it is necessary that the city sign a settlement agreement.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant such authorization to Mr. Remelmeyer and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that the foreclosure sale which he had planned to attend last Tuesday - land in the Meadow Park Redevelopment area - had not materialized. The default has been cured and it is unnecessary to take further action.

38. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it will take another two weeks to obtain the proposals from the appraisers which he had been asked to present at this meeting. There was no objection to its coming before the Council two weeks from now, as a written item on the agenda.

39. City Clerk Coil asked authorization to send to the State Board of Education information on the consolidation of the election precincts. It is a formality required by the State Board.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant such permission; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

40. City Clerk Coil asked for a reaction from the Council as to increasing the pay to the people who work at the polls, regarding the combination of school and city matters. Mayor Isen asked him to present it to the Council as an agenda item, with full details.

41. City Clerk Coil said Dean Cole, the new Park and Recreation Commissioner has asked leave for the month of March because he will be out of the state.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the leave of absence from Commission meetings as requested; Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

42. Public Works Director Nollac reported there had been very little flooding in the recent storm; all the little sumps worked very well and the whole condition is improved.

43. Councilman Beasley said a citizen has designed an eighteen hole golf course on land he owns and would like to put it in and perhaps lease it to the City. Mr. Beasley exhibited a picture of what is planned, with three lakes. He asked for reactivation of the Golf Course Committee to study the proposal with management and bring it back to the council with a recommendation. Mayor Isen asked that a formal proposal be made, showing the cost, etc., by the proponent.

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The members of the Government class from West High School left the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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44. Councilman Miller said a spokesman from North Torrance was present with a petition of 75 to 100 petitioners and asked that the spokesman come forward.

Mr. Eugene Delsol of 17014 Cranbrook Avenue presented the petition which deals with grievances against Hiebert, Inc., and listed six points which the residents of the area believe are against the good of the community. Motors are located outside the buildings and within twenty-five feet of residential property and are allowed to run until 9:30 or 10 at night. That should be stopped, or the motors relocated. An unsightly sawdust bin from which sawdust sifts over the neighborhood should also be relocated.

A vacant lot is being used for parking. There is no gravel or surfacing and the lot cannot be used during rainy weather. This creates problems on the street and after rains, the mud is dragged out onto the street and this causes a problem to school children; they must either walk through the mud or out into the street. This stretch should be curbed and improved with sidewalks. The lot is also littered with lunch bags, bottles, broken glass.

Mr. Delsol went on to describe the clutter caused by scrap wood, oil barrels, untrimmed grass and trees and the bad appearance of the building itself, which he said is not compatible to the neighborhood. He asked that the City take some action.

Mayor Isen said there are portions of this grievance which could be cured under present ordinances and suggested that the City Attorney, the Planning Director as well as the Fire Marshal see that the problems are analyzed and those which can be corrected forthwith, be corrected. He referred the petition to City Manager Ferraro for this purpose, and asked that a copy of the report be given to Mr. Delsol. The report will list what can presently be accomplished; what will be left to accomplish and areas where accomplishment seems unsuccessful.

Mr. Delsol gave his telephone number: DA 4-6539.

45. Councilman Olson appointed Mrs. Mary Walker, 5203 Asteria Street to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement to replace H. M. Cahill who is now a member of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission.
46. Councilman Sciarrotta appointed Gordon Linwalter of 20551 Eastwood Street, telephone 371-2013, to take the place of William Faren who has resigned from the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement.
47. Mayor Isen recognized Don Foyle, Chairman of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission and commended him for a good job.
48. Mayor Isen said he had expected the method of appointing members to the Charter Study group would come to the council as an agenda item last week, and a discussion of the subject followed. The group will be composed of 21 members and Mayor Isen suggested that each councilman select one member - and the seven so selected pick fourteen more members agreeable to that original seven. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The membership should be from various parts of the city and from various occupations. It was decided to hold a personnel session next Council meeting date, January 31st, to discuss the manner of appointment further and to endeavor to appoint as representative a seven member group as possible with these seven to appoint the other fourteen.

49. Mr. George Mobley of 415 Via Mesa Grande, in the Riviera section of Torrance, spoke on behalf of the Torrance-Lomita Realtors, regarding a request for an ordinance to require inspection of property at the time of transfer of title or conveyance. He asked that this legislation which would seriously affect real estate dealers be referred to the Torrance-Lomita Realtors board for study. Mayor Isen expressed the opinion that the proposed ordinance or requirement was ill-advised and moved to cancel the whole idea. Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

50. Councilman Olson asked his fellow committee members if the meeting of the Airport Committee of the Council could meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at 4:30, instead of Thursday as originally planned. The answer was "Yes".

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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