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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 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Olson was out of the City and Councilman Lyman arrived at 5:55 p.m. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced Miss Christine Cripe, a Riviera School sixth grade student, who led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Sippel, First Christian Church, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 31, 1967, as written. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all demands regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Olson.

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 Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Lyman and Olson absent).

ELECTION MATTERS:

8. Transmittal by City Clerk of items relating to Library Bond Issue and School Board Elections, consolidated, to be held April 18, 1967, for Council consideration and approval, as follows:

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1. RESOLUTION NO. 67-14 of interest and necessity,
2. ORDINANCE NO. 1748 calling election,
3. Resolution No. 67-15 consenting to consolidation,
4. Resolution No. 67-16 requesting Registrar of Voters to render services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-14

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY DEMAND THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAKING FINDINGS RELATING THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 67-14 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-14 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1748

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 18 1967, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY A PROPOSITION TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS BY SAID CITY FOR A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1748. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1748 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-15

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 67-15. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson and Lyman absent).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-15 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOND AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, CONSOLIDATED, TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 18, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 67-16. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-16 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen inquired if April 18th, a Tuesday, would be a legal holiday and City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would check with the Bond attorney. A timely answer will be necessary because this is a regular Council meeting time.

9. Recommendation of City Clerk that contract for furnishing election supplies for the Special Municipal Library Bond and School Board election be awarded to Martin & Chapman Co., Ltd., with necessary resolution authorizing execution of said contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-17

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MARTIN & CHAPMAN CO., LTD. RELATING TO THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOND AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, CONSOLIDATED, TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE APRIL 18, 1967.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 67-17 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-17 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson and Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen commented further on whether or not the Council meeting should be held on April 18th - that if there is any doubt, perhaps it would be better to hold the council meeting for that week on a different day of the same week, or skip the meeting, depending on the volume of agenda items.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTION amending Land Use Element of General Plan for City, dated November 16, 1964, to designate properties of the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard between 236th Street and 240th Street as industrial.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 1964, AND ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 64-235.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-18 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Lyman absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF LOMITA BOULEVARD IN TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 26076. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council approve and adopt the attached resolution declaring intention to vacate a portion of Lomita Boulevard and setting a date for a public hearing.

Mayor Isen asked who is to be the beneficiary of this vacation and Public Works Director Nollac said it would be the owner of the industrial tract to the south and he has paid the \$100 fee. Mayor Isen asked that in cases where the person who will benefit is known, that the Council be advised. City Manager Ferraro said it is not always possible to say, without a title search, the adjacent property is not always the property which benefits. The portion within the railway right of way, in this case, will go to Santa Fe railway company which owns the underlying fee. Mr. Ferraro repeated his statement that it is not always the property immediately adjacent to the vacated land which receives it, although that is usually true.

Mayor Isen said the Council has a right to know who pays the fee and who receives the benefit of the vacation. R. G. Harris is the subdivider of the industrial tract who receives the benefit. Mr. Ferraro suggested that the instruction to identify the one who is to receive the vacated property be included in the policy which covers variances, lot splits. Mayor Isen agreed and mentioned another vacation which will be coming up where he would like to have complete information.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF LOMITA BOULEVARD 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. 67-19 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman and Olson absent).

12. CONDEMNATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM CABRILLO AVENUE TO WESTERN AVENUE. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that the City Attorney be directed to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire the subject right of way.

The owner is Publix Land Company. Mr. Nollac said the City should get this project going to widen Sepulveda between Western and Cabrillo.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman and Councilman Olson absent).

Councilman Lyman joined the meeting at this point, 5:55 p.m.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that the Council accept the work as complete and that final payment be made to Chet Kohler Construction Co., in the amount of \$1,460.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

14. CONDEMNATION OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO SERVE TENTATIVE TRACT 26504. Recommendations of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that the City Attorney be directed to condemn a six foot sanitary sewer easement as shown on attached sketch, and that all costs incurred by the City be paid by the subdivider.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

15. DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E - STORM DRAIN EASEMENT ACQUISITION: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that the City Attorney acquire the easement through condemnation, if necessary.

This is a small piece of land, 30 feet square, which Dan Butcher has refused to dedicate. The cost should be minimal because it lies within the future street.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. Director of Personnel requesting Council to direct City Attorney to write ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1462 re requirements for Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Mr. Ferraro said there was some supplemental material to be supplied on this item and he would like to have it held for a little later in the meeting. Mayor Isen said he did not want to read any supplemental data and asked what prevents the appointment of R. R. Lucas as Acting Chief. Mr. Ferraro answered that he did not want to appoint any acting chief; part of Mr. Lucas' duties are to so act.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this item be held until next week, but there was no second.

City Manager Ferraro proceeded with his explanation: This same thing was not done in the Police Department and he believes they should be handled in a similar fashion; in order to move one person up, there would be six or seven others who would also be moved up.

Councilman Sciarrotta pointed out the policy regarding "move-up" pay for any time after four days of handling the responsibilities of the higher position. The decision as to whether the position will be filled locally is to be made by the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of the new ordinance.

Councilman Miller asked why the pay was not that of Chief if Mr. Lucas was doing the actual work of the Chief, even though it proved to be on a temporary basis. Mr. Ferraro said the solution is varied to apply to a particular problem. In this case, when the position became vacant, the city had an ordinance which would authorize going outside the City for applicants, and he did not want to give the impression that the position was being filled. The personnel classification states that the Assistant shall act in the absence of the Chief.

Councilman Miller asked how this applies to the Water Department and Mr. Ferraro stated that was handled differently because the person who was appointed as Acting Water Superintendent was not eligible to take the examination for the top position in the department. He was asked by Councilman Miller how other communities handle like situations, for example, what did Los Angeles do concerning its Acting Chief of Police?

Mayor recalled the policy manual which was kept up to date until about two years ago and inquired as to its status and whereabouts; are these policies recorded? If not, they should be, at the direction of the Council, and repealed or modified as the Council decides. Mayor Isen subscribes completely to the four-day move-up pay policy. He asked since when Administration makes policy. Mr. Ferraro said there seems to be a difference in interpretation. Councilman Sciarrotta said Mr. Lucas is entitled to the higher pay under the move-up policy even though he is not appointed Acting Fire Chief.

Mayor Isen said he is not prepared to repeal Ordinance No. 1462; he is awaiting the new Civil Service ordinance, as to whether the examination is given to inside or outside people but in the meantime inasmuch as Mr. Lucas is performing the duties of Acting Fire Chief he should be paid - and retroactively. Mayor Isen so moved and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Mayor Isen repeated his motion: "I am moving that the incumbent now who is fulfilling the duties of Fire Chief, regardless of what his rank is now, as long as he continues in this capacity, that he

have retroactive pay in the first step, whatever it is, of Fire Chief. By this motion I am not endorsing his appointment as Fire Chief, or whether I am for repeal, or not for repeal of 1462. I think it's a matter of fairness."

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion as repeated. He went on to say that after a long discussion with employee groups, several years ago, it was agreed by the Council that any person working for the City of Torrance, when moved up after four days would automatically receive the pay of the higher position.

Councilman Sciarrotta said further that because the rule had been abused by switching employees after the four-day period, there had been a further rule that any person taking over the duties of one who was long absent, should be kept on that job during the absence. He feels that one, two, or three days may be considered to be training, but after four days he is entitled to the higher pay for the responsibility he has undertaken.

Roll call on the motion of Mayor Isen was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

Councilman Miller asked if this policy was to be considered to be in effect for other department heads. Mr. Ferraro reminded him it would be in effect for all employees, not just department heads. Mayor Isen instructed that the City Manager, through the City Clerk get all these policies in writing and properly compiled.

Councilman Vico said if it is within the province of the Council to do so, he would move to appoint R. R. Lucas on a permanent basis. This, Mayor Isen said, is out of order as being contrary to the ordinance.

Mr. Cecil Powell was present and Mayor Isen asked him if he is being paid as Acting Water Superintendent. The answer was "Yes" since his appointment as such, but not during previous absences of the Water Superintendent, according to City Manager Ferraro.

Richard L. DeArmitt, representative of the Torrance Fire Fighters, thanked the Council on behalf of the organization for dealing with the situation so justly.

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Councilman Beasley moved that a recess be declared in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection. The time was 6:15 p.m.

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Following Redevelopment Agency meeting, the Council returned to its agenda at 6:18, had a general recess and came back to the Council Chambers at 6:35 p.m.

17. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL BUDGET POSITION OF MINUTE SECRETARY:

Mayor Isen commented generally, that he feels new responsibility because of the vote on Proposition Z in the November elections which indicates the people expect a degree of leadership from the Mayor and there is a great need of economy right down the line from State level. He wondered if the previous attempt to streamline minutes and reporting of commissions and committees meetings had not been successful and doubted the importance of recording many of the meetings in detail.

By informal notes of some committee member, perhaps backed up by a tape recorder, much of this needless work and expense could be avoided. At any rate there is too much detail and a lack of uniformity, he said, except in the recording of the action of the major commissions. He suggested that the Committee which considered this matter some time ago, again study some means of establishing concise and uniform records. The Committee is composed of Mayor Isen, Councilmen Sciarrotta and Olson.

Further on the subject of economy, Mayor Isen said he intends to clarify his position as to trips to conventions by the Council, Commission members, etc, and wants some further facts and figures. Not deprecating the value of conventions and conferences, Mayor Isen believes Torrance is entering a critical period with the Library bond question, increased wages, some adjustment of the cigarette tax.

For all these reasons he said Item 17 should go back to the Committee mentioned in a further attempt to cut the cost.

Councilman Vico moved to cancel all trips "from here on in". Councilman Miller seconded and the councilmen all started to express their views.

Councilman Lyman moved the previous question and roll call vote was:

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

It was specifically stated this includes all trips outside the City - and for everyone.

Councilman Sciarrotta who had earlier proposed a meeting on February 15th of the Finance Committee with respect to the Fire Chief situation, cancelled that meeting and instead, at the same time, there will be a meeting of the Committee to consider the subject presented in Item 17.

#### FISCAL MATTERS:

18. CLAIM of Russell D. Aumiller against the City of Torrance for damages allegedly sustained on December 27, 1966, as the result of a City trash truck pulling into a left-turn lane cutting off Aumiller's path.

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

#### 19. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following expenditures:

1. \$573.60 to Garwood - L. A. Truck Equipment Company for one spare conveyor panel (scoop blade on rubbish packers) to be stocked and used as required for downed vehicle repair.

2. \$631.28 to Park-Son, Inc. for 11 full circle (6, 8 and 10 inch) water clamps to be used by the Water Department for stock.

Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. POWDER PUFF TERMINUS BUDGET: Report and recommendation of the Airport Committee of the Council to concur in the Powder Puff budget in principle; to appropriate and authorize for the program: \$4,800 from Airport operating funds surplus and \$3,200 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

In line with the previous motion, Councilman Beasley moved to deny the request. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

There followed a comparison of the relative merits of the Powder Puff Derby and travel to conferences and conventions. Councilman Miller, a member of the Airport Committee of the Council, said he questions the value of the Powder Puff Derby at the price but in fairness to Airport Manager Egan who has made certain commitments, asked that he be heard from.

In this connection, Councilman Miller moved to reconsider the action just taken to cancel the Powder Puff Derby and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion. Councilman Lyman said he believes there are a lot of frills which could be eliminated, considering their cost and Councilman Beasley specifically mentioned \$28,000 to the Chamber of Commerce, Armed Forces Day Parade, etc. Councilman Lyman continued that while there are events which meet with the approval of individual councilmen, if they are going to be reviewed with the thought of elimination, they should all be included. Councilman Vico expressed particular doubt as to the value of Armed Forces Day Parade.

Roll call on the question of reconsideration was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Vico.

and the motion failed by tie vote.

Councilman Miller then asked Airport Manager Egan what his commitments are and Mr. Egan said negotiations have been carried on for about a year toward this event and \$1700 has been advanced as a portion of the \$5,000 guarantee. He believes the prestige and honor of the City are at stake. These commitments were made by the Council, and to renege would constitute a breach of faith.

Councilman Vico changed his vote on reconsideration to "Yes" and Councilman Miller said for this year, at least, the commitment has been made. He moved to approve the recommendation of the Committee above set forth. Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

21. VICTORIA KNOLLS RENAMING: Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, that Victoria Knolls park site be renamed "ALTA LOMA".

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

22. TRAVEL REQUEST: Request of Park and Recreation Commission to send Commissioner Schindler to represent the City at the California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference in Fresno, February 25 - March 1, 1967.

This item, Mayor Isen said, need not be considered under the "No Travel" decision this evening.

WATER SYSTEM:

23. ENDORSEMENT OF WEST BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS RE THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT PRICING POLICY. Recommendation of Acting Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and Director of Public Works, that Council endorse in principle statements prepared by Mr. Max Bookman opposing the District's policies for fixing rates for water on behalf of Central and West Basin Water Associations for ground water replenishment.

Mayor Isen said this item, being informational only, should be filed; there was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:24. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of February as HEART FUND MONTH.

25. City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended the City settle the West American case for \$15,000 as previously discussed. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

26. GARAGE OPERATION STUDY:

City Manager Ferraro stated the Council had indicated they would make a decision as to whether or not to keep the Garage Study "Confidential". He suggested that it be kept confidential as a personnel matter and that he be authorized to meet with Mr. Hunegs on any changes which might be proposed. Mayor Isen added that any matter be divulged to Mr. Hunegs which is considered suitable.

Mayor Isen moved to accept Mr. Ferraro's suggestion and so authorize him. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

27. City Manager Ferraro announced that Mr. George McMullen who headed the School Board issue, was picked by the Library Bond Committee to lead the Library Bond program for 2.3 million dollars.

28. Public Works Director Nollac announced there would be no change in the trash pickup schedule because of the two holidays this month - the service will be rendered on both Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays.

29. City Manager Ferraro said he believed there should be a motion made on Item 23 - the endorsement of the statements regarding MWD pricing policy by West Basin Water Association - in effect to oppose the District's policies.

Mayor Isen asked that it be included in next week's agenda.

30. Councilman Miller asked about appointments to the Charter Review Committee. This will be considered further at the next Council meeting. Councilman Miller said he would like to have another personnel session and so moved. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and added that there should be discussion also of Committee meetings, their reports, etc. Mayor Isen reminded him this is not a proper matter to be discussed at a personnel session.

City Manager Ferraro suggested a committee be appointed to work on the committee procedures and Councilman Miller agreed a committee to discuss ground rules would be helpful. Councilman Lyman moved to form such a committee. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; there was no objection and Councilmen Miller, Sciarrotta and Beasley were named as members of such a committee.

Mayor Isen suggested the Committee consider and bring back a recommendation to the full Council and that the personnel session be held in abeyance until after the Committee report has been received. Whether or not the report is considered confidential is to be the decision of the committee itself.

31. Councilman Miller said he had received several inquiries about the horse situation on 230th Place. City Manager Ferraro stated an investigation is under way and the first name on the petition has been so advised.

3. Mr. Gerald Friedrich of 1632 Juniper Avenue said he and his brother Jim are attempting to open a used car lot have been refused a City business license pending inspection of the lot for availability of off-street parking. He has signed a lease, has insurance and the lot has been inspected by the State of California and approved. He would like some relief because of the money involved. The location is 1724 West Carson Street at Western Avenue. The business license fee is \$125 plus \$4 for each employee and \$4 for the corporation.

Planning Director Shartle said the Friedrichs have requested a determination of how much parking is required and it is being considered by the Planning Commission tomorrow night. Councilman Beasley suggested that Mr. Friedrich appeal to the Council if the decision of the Planning Commission is not to his liking. There is no specific provision for off-street parking for used car lots and the decision is made by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen said he is "sick and tired of red tape as to these stagnating properties"; there has been nothing on this property for four years; the City has a chance to get the license fee and sales tax.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised a motion to grant the relief and he will check the law on it tomorrow. Mayor Isen repeated that there is nothing in an ordinance to prevent it, but Planning Director Shartle said otherwise. Further, the next regular Commission meeting is not tomorrow, but February 15th.

Mr. Shartle said automobile sales lots have created a problem in the community, where as business grows all the space on the lot is utilized by automobiles for sale and customers and employees must park elsewhere. Ted Green's Chevrolet lot and Ray Vané's business on the Airport property are examples of places where certain requirements for parking space were made and it is the same with every used car lot.

Councilman Lyman suggested the men be permitted to go ahead and start their business pending the decision of the Planning Commission providing they would agree to comply with that decision, subject to an appeal to the Council. Mr. Friedrich agreed to such an arrangement.

Councilman Lyman moved that Mr. Friedrich be allowed his business license at this time, subject to the Planning Commission prescribing how much off-street parking should be made available. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

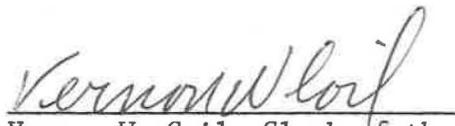
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta (does not like to set precedent)

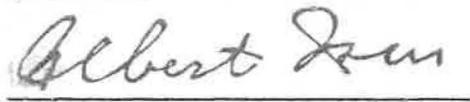
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

3 . Mr. Don Diroll, 26314 Delos Drive, said he is interested in the progress report on Victoria Knolls Park, just changed to Alta Loma. City Manager Ferraro said he will furnish him a copy of the report and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the appraisers are at work on determining the price.

There appearing no further oral communications, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance