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Torrance, California  
March 7, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 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. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Attorney Kenneth Garcolon led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Elmer E. Christiansen of Christ the King Lutheran 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 meeting held February 28, 1967. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley 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 Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,  
Sciarrotta, Vico, 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 and reviewed the status of the Redevelopment Agency hearing held February 6, 1967. He particularly praised the report compiled by Senior Administrative Assistant de Llamas and offered copies to anyone who wished them. The report lists alternative proposals as to the Meadow Park problem.

In the event that the Agency approves the Redevelopment plan, the City Council, as such, will probably consider the matter on April 11th, an eight o'clock meeting.

Several Torrance and Lomita Rotary Club members were present and Mayor Isen asked Larry Bowman, President of the downtown Torrance Club to tell the audience about the City-to-City good will program which has brought several Brazilian visitors to Torrance. Mr. Bowman introduced Christopher A. Burrows, President of the Petropolis, Brazil, Rotary Club, who in turn presented his six Rotary Club members from Brazil. Mayor Isen invited them to stay for the meeting and view grass roots government in operation.

Mayor Isen called attention to the article which has appeared in Western City Magazine, written by Chief Koenig, regarding the exchange project with Alameda Police Department.

Also introduced from the audience was Boy Scout, Bruce Holley and his mother, and Mayor Isen welcomed them to the meeting.

Mayor Isen presented to Planning Commissioner Kenny Uyeda, a perma plaqued resolution to supplement the paper one given to him previously for his outstanding service. Mr. Uyeda responded and at the suggestion of Mayor Isen spoke also with respect to Item 35 of this evening's agenda:

35. COMMUNICATION FROM SOUTHWEST AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE with suggested resolution indicating support and encouragement of the California State College at Dominguez Hills proposed conference on "Environmental Problems and Urban Design and Beautification" by the City of Torrance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,  
INDICATING ITS SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE AT DOMINGUEZ HILLS PROPOSED  
CONFERENCE ON "ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND URBAN  
DESIGN AND BEAUTIFICATION".

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-41. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ELECTION MATTERS:

9. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing certain of the Council members to file a written argument for a City measure re special municipal charter amendment.

Mayor Isen said a letter had been received from the Board of Education, as well as numerous telephone calls and he invited Councilman Miller to make a statement.

Councilman Miller said during the past week it has come to his attention that there may be problems regarding the council salary amendment appearing on the same ballot as library bonds. He acknowledged that the Council action taken last week was erroneous and moved to reconsider that action. Mayor Isen seconded.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the councilmen had decided to make this correction prior to any expression of views by the Board of Education.

Councilman Beasley said he was not concerned about when the measure appears on the ballot; it is a just measure and should be passed by the people whom he believes are competent to decide. However, he could see no reason why its inclusion at this election would affect the bond issue.

Councilman Olson said he did not want to be a party to anything which might possibly lessen the chances of the Library Bond issue's passage. He would be glad to remove the measure from the April 18th ballot for that reason.

Mayor Isen called attention to the fact that the resolution which is the subject of discussion was handed to the councilmen without previous knowledge that it was to be presented. He believed there are many reasons why it would be reasonable to place it on the ballot in conjunction with the library bond issue but there was no time to consider it in depth. He said sooner or later, this Council should adopt, as a matter of policy, an instruction to the City Attorney that as to any resolutions or ordinances prepared at the last minute should not be prepared at the instance of any one councilmen, but rather that there should be a direction from the majority of the council. Ill-timed legislation frequently becomes ill-fated. The proposed reconsideration and rescission did not require a letter or resolution from the Board of Education. Nothing on this coming ballot should jeopardize the library bonds. He asked unification of efforts to assure a two-thirds vote which is required.

Councilman Lyman, too, was concerned about the threat of intimidation implied by the School Board's reaction. Now that this has been made an issue, he said the Council cannot afford to take a chance on the vote for the library bonds.

Mr. Stanley Dunn said there had been no official expression from the Friends of the Library, but individual members have expressed themselves that there might be danger to the bond issue if the charter amendment on council salaries came up at the same time.

Councilman Miller's motion was for reconsideration of the adoption of Resolution No. 67-38 and roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to rescind the action taken in adopting Resolution No. 67-38 (or whatever number was given to the pertinent resolution, if 67-38 proves to be erroneous). Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The resolution referred to is the one which added the council pay measure to the April 18th ballot.

Items 9 and 11 on the agenda have become moot as a result of this action.

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing the appointment of Rafferty and Co. as financial consultants for the forthcoming bond issue for library facilities.

Finance Director Dundore set forth the reasons for employment of a financial consultant as set forth in his communication dated March 2, 1967. The cost of \$5,000 would possibly save the City \$75,000 to \$100,000 in interest costs. There is no fee if the bond issue fails.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RAFFERTY & CO. TO ACT AS CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROPOSED

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BOND ISSUE FOR LIBRARY FACILITIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-42 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Ferraro thanked City Treasurer Rupert for the work he did in assisting the Finance Director on this matter. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer for a more specific contract than what has been presented.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. PROPOSED RESOLUTION granting a conditional use permit to allow a cocktail lounge within the C-2 zone on property located at 3144 Pacific Coast Highway. Newton Pacific.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A COCKTAIL LOUNGE WITHIN THE C-2 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3144 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 66-46 (NEWTON PACIFIC).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-43 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

13. APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 26835, SUBDIVIDER, R. G. Garland. Tract containing 36 R-1 lots and a commercial strip located on the north side of 182nd Street just easterly of Crenshaw Boulevard. The Planning Commission recommends approval, with conditions. The Public Works Department concurs except for certain specific items.

Mayor Isen asked why the rush on this and asked Public Works Director if he concurs in the recommendation made. Mr. Nollac said he concurs except for two objections which he sets forth on page 2 of the transmittal letter:

1. The Planning Commission recommendations have not provided for the completion of the southerly end of the Crenshaw Boulevard service road.

2. The Planning Commission recommendations have deleted the extension of 180th Place between Atkinson Avenue and Crenshaw Service Road which is felt by Public Works to be necessary for proper traffic circulation, and city services.

Clark Leonard of Lanco Engineers does not feel 180th Place should go through, nor Crenshaw Place, and this has been confirmed by a poll of the people on Crenshaw Place.

Mr. Nollac, when asked for his arguments, said Public Works has looked into it and his point of view is set forth above, in subparagraphs 1 and 2, and spoke of street cleaning, routing, trash trucks, traffic access in and out.

There is to be a six foot block wall fence, as set forth in condition numbered 7, and Mayor Isen said it should never be removed and that no one should be permitted to establish small businesses in the back of the lots. Mr. Nollac said there is no access through. Clark Leonard said he would so stipulate either as a condition or by deed restriction, that the lots backing on 182nd Street would never be used commercially.

Mrs. Velma Shelbourn asked what is to be done about the small lots and Mayor Isen said a precise plan will take care of that and Councilman Miller said there is more square footage in those lots than half of the lots in Torrance.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission, plus the deed restriction as a safeguard on the future use of this land and an added condition to the same effect. Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF 190th STREET FROM WEST OF KORNBLUM AVENUE TO ERMANITA AVENUE. B66-66; JOB 66103, H. E. Baker Construction Co. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that the City Council accept the work on the subject improvement and that final payment be made to the contractor, in the amount of \$24,104.72.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF SPENCER STREET FROM EARL STREET TO HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD B66-81; JOB 66072, McAMIS ENGINEERING. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, concurred in by City Manager, that Council accept the work on the subject improvement; that final payment be made to the contractor; and that \$160 previously deposited be refunded to an abutting property owner for work not constructed. The amount due the contractor is \$24,675.86.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to all phases of the recommendation; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

16. RECONSTRUCTION OF 242ND STREET FROM HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD TO PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that 242nd Street be reconstructed in conjunction with the improvement of alley south of 242nd Street between Park and Ward Streets.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation; Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

17. TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS: Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of James S. Bower for temporary billboards to remain at 4101 and 4117 Pacific Coast Highway and 23900 Ladeene Avenue be granted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving the extension of assessment amounts in Street Lighting District No. 9.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER, DATED JUNE 4, 1964, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 64-114, DATED JUNE 9, 1964, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF, CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-9-64 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 9), FOR THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS. (STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 9)

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 67-44. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-44 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. RECOMMENDATION of Traffic Engineer to appropriate \$2500 out of 186.1 gas tax moneys to provide painted left turn pockets on (1) Prairie Avenue between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 185th Street; (2) Crenshaw Boulevard between Sepulveda Boulevard and 235th Street and (added by Public Works Director Nollac, orally,) (3) Sepulveda east of Madrona Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and Director of Public Works, with the additional location mentioned above. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

REAL PROPERTY:

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re condemnation of Mobil Oil property. There are two interrelated matters here: (a) the appraisal and (b) the resolution directing condemnation.

(b) The condemnation suit is not yet filed, City Attorney Remelmeyer said, because the filing has not been authorized by the Council. Councilman Lyman believed the authorization had been given.

Mayor Isen moved to withhold any condemnation action in court. Councilman Miller seconded.

Councilman Miller said he believes an appraisal is needed to determine if the City Manager's report is valid; it is all based on how much the land costs per acre. It does not seem that the landfill would not be approved and in that event, why spend the money and then kill the purpose for which it is spent? Councilman Beasley said it was the opinion of the Committee, or at least of himself, that if the land cost more than \$40,000, it would not be economically feasible. Rather than file, Mr. Beasley thought the matter should go back to the Committee.

Mayor Isen asked for vote on the motion before the Council and it was unanimously favorable to withhold filing a condemnation suit.

(a) Mayor Isen questioned City Attorney Remelmeyer about the method of selecting appraisers to present proposals. One appraiser who has done work for the City in the past requested he be permitted to bid and was told "No". City Attorney Remelmeyer said that appraiser is not qualified; he selected three new appraisers so there would be no question of lack of good faith. There are perhaps a hundred appraisers in Los Angeles County who would be capable of performing the work. It is necessary to narrow the list down, because of the amount of time involved in even setting an appraisal fee. Mayor Isen's contention was that it is not the province of the City Attorney to determine whether an appraiser who offers to spend this required time and make a bid, is or is not qualified. Mr. Remelmeyer said he would follow the recommendations of the Council.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, 20(a) would be filed; there was none.

Public Works Director Nollac pointed out the time element. It will take three years considering design time, negotiations with the PUC, the railroad, relocation of the Madrona spur, even if the project started this minute.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to "rework this" within two weeks.

Councilman Olson moved to accept the low bid on the appraisal of the street alone. Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

Councilman Olson then moved that the matter concerning bids of this nature be referred to the Public Works Committee for evaluation and recommendation as to a general firm policy. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Mayor Isen repeated his introductory remarks with respect to the public hearing before the Council on the Redevelopment matter - April 11, 1967 at 8 p.m. The Council will then be happy to hear from any one who wishes to speak on the subject.

Councilman Beasley moved to recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. The time was 7:12 p.m. The Council returned to its agenda after a general recess at 7:35 p.m.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MINUTE SECRETARY, with recommendation of Council Committee.

The recommendation of the Committee is that, for a six month trial period, the City Manager be authorized to expend not more than \$100 per month to employ a temporary minute secretary, as needed. Councilman Lyman moved to concur; Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

22. OPINION 67-25 IS ELECTION DAY A HOLIDAY? City Attorney's opinion.

Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the opinion will be filed, with the comment that there will be a Council meeting on Tuesday, April 18th, a 5:30 meeting.

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. Claim of Curtis Frame against the City for damages arising out of the exercise by the City of its purported authority to declare a moratorium on construction, demolition and remodeling of buildings in an area which includes real property owned by claimant.

25. Claim of Rudy Armesto against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a police unit hitting his vehicle in a parking lot at 3221 Torrance Boulevard on February 15, 1967.

26. Claim of Thomas B. Riley against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a City vehicle hitting his legally parked vehicle on Plaza Del Amo, February 7, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claims listed in Items 24, 25 and 26 to the Legal Department. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

27. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE STATION NO. 5, JOB No. 66104. Recommendation of Acting Fire Chief with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and appropriate the necessary \$3,000 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. 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.

28. AWARD OF BID FOR OIL SPREADER BAR - B67-5. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager and Director of Public Works, that Council accept the bid and award contract to Atlantic Welding Works, Inc. in the amount of \$7,463.04.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Olson being temporarily out of the room).

29. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.00.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following three expenditures:

1. \$478.40 to Walters Wholesale Electric for 20,000 feet of traffic signal control wire to be used as required for signal repair and new installations.

2. \$410.00 to Rapid Blue Print Co. to print 6500 copies of "Recreation Reporter".

3. \$990.60 to Prismo California Co. (Bauer Paint) for 300 gallons of street marking paint to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson (temporarily)

AIRPORT MATTERS:

30. U. S. WEATHER BUREAU'S REQUEST TO INSTALL ROTATING BEAM CEILO-METER. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation of approval. There is no expense to the City.

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

31. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF HOMER RENFRO'S T-HANGAR LEASE TO F. M. AND FERN WALKER. Recommendation of approval by Airport Manager and Airport Commission.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

BUS SYSTEM:

32. BUS BENCH FRANCHISE BID: Recommendation of Bus Superintendent that Council reject all bids.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and Councilman Beasley seconded. There was no objection.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

33. LIBRARY BOND STEERING COMMITTEE: Request that Council establish a time and place for a meeting.

Mayor Isen stated the meeting will be March 17th, a Friday, at the Palms Restaurant Konya Room, at 12 noon.

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Attorney Gene Jacobs recommended a motion, for the purpose of setting the April 11th hearing on the Redevelopment Program, directing the City Clerk to establish a public hearing before the City Council in these Council Chambers, April 11th, 1967 at 8 p.m. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Councilman Lyman seconded, adding the taking of necessary steps to publish the proper notices prescribed by law. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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23. ORDINANCE relating to examinations for Police and Fire Chiefs and other department heads.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1751

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 11.3 OF CHAPTER 11 AND SECTION 22.3 OF CHAPTER 22 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND POLICE CHIEF, RESPECTIVELY AND ADDING SECTION 8.15.1 TO CHAPTER 8 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF TYPE OF EXAMINATIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1751. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1751 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

34. PROPOSED RESOLUTION commending Harry Gorman for outstanding community service in Boy Scout Parade.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING HARRY GORMAN FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUT PARADE HELD IN TORRANCE FEBRUARY 4, 1967.

Councilman Oldon moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-45 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING KEN BERRY FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUT PARADE HELD IN TORRANCE FEBRUARY 4, 1967.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-46 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING CHARLES CEDERLOF FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUT PARADE HELD IN TORRANCE, FEBRUARY 4, 1967.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-57 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. COMMUNICATION FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION RE LOCATION FOR SUNDIAL.

Mayor Isen suggested this be referred to the architects who will be planning the City Hall complex and on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Mayor Isen, there being no objection, this was the decision.

37. MEMORANDUM FROM CALIFORNIA ROADSIDE COUNCIL:

This is a requested resolution with respect to the effect on local jurisdictions of a certain provision contained in the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to direct the City Attorney to prepare a proper resolution for consideration at next Council meeting. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

38. COMMUNICATION FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION re beautification and stabilization of bank near Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway.

City Manager Ferraro said some work has been done on this project and there being no objection, the item was referred to the City Manager for analysis and recommendation.

39. REPORT OF CHARTER REVIEW COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

The recommendation is that a public hearing be scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 1967 at 7 p.m., for interested community organizations and individuals to give both oral and written presentations concerning their recommendations of specific charter changes, the hearing to be conducted by the Council Committee.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

PROCLAMATIONS:

40. Mayor Isen proclaimed March 7, 1967 as NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION CAMPAIGN DAY.

41. Mayor Isen proclaimed March 15, 1967 as ORT DAY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. City Manager Ferraro announced the temporary driveway and parking at Joslyn Center has been completed and striped.

43. City Manager Ferraro said Management is working with Don Wilson and Staff for the development of property south of 235th Street west of Crenshaw. Further announcement will be made as the use develops.

44. Public Works Director Nollac said with respect to Information Item J which Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned several weeks ago, the easement at 230th and Hickory - a letter has been sent to Standard Oil Company and they have answered that they are going to work on it.

45. Councilman Sciarrotta had a suggestion to make with respect to possibly consolidating and reorganizing some of the Council committees and requested permission be granted the committee which studied the Charter to also study this possibility and make a recommendation to the full council. It was granted.

46. Alfred Hyman, a realtor with offices at 608 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, presented a problem with respect to a client who has been trying to find a location for a beauty school in Torrance. A location was found in the shopping center at the southwest corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda, 3820-22 West Sepulveda Boulevard and an escrow was started and is scheduled to close not later than April 7, 1967. Everything has been approved subject to approval of the parking situation which has now presented a problem. He sought some relief because otherwise he said he would lose out on the escrow his client had entered.

Planning Director Shartle explained there is a parking requirement for a conditional use permit and there would be time enough for it to be presented to the Planning Commission April 5th. A beauty school is a trade school and comes under the conditional use permit requirements, as do gas stations, etc. The ordinance does not specify what parking is required and it is up to the Planning Commission or Council to make a determination. The particular location of the businesses at Hawthorne and Sepulveda is not a shopping center, per se.

Mayor Isen complained that the parking ordinance is miserable and unconstitutional. Compliance to the ordinance seems to be more important to the Planning Department than vacancies, blight and economic hardships. He believes this petitioner is entitled to the relief he seeks, but sees no reason for the CUP requirement of such a school.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the provision that the Planning Commission would determine the amount of parking is undoubtedly unconstitutional. The point of requiring conditional use permits is not unconstitutional and is an accepted planning device. If the Council does not think a beauty college should require a conditional use permit, the thing to do would be amend the ordinance accordingly or review the entire ordinance and eliminate certain areas.

Mr. Hyman was accompanied by the proponent, Mr. Dan Spellman, 4250 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, representing Marinello Comer Schools of Beauty.

Mr. Remelmeyer continued that the parking was allocated some time ago at this location to each of the businesses in the center. The particular space under consideration is fifty feet wide and has about eighteen parking spaces allotted to it. It may be necessary to redesign and reallocate these spaces but Mr. Remelmeyer cautioned the Council of the danger of doing so on the spur of the moment. Councilman Lyman said the allocation of parking spaces would be fine for a new building, but after the building is in existence he does not believe it is fair or practicable.

Councilman Miller called attention to a comparable situation in downtown Torrance where stores are standing empty because they could not meet parking requirements nor take the time to go through the procedural channels which are necessary to change them.

The events leading up to this conditional use permit requirement provision were outlined by Councilman Olson and he advised that the Council go slow and refrain from hurried and ill advised action.

The suggestion of Councilman Beasley who concurred in Councilman Olson's thoughts, was to find some means of streamlining the procedure.

Mayor Isen asked if a license could be granted, subject to a conditional use permit being granted by the Planning Commission and Mr. Remelmeyer said "No", not legally. He said he and the Planning Director have been working on a means of streamlining some of these ordinances and will have a recommendation on them next week. Everytime the Council "does this" it increases the difficulty of enforcing the ordinance. The procedure should be amended and then the amended procedure followed. He proposed that some way be found within this next week to grant a waiver to the petitioners.

To effect what he considers to be the necessary relief, Mayor Isen moved that from the conditional use permit applications, beauty schools be eliminated and that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to effect such elimination.

Councilman Vico asked why the petitioners had waited until now to ask this relief when their escrow closes so soon and the answer was that they only learned of the problem yesterday, and were extremely shocked. One of the important factors in their choice of this location was the ample parking. However, they will be glad to wait a week if it appears some relief can be granted.

Mayor Isen repeated his motion to eliminate beauty schools from the conditional use permit provision. Councilman Lyman thought the item should go back for study because evidently there are other defects in the ordinance which should be cured.

Questioning by the councilmen revealed there will be approximately 100 students, with a 20% absentee factor; four or five instructors, of the approximately 80 students present, perhaps 32 would have cars; they would attend classes eight hours a day. Mr. Spellman said there is an investment of \$300,000 involved.

Planning Director Shartle said he could offer, but not necessarily recommend the following: that the Council amend the ordinance to not make the parking ordinance retroactive to apply to any existing building, but to apply to new construction. Mayor Isen said he would so move. There was no second.

Councilman Miller proposed that this item be held until the next Council meeting, March 14, 1967, an eight o'clock meeting, as a regular agenda item. Mr. Remelmeyer, Mr. Shartle and Mr. Ferraro were requested to give this urgency treatment.

47. Mrs. Jeanette Altermatt of 1323 Hickory Avenue, representing Active Citizens of Torrance, said in view of Councilman Olson's comment during the Redevelopment Agency meeting, they would like to request that the systematic inspection that was to have begun March 18th be postponed until the urban renewal project is in process. Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to reduce the request to writing as a subject of a motion, possibly, at the next meeting.

48. Mr. Edward Kessler, 4170 West 172nd Street, suggested the enforced housing inspection issue be put on the ballot. He also said a petition is being processed to effect a change in the enforcement provision and further asked that the moratorium on inspection be extended to April 11th. Mayor Isen told him there would be no forced inspection.

Councilman Lyman moved that the Council adopt that as a direction to Administration - that there be no inspection other than by permission by the homeowners unless directed by the Council. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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APPROVED:

*Albert J. ...*

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Mayor of the City of Torrance