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Adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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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 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 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:

Mayor Isen introduced John Glath, Master Counselor of the Redondo DeMolay group who visited Council and at his request, John led the salute to the flag. The young men are Torrance high school students.

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:

The minutes of the March 7th meeting will be considered at the next Council meeting as they were not delivered until late today.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all regularly audited bills be paid. 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.

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.

A report from City Manager Ferraro regarding the special salary committee has been delivered to the Councilmen but there has been no time to study it. Mayor Isen proposed a hearing on the subject two weeks from tonight at 7 p.m. at which employees' representatives and groups would be heard. A bus committee meeting previously set for seven o'clock that night will be rescheduled.

Councilman Sciarrotta introduced Kay Michels, a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission, from the audience.

30. As a point of personal privilege, Councilman Lyman introduced Mr. George Hubbard of 22626 Linda Drive who presented a petition signed by residents of the neighborhood asking that Linda Drive be permanently closed at Clearsite Avenue with a wall or suitable barrier to eliminate fast traffic from outside the area. He said emergency service would not be affected by such closing because Gaycrest and Sunnyview would be available.

Mayor Isen proposed that the petition be referred to City Manager Ferraro and Traffic Engineer Horkay.

Mr. Ed Young of 22620 Linda Drive said he had presented the same problem to Council and it was referred to the Traffic Engineer, but there was nothing done. Mayor Isen advised him and any people who present such matters to follow through in the event that a matter is overlooked.

Mayor Isen instructed Management to have this back on the agenda as a regular item in three weeks, with a report and recommendation, with copies thereof to Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Young.

ELECTION MATTERS:

8. REQUEST OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS for use of City Hall as a check-in center for receiving election returns for Special Primary Election, April 11th and if necessary May 9, 1967 beginning at about 6:30 p.m. The recommendation is to grant the permission.

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

9. LETTER FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR requesting appropriation of funds for library bond election.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to appropriate \$8,000 from the Library Fund unappropriated surplus to cover the cost of the library bond election if the issue is defeated. If the bonds are approved, the costs are chargeable to the bond proceeds and the above appropriation will be returned to surplus intact. Councilman Sciarrotta's motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

On the subject of library bonds, Mayor Isen advised that the costs be carefully and promptly compiled and that the Council should assure the voters that whatever the costs prove to be they will be deducted from the general tax rate in order to cause no increase in taxes. The issue is critical, he said, and it must pass. City Manager Ferraro said he will make a full report by next week.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

11. CONTINUED HEARING ON CUP 66-38, ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Levitt has requested a continuance for a week, but an eight o'clock meeting would be preferable and the matter was set for March 28th. Mr. Remelmeyer will notify the interested parties.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. APPEAL ON WAIVER 67-10, SALVATORE AMATO: Request to allow retention of a room addition constructed within 9½ feet of the rear property

line on property located at 4217 Scott Street. The Planning Commission denied the waiver.

Mr. Amato was not present and Mayor Isen noted from a letter received from Mr. Amato that he is pursuing the thought of some kind of change in the room addition. With that thought, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and deny the waiver but without prejudice. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

13. APPEAL OF WAIVER 66-100, ANNA AND I. LEVANAS:

In compliance with the request of the Proponents, this matter will be held over for time to present alternate plans. The date for its being again on the agenda will be March 28, 1967.

14. LETTER TO COUNCIL RE HIEBERT, INC. and citizens' petition protesting condition of property.

There was no reference to the parking lot problem in the letter from the Senior Deputy City Attorney.

Mr. Ziggye Gottlieb of 3627 West 171st Street said at the meeting between Hieberts and Mr. Knickerbocker, the solution was mentioned that the non-conforming use existing there be eliminated in case of a sale. There seems to be a possibility that the property will be sold and the new company operate again under the same conditions. Mr. Remelmeyer confirmed that understanding - that Hieberts might sell the property and move their business to another location.

Councilman Miller and Mayor Isen said there should be some solution to the paving of the parking lot; there is an ordinance which requires it, but Mr. Remelmeyer said it has never been enforced.

Mayor Isen suggested the matter go back to the City Attorney's office for the parking problem, and asked that this item be held for two weeks for more extensive study. There was no objection. There was a complaint that the interested persons had not been notified this was coming before Council this evening and Mr. Gottlieb had not seen the communication on the subject. Councilman Miller gave him his copy.

15. RE RENAMING OF MESA STREET BETWEEN PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS AND VIA VALMONTE.

The recommendation is to prepare a necessary resolution for the renaming of Mesa Street at this point to Paseo de las Tortugas to preserve more continuity. Councilman Beasley moved to concur; Councilman Olson seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

16. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE CASE NO. V66-14, William M. Jow.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-14 - WILLIAM M. JOW.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-48 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Case No. V66-15, Harvel and Margaret Guttenfelder.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-15 - HARVEL AND MARGARET GUTTENFELDER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-49 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Case No. V 66-17, Southern California Association of Seventh Day Adventists.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6 AND 11 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V66-17 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-50 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Case No. PP66-6, William Harris.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 21X OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AS APPLIED FOR BY WILLIAM HARRIS IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PP66-6.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-51 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Case No. PP66-7, George Steinkamp.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR

IN SECTION 21X OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AS APPLIED FOR BY GEORGE STEINKAMP IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PP66-7.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-52 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE SMALL ANIMALS.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Planning Director Shartle explained this is a liberalization of the previous legislation rather than a restriction, by defining "small animals" rather than only mentioning cats and dogs as was previously done.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1752

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION T TO SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGARDING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1752 at its first reading. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At 8:40 p.m., on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, there being no objection, a recess was declared during which the Redevelopment Agency meeting would be held. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:55 after a ten minute general recess.

22. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re conditional use permit requirements under certain conditions when an existing use is enlarged or improved.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the exemptions as set forth in his transmittal letter and Mayor Isen elicited the information that both the Planning Commission and the Planning Department approve of the proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1753

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION K TO SECTION 20 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHEN AN EXISTING USE IS ENLARGED OR IMPROVED.

Mr. Nickolas O. Drale came forward and made comments on the hardship which he believed this ordinance would cause. Mayor Isen said he believes Mr. Drale's comments are not on this particular item; this would actually benefit the property owners in such a situation as he mentioned.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1753 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

23. PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE amending the provisions of Chapter 38 of the Code of the City of Torrance, 1954, regulating Off-Street Parking and Parking Facilities; requiring off-street parking in connection with the erection, improvement and change of use of buildings and structures; and providing exemptions therefrom. . . (Four ordinances submitted - one to be adopted).

PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE amending Subsection H17 of Section 20 of Appendix I of the Code of the City of Torrance, 1954, relating to provisions for Conditional Use Permits for Educational Institutions including private schools, colleges and universities and trade schools. (Ordinances A and B, one to be adopted).

Mayor Isen said there are multiple choices to be made here and he believed first the decision should be made as to what direction to take, after which the proponents of the Marinello-Comer Colleges of Beauty could be heard from.

The individual councilmen expressed themselves and there was discussion of the downtown parking district assessments. Mr. Drale wanted it made a part of the record that if downtown property owners develop a new building they would get some consideration for the payments they have made into the parking district. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the parking district assessments are based on two factors: ad valorem and proximity. Use has nothing to do with it. Mayor Isen said it would be proper when this is worked over, that anyone who requires a variance or an additional use other than before will agree that at such time as a parking assessment district is formed he will sign and bond himself accordingly. Mr. Remelmeyer said it could be done, but would require considerable study.

The decision narrowed down to considering Ordinance No. 1 of the four presented and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1754

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 38 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING OFF-STREET PARKING AND PARKING FACILITIES; REQUIRING OFF-STREET PARKING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ERECTION, IMPROVEMENT AND CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; AND PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS THEREFROM; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1754 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen said he had talked with the City Attorney and determined there was no conflict of interest because of his family trust and himself personally owning property in the downtown area.

Councilman Olson moved to refer the whole package of four ordinances to the Planning Commission for study and Councilman Miller seconded. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

The particular situation with respect to the Marinello-Comer School of Beauty was next considered.

Mr. Alfred Hyman, realtor, 608 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, had distributed copies of a letter to the councilmen. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked to be permitted to make a statement which he considered important to the present problem. By passing emergency ordinance No. 1 he said the Council had set up a quickie variance procedure under Section 38.110 whereby the Marinello owner can have a hearing on this matter before the Planning Commission without having to come to Council unless the Planning Commission Chairman determines irreparable harm would result. In that event, the hearing would be by the City Council without a hearing thereon having been held before the Planning Commission. This provision was deliberately inserted into each of the four ordinances and for this particular purpose.

Councilman Beasley had not understood that ordinance No. 1754 was an emergency ordinance. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the action taken on Ordinance No. 1754 be reconsidered. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen moved to approve at first reading Ordinance No. 1754 with the following changes: delete from the title the words

"AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY."

Delete the entire Section 2 on page 2 thereof. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

Mr. Hyman then presented his case, saying his clients have a hardship. There is considerable money in escrow for the purchase of the property at 3820-22 Sepulveda Boulevard. He urgently requested immediate action for relief from the City regulations to permit a beauty school at the location, stating there is only one beauty school in Torrance, a city of over 140,000 population. By making it almost impossible for a second beauty school to be established, he felt the City is fostering a monopoly.

The parking lot at the location, Mr. Hyman has noticed, is being used for a used car lot; every weekend there are numerous cars parked there with "for sale" signs. Mr. Hyman introduced Mr. Myer Luskin, President of Scope Industries of which Marinello Schools of Beauty is a wholly owned subsidiary.

Mr. Luskin said the company would like to invest \$300,000 in Torrance, including the purchase of the building and improvements. A certain amount of jobs would be provided as well as taxes and general revenue. He described the twelve schools his company operates, nine of them being in California, all in downtown locations and in none of them has there been parking problems. He had been very pleased with the prospect of operating in a shopping center with all the parking available. The operation would be similar to that of a large beauty parlor, except for the lecture hour from 8 to 9 in the mornings. Peak business is from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Councilman Sciarrotta told of the physical layout of the location and what he believes would be the obvious result of a beauty college there. He does not favor its establishment.

Mayor Isen said he had espoused the beauty school's cause last week because of what seemed to be a lack of congestion in the parking lot. At 3:30 p.m. today he said there was not 15% occupancy. Every one has a car in Torrance and public transportation is not widely used.

At the time the cross easements were entered into, there was a different type of occupancy. There was a large furniture store at that time which requires very little parking. It would completely arbitrary for the Council to grant the request without hearing from the owners of the other businesses at the location. Lawsuits would ensue and probably the cross easement rights would be broken. A second look at the whole situation has made Mayor Isen realize there there would be a great problem here.

Councilman Olson said the school would use at least a hundred spaces, roughly one-third of the capacity of the lot. He confirmed from City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council has no jurisdiction at any rate.

City Clerk Coil read six letters from businesses at the site: Bank of America, Glendale Federal Savings Association, S & H Acceptance Corporation, Griffey Electronics, Del Amo Stationery and Magnavox Villarino Center, each asking for careful review before a decision is made.

Councilman Miller recounted the problems caused by the real estate school on Hawthorne just north of Torrance Boulevard. To grant Marinello's request would set a precedent. Flavio's beauty school in downtown Torrance has sixty students and parking for 45 cars and still has to go out and acquire more land for parking.

Councilman Beasley believes the other businesses in Del Amo Plaza would suffer and there are several businesses with high density parking requirements.

Although Mr. Luskin said he does not know exactly how much parking space the school would require, evidently it is more than is available. He has never seen more than 25% of the lot occupied.

Del Amo Plaza is not strictly a parking center, Mayor Isen repeated and for the school to establish there would undoubtedly result in many injunction suits from other businesses, and a restriction to 20 or 25 spaces.

Mr. Remelmeyer advised Mr. Luskin that he is not foreclosed from filing a petition for a variance and having it processed through the regular channels.

City Manager Ferraro wanted to make a correction - Flavio's is not the only beauty college in Torrance; there is one near Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

24. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF LA CARRETERA PARK, B66-67. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to authorize the additional work as described; to accept the work on the subject improvement and make final payment to the contractor in the amount of \$30,365.13. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable:

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

25. VACATION OF ALLEY SOUTHERLY OF ENGRACIA AVENUE BETWEEN LLEWELLYN AVENUE AND SANTA CLARA STREET. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that proposed resolution be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THAT CERTAIN ALLEY SOUTHERLY OF ENGRACIA AVENUE BETWEEN LLEWELLYN AVENUE AND SANTA CLARA STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-53 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. City Manager Ferraro said the bond has been received.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

26. COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF 1964 BOND ISSUE PROJECT 8102. Proposed resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1964 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT 8102 AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAINS WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-54 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

27. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD: Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of South Bay Realty Company for a temporary billboard to remain at 23201 Hawthorne Boulevard be approved.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

28. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following eight expenditures:

1. \$349.07 to Schapp Corporation for 24 blankets; 72 pillow cases; 72 sheets to be used by the Fire Department for personnel accommodations.

2. \$399.88 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one 2" CT meter with bronze case and check valves on main and intermediate flow lines for the Northrop Corporation installation.

3. \$748.90 to Western Highway Products for purchase of 93 street name signs, porcelain, to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for city streets. 1

4. \$379.60 to Motorola Communications for the purchase of one 2 way radio, used - factory renewed, to be used by the Sanitation Department.

5. \$407.68 to A. J. Bayer Company for two aluminum building identification name signs "Joslyn Center" and "Recreation Center" installed by Bayer personnel.

6. \$1,123.20 to Zumar Industries for 100 30 inch STOP signs to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for traffic control.

7. \$932.88 to Joslin Lumber Co. for 100 4" x 4" x 10' posts and 300 4" x 4" x 12' posts to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for traffic sign posts.

8. \$560.56 to Lenore Printing Co. for printing of Torrance elementary schools "Safe Route" maps, part of a cooperative program between the Torrance Safety Council and City Administration.

Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:

29. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 19 - 25, 1967 as NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. CITY YARD FENCE: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$1,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to complete the City Yard fence and storm drain.

Councilman Miller 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.

31A. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Torrance support of conference at Dominguez Hills California State College.

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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INDICATING ITS SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE AT DOMINGUEZ

HILLS PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON "ENVIRONMENTAL
PROBLEMS AND URBAN DESIGN AND BEAUTIFICATION.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

32. ORDINANCE NO. 1751:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1751 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. City Manager Ferraro introduced from the audience David Brieholz of the Building Department.

34. Mrs. Velma Shelbourn, newly elected Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, will take office on June 1st and she was introduced by City Manager Ferraro.

35. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Courts Committee of the eleven South Bay cities met last week and it was decided that each City Council would be requested to contribute \$300 as an outright gift for the new Superior Courts Building. Previously there had been a request that each city contribute a gift of that value, but there has been this change made. The Committee selected by the eleven cities representatives together with the architect will determine what the combined gift will be. He requested appropriation of \$300 for that purpose, from the General Fund. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Councilman Vico seconded. Mayor Isen added the phrase "subject to all the other cities of the eleven giving a like amount, otherwise the \$300 to be returned"; there was no objection to the addition and roll call on the entire motion was:

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

36. Mr. Nickolas Drale said at the time of the Superior Court building proposal, there was a committee of which he was a member and which Mayor Isen headed. Mr. Drale thought that committee should have some recognition for the magnificent job done. Mayor Isen said the project has reached regional aspects now; it belongs to all the cities it will serve and the fact that it is here and completed should be the best monument to the work of all who helped to obtain it.

37. Councilman Beasley asked for clarification as to the appraisers for the Madrona dumpsite. Mayor Isen explained and Mr. Ferraro said the policy matter regarding hiring of appraisers was referred to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Beasley asked that the following statement be included in the record:

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"I think any time any person wants to make a bid on anything or any equipment, or any job in the City of Torrance, I think they ought to be allowed to make it. That's one thing I wanted to agree with the Mayor on and I want to see that our department heads recognize the fact that at least two of us on the Council believe this is true, that we will make the decision as to who we employ."

38. Councilman Sciarrotta appointed Mrs. Muriel Cohen, 3420 Maricopa Street to the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission. The appointment he had previously made of Garth Belknap became ineffective as Mr. Belknap is unable to serve. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

39. From the audience, Mr. Leo Weiner of 8402 Allenwood Road, Los Angeles, representing Western Vending Machine Company, himself and a group of small businessmen, said this particular small vending operation is not correctly classified in the city's licensing ordinance. There should be a classification of "Bulk Vending Machines" for the merchandising of penny items, mostly to children. Costs have gone up on merchandise, parts and labor but the item sold remains one cent. He states his industry needs relief from the cities' councils, at least to the extent it was three or four years ago when the council considered the problem before and placed them in a category of \$1.00 per machine with a \$24 maximum. Mr. Weiner said he also has nickel and dime machines.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to process this with the License Department and bring back a report as a regular agenda item. Mr. Weiner will be notified of the time it will be before Council.

Mr. Weiner added that he operates 75 machines in Torrance, 64 of which are penny machines and 11 go to 10¢. They gross \$225 per month and the cost of license is \$183 per year, 6.4% of the \$2700 gross.

40. Mrs. Vera Holcomb, 1906 West 222nd Street, said she wants to replace an old fence with a block fence. Mr. Ferraro said before she can get a permit to do so there is a corner cut-off dedication to be made, because the block fence will be considered as an improvement to the property. Mayor Isen advised her to talk with the City Manager tomorrow; the Council has no jurisdiction.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:15 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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