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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 23, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

Since the primary consideration at this hour was the status of oil wells known as Ajax #4, Ajax #5 and Ajax #6 (agenda item #12), opening ceremonies were delayed until 8:00 P.M.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Having just received the minutes of May 16, 1967, their approval was held.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

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 was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Beasley.)

Agenda Item 12 was presented for consideration at this time.

12. CONTINUED HEARING - APPEAL OF APPLICATION FOR DECISION-OIL WELLS

(Rescheduled per Council action May 9, 1967.) Appeal of application for decision that oil wells known as Ajax #4, Ajax #5 and Ajax #6 located in Tract 2895 are not idle wells. Planning Commission determined that subject oil wells are idle wells and denied the application for exception to the provisions of Sec. 19.72 and 19.73 of Ordinance #1203.

City Attorney Remelmeyer ruled that the Council has jurisdiction to consider only whether or not to grant the exception, not to determine whether or not the wells are truly idle wells since that was determined by the Director of Public Works and then on appeal by the Planning Commission, and the ordinance provides no appeal to the City Council on that point. The Council, therefore, is restricted to a determination. Mr. Remelmeyer further advised, of whether or not to grant an exception, and recited the criteria outlined in Section 19.78 of the City Code for the granting of such an exception.

Introductions were in order, and present were Mr. Martin Munson, 3405 West Imperial Highway, Inglewood, attorney representing South Bay Oil and Development Company; Attorney Von Herzen, 453 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, representing Mr. and Mrs. Ariaz, 4011 Spencer Street; and Mr. George Kurtz, attorney representing Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wagner of 20428 Earl Street.

To provide direction for the proceedings to follow, Councilman Miller offered a MOTION that the Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Attorney that the Council has no jurisdiction by way of appeal as to the ruling of the Planning Commission that the subject oil wells have been declared idle wells. The motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Beasley.)

Lengthy testimony was presented by Mr. Munson relating the background history of South Bay Oil and Development Company; Mr. Keith Clark, the President of this company; and Mr. George Kurtz. As the facts unfolded, Mayor Isen recognized the monumental proportions of hearing the evidence in this matter, and recommended that it be referred to management to act as a referee with statements taken from the attorneys, witnesses, City personnel (specifically, David Cleveland); all to be condensed and furnished in a report to the Council, including, if possible, the pending report from the Public Utilities Commission regarding the disconnected service. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with Mayor Isen's recommendation; the motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen then directed City Manager Ferraro to make all City staff and interested parties available so that their statements can be taken in the presence of all interested parties and their attorneys.

Non-controversial agenda items were now considered:

17. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the Council accept as complete the construction of Fire Station #5, 3940 Del Amo Boulevard, and that payment be made to the Rutter and Burdge Construction Company.

Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

18. ORDINANCE releasing Lindley property from the building restrictions of the South Torrance Flood Hazard zone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1774

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1359 WHICH PROHIBITED BUILDING IN A CERTAIN PART OF THE SOUTH TORRANCE AREA SO AS TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN SAID ZONE WHERE THE DEVELOPER SIGNS A WAIVER OF DAMAGES IN FAVOR OF THE CITY AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1774, an emergency ordinance, at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Beasley.)

22. BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURES OF FUND ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107.5 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE. Proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING A BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF STATE ALLOCATED (ENGINEERING FUNDS).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-97 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

23. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS TO CITIES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING A BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS TO CITIES.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-98. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

24. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the expenditures listed as items 1 through 8:

BUDGETED:

- 1. \$429.33 to Smith-Bennett for 714 feet of 1 inch galvanized pipe and other miscellaneous material to be used by the Park Department for the Parkway Development on Hawthorne Boulevard, Newton Street to Pacific Coast Highway.
- 2. \$385.42 to Econolite for two traffic signal loop detectors to be installed by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
- 3. \$712.40 to Clayton Manufacturing Co. for purchase of one oil-fired steam cleaner to be used by the Fire Department for Shop and Hose Maintenance, a factory direct purchase.
- 4. \$384.70 to Brooks Products, Inc. for purchase of 13 meter boxes and eight covers, to be installed at various locations by the Water Department.

REIMBURSEABLE ITEMS:

- 5. \$712.40 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for the purchases of one 8 inch check detector for fire prevention designed after the Los Angeles City design. Payment has been received from Harper Furniture of California.

SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY BOOKS:

6. \$601.54 to Hacker Art Books for purchase of 22 books for Torrance Library.
7. \$2,884.49 to Perc B. Sapsis, Inc. for purchase of 810 adult and juvenile books for Torrance Library.
8. \$3,026.50 to Silver Burdett Co. for purchase of 605 books for Torrance Library.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

25. RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON TESTING CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967-68.

The recommendation is that the testing contract for miscellaneous employees for the fiscal year 1967-68 be awarded to Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission at a cost of \$9,190.80 per year and that Cooperative Personnel Services continue to give the promotional examinations for safety employees according to the procedure followed for the past several years.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

26. PROPOSAL FROM COTTON AND FRANCISCO:

Mayor Isen commented favorably upon the services of these auditors over the years and on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Lyman, the proposal as outlined was accepted by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

27. PROPOSED RESOLUTION extending agreement with Southern California Humane Society.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LETTER AGREEMENT EXTENDING FOR THE FIFTH TIME THE TERM OF THE APRIL 23, 1962, AGREEMENT FOR POUND SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SPCA, DOING BUSINESS AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE SOCIETY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for adoption of Resolution No. 67-99; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

29. GORMAN C. MERRICK'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RENTAL OF BUILDING AT 2755 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (FORMERLY TROJANAIRE).

The recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission is for approval. After some discussion as to the possibility of any kind of recourse as to the former lessee, Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and Councilman Olson seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

30. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REQUEST TO ATTEND 1967 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES, June 26-30, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request, with appropriate expenses paid. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

31. PALOS VERDES AVIATION LEASE: Submitted by Airport Manager and Airport Commission with recommendation of approval.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that any approval be granted subject to certain changes in wording which he would make, but which would in no way change the intent and effect of the document. With this provision, Councilman Vico moved approval. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED JUNE 1, 1967, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PALOS VERDES AVIATION COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-100 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

32. AUTHORIZATION OF \$788 FOR LANDSCAPING AND BEAUTIFICATION AT THE CONTROL TOWER. Recommendation of Airport Manager to approve.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth in the Airport Manager's letter, for which funds are available within the current Airport budget. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:

33. LOS ARBOLES PARK NIGHT LIGHTING: Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, to install security night lighting at Los Arboles Park, with a minimum of six poles.

Las Colinas Garden Club has donated \$400 toward this project and Mayor Isen requested a letter of thanks be sent to Las Colinas. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Park and

Recreation Commission, concurred in by the Director of Recreation and the City Manager. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

The ladies from Las Colinas Garden Club were expected and Mayor Isen said they would be recognized when they arrive - probably at the eight o'clock hour.

WATER SYSTEM:

34. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re agreement between the City and the Department of Water and Power for sale of a portion of Torrance Municipal Water System facilities now owned by the City and located in the City of Los Angeles.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION re agreement between the City and Southern California Water Company for sale of a portion of Torrance Municipal Water System facilities now owned by the City and located in the City of Gardena.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OF THAT PORTION OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES NOW OWNED BY THE CITY AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF WATER FACILITIES GRANT THEREFOR (SALE OF FORMER MONETA WATER CO. FACILITIES).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-101 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY OF THAT PORTION OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES NOW OWNED BY THE CITY AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GARDENA AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BILL OF SALE AND ASSIGNMENT THEREFOR. (SALE OF FORMER MONETA WATER CO. FACILITIES).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-102 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

There was some talk of a motion to direct that the money be retained in the Water Fund, but the motion was withdrawn and in lieu of such direction, the matter was referred to Staff for a recommendation.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

35. Request of City Attorney for authorization of payment of \$1,494.50 for Urban Renewal legal services of Eugene B. Jacobs.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the fees be paid; his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

A recess was declared at 7:50 p.m. and the Council resumed its deliberations at 8:00 p.m., which is ordinarily the scheduled time of meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

The roll call was taken with the same results as at 7:00 p.m. (Councilman Beasley absent on vacation).

INVOCATION:

It appearing that Reverend Rath was not present, Reverend D. H. Piller of the Seventh Day Adventist Church opened this portion of the meeting with an invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Two young men from North High School were present and Mayor Isen welcomed them and at his request, Jack Stafford led the salute to the flag.

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

HEARINGS:8. ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL BARBER SHOPS WITHIN THE CITY TO REMAIN CLOSED ON SUNDAYS.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place scheduled for public hearing, and asked if anyone wished to be heard, first from the affirmative.

Councilman Lyman said he would refrain from entering into the discussion of this matter in any way since he had represented one of the parties in similar hearings several years ago before the Council.

Attorney Harold Thomasian, 3555 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, was present and spoke on behalf of the barbers who were present also and who wish to have the ordinance put into effect. He stated he had filed with the City Clerk a petition containing signatures of 97% of the barbers in the City. He believed it is within the province of the Council to pass such an ordinance within the health and safety factors. Redondo Beach and about ten other cities in Los Angeles County have similar ordinances in force. The barbers who have signed the petition, and the owners of the shops, feel they must keep their shops open on Sundays to maintain their business and face competition. Also, Mr. Thomasian said many of the barbers have opened up seven-day shops within Torrance city limits since the passage of the Redondo Beach prohibiting Sunday opening.

Mr. Jeff Bradpiece, whose office is at 22527 Crenshaw Boulevard, spoke on behalf of clients who operate on Sundays and agreed completely with the attached opinion that any such ordinance would be unconstitutional. Mayor Isen urged him to find a means of testing the ordinance through the Supreme Court of the State. Mr. Bradpiece also brought out the argument having to do with a "day of rest" which varies among the

various religions and is not universally Sunday.

Pastor Piller, 28733 Blythwood Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula, of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance for the reasons given by Mr. Bradpiece, and stated such an ordinance would be discriminatory. He asked that Torrance maintain leadership especially in freedom for its citizens.

Bernice Emosious of 47 Hitchingpost Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, was opposed to the proposed ordinance.

Jack Ashberg of 5325 Calle Mayor, who owns and operates a barbershop in Torrance, also opposes the Sunday closing ordinance. People work seven days a week in Torrance and should have the privilege of getting their hair cut when they have the time to do so. His shop is open 60 hours pe week, but his employees work only 42 hours. He stated his shop has been inspected on a Sunday, but never on a weekday after five o'clock. He estimates that the average barbershop is inspected four or five times a year.

Robert Irvin of 23341 Anza Avenue, labeled the petition "flimsy" and opposed the ordinance as a violation of free enterprise.

D. A. Newfeld, Religious Liberties Secretary for the Southern California Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, whose address is 1967 Eden Avenue, Glendale, said he represents about 100,000 Southern Californians of his faith, and opposes the proposed legislation as imposing a unequal burden because of religious convictions. Many Californians consider Saturday to be the Sabbath.

In rebuttal, Mr. Thomasian said he feels other factors have been brought into the discussion - all he wanted to do is promote legislation for Sunday closing of barbershops, representing the Barbers' Association.

No one else appearing to speak, on motion of Councilman Vico, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Miller said his opinion has not changed; he is still in opposition to the Sunday closing. Councilman Sciarrotta believed the ordinance to be unconstitutional.

Mayor Isen suggested, in order to bring the issue before the Council, that there be a motion to either approve or deny the requested ordinance adding Section 42.1.15 to the Torrance Municipal Code. In response, Councilman Miller moved to deny the request for the ordinance; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

A recess was called at 8:50 p.m. and the Council returned to the agenda at 9:00 p.m.

33. Mayor Isen recognized several members of Las Colinas Garden Club which had made a contribution toward the night lighting of Los Arboles Park. Mrs. Halpern urged that the lighting be installed as quickly as possible because vandalism is continuing. City Manager Ferraro said capital improvements will not be considered at this time; Director of Recreation Van Bellehem was instructed to notify the ladies at the appropriate time.

Bernard Dougan, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, said that the Commission recommended that the money be transferred from the parking lot fund of Retiro Park to expedite the lighting of Los Arboles Park. City Manager Ferraro did not believe that would be the proper thing to do; the parking has been promised for a long time and there is a great need for it also. Mayor Isen was inclined toward Mr. Dougan's thinking, as was Councilman Vico.

Councilman Vico moved that \$3,400 be transferred from the El Retiro parking lot fund to be used for the lighting project at Los Arboles Park. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

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Mr. Arbouin, Customer Relations representative of the Torrance Postoffice, 2510 Monterey Street, thanked the Council on behalf of the Torrance Postmaster, for the permission granted to use the parking lot at the Torrance Park for a drivers' training test and to thank all the other departments involved in getting together the equipment needed, on short notice.

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PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. VARIANCE 67-7, JULES BLUM dba BLUM'S HOT N' TOT RESTAURANT: Requested variance from the provisions of the off-street parking ordinance to provide no additional parking spaces (12 required) for an addition to the Hot n' Tot Restaurant located at the southeast corner of Artesia Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard (17430 Crenshaw Boulevard). Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and for denial by the Planning Department.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Jules Blum, lessee of the property, said while he is twelve parking spaces short of the requirement, the bulk of his business is done long after the other businesses in the shopping center are closed. He feels the variance would create no problem for anyone. He is spending \$75,000 in remodeling the restaurant and replacing fixtures. There is no bar in this 24-hour restaurant.

On questioning by Mayor Isen, Planning Director Shartle said there is barely minimal parking now and any expansion would create a problem for the whole center in his opinion. Councilman Lyman who shops in the center frequently said there is certainly not enough parking there.

Mr. W. N. Bundy, 2835 West 176th Street, presented a petition with 88 signatures from the immediate area and opposed the variance and requested its denial.

Councilman Miller's questions clarified the problem: it is planned to add 78 seats to the restaurant which would, by the added floor space, require 12 more parking spaces. Mr. Shartle said he could not recommend going below the requirements of the ordinance which now specifies a strict minimum. While this particular shopping center might not have problems now there is always the possibility of the tenants and types of business changing. Some of the parking by employees of the center is supposed to be across the street.

Mr. Blum said the other tenants in the center approve his expansion and do not object to the variance being granted.

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

Councilman Olson proposed that there be a condition placed on the variance, if granted, so that it might be rescinded if it creates a problem. Mayor Isen believed there could be some means of utilizing the street parking along Crenshaw or Artesia, by two-hour parking.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Director, which is for denial. In consideration of the proposed improvement and the resulting revenue to the City, Mayor Isen thought some compromise could be worked out. In effect, Councilman Vico agreed. Councilman Miller asked if there is any way to block access from Atkinson Avenue. Public Works Director said it could not be done without the consent to the blocking off, of Mr. Schwartz (Foods Company), and he would not recommend it.

Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon said there could be control as to access for delivery trucks; this is successfully done at Del Amo Center and other places within the City. Councilman Miller thought any motions should be subject to approval by Mr. Schwartz, the lessor.

Mayor Isen moved that a variance be granted as to the 12 additional spaces, subject to the condition that there be satisfactory traffic regulations and a plan on Atkinson Avenue only for deliveries to meet with the approval of the Building Department (Mr. McKinnon), the Traffic Department (Mr. Horkay) and the Planning Department (Mr. Shartle), all to be supervised by City Manager Ferraro. Councilman Olson seconded.

Councilman Lyman said the lot is overbuilt and to overbuild additionally is not going to improve the situation.

Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Mayor Isen.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

The motion failed.

Councilman Miller suggested the matter be referred to Management to work with interested parties and homeowners to develop a proper plan, and to bring a recommendation to Council - and he moved to continue this case to June 27 at 8:00 p.m., for the presentation of an acceptable plan. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

10. ZONE CHANGE 67-2, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION: From M-1 to R-1, R-2, RR-3, R-3, R-5, R-P, C-R, C-1, C-2 and/or C-3 on property located on the east side of Yukon Avenue between 182nd Street and the San Diego Freeway. Recommended for approval of change of zone from M-1 to C-R with the zoning to become C-3 upon approval of a precise plan of development.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mr. Gerald Morris came forward, and he added to the record thirty additional petition signatures.

Mr. Max Kelly of 18407 Haas Avenue said the zone change originally was initiated by the City. All the factors which were true at the first hearing of the case are still true and delay will not solve them.

Mr. Lew Jenkins of Southern California Edison Company said they have asked for a year's continuance of this hearing for the purpose of making further study, with the moratorium to continue during that time. They would review with the homeowners' or parents' group any plans they might evolve and it might be that a year would not be required. Under the circumstances, City Attorney Remelmeyer said this would be legally possible.

Mr. Leonard Nasateer of 16802 Kornblum, said evidently the question has narrowed down to whether the property is to be commercial or residential and the decision must be one which will be most beneficial to the students at North High School. He hopes for residential.

A young man from North High School, Jack Stafford, whose address is 3953 West 178th Street, proposed that the high school student body be represented in some way in these hearings.

Mr. Jenkins said he would rest his case on the contents of his letter which he would consider to be binding on the company and its officers.

Mrs. J. B. Holcomb, 3343 West 180th Street, said the PTA's have been contacted and were notified.

Mayor Isen moved to concur and accept the request of the Associated Southern Investment Company by L. E. Jenkins, their authorized representative, for the moratorium and all the terms and conditions set forth in the letter. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent). In case it is possible to bring the case back before one year, ample notification will be made.

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A motion was made by Councilman Sciarrotta to recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting, at 10:05 p.m. and the Council returned to its agenda after a general recess, at 10:20 p.m.

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11. VARIANCE 67-12, JACK AND CHRISTINE ALLEN: Variance to allow a single car garage in lieu of the normal two-car garage at 2112 West 238th Street.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak; there was no response. Mayor Isen said this is a case where a home was destroyed by explosion and hardship exists.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the relief asked for be granted and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

13. CONTINUED HEARING ON VARIANCE 67-6, CERTIFIED ROOFERS, INC. Variance from the provisions of the R-3 zone to allow the operation of a roofing yard and offices on property located on the south side of Carson Street approximately 300 feet westerly of Plaza Del Amo at 2368 West Carson Street. Recommended for approval, with conditions.

Mayor Isen commented that from the appearance of the location it appears that the operation is under way.

Mr. Jim Morrison, 20808 Avis Avenue, representing Certified Roofers, said a contractor has been contacted toward asphaltic paving and landscaping and improvements have already been made. The materials in the yard are there because of many jobs being contracted by the company. The adjoining building which Mayor Isen complained of, Mr. Morrison said is not a part of their operation. He had not been aware any permit was necessary before starting the improvements.

Mayor Isen asked if the company would work with Torrance Beautiful Commission toward improving the appearance of the property and Mr. Morrison said he does not own Certified Roofers, Inc., but he can speak for them to some extent.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico; there was no objection.

City Manager Ferraro asked for a sixth condition to the variance if granted, providing for reasonable beautification of the property, and including that as a sixth condition, Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation, with conditions. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Beasley absent).

This case, Mayor Isen said, should be referred to the Torrance Beautiful Commission with the specific request that they use whatever persuasive influence possible on the owners toward beautification of their property and the adjoining property as well as the Santa Fe area where the old station is being removed.

Councilman Miller remarked that the Council agrees with Mayor Isen in this request one hundred percent.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. RECONSIDERATION OF CUP 67-5, ODELL, CELMER AND GARCIA: Appeal of a conditional use permit to allow construction and operation of a veterinary hospital on C-5 zoned property located at 23500 Hawthorne Boulevard. Recommended for approval subject to conditions by the Planning Commission.

All that can be done on this at this meeting is to decide whether or not to reconsider. Adequate publication must be made to hear further testimony.

Mr. Howard Frace, 26957 Eastvale Road, Rolling Hills, said he had been told by Mr. Cleveland that there was nothing further he could do. This was at Planning Commission level. Planning Director Shartle, Mr. Frace said, told him the same thing. Mr. Frace thought that was why more people did not attend the Council meeting at which this was heard. Mayor Isen said Mr. Cleveland should be cautioned not to give this sort of advice; it is a matter for the Planning Director or City Attorney. He asked for Mr. Frace's contention as to why this case should be reopened.

Lot 22, Block F is owned by Mr. Frace and he plans to develop it sometime in the future although not right away. He feels there is a possibility that a veterinary hospital would be detrimental to the adjoining property because of noise and odor.

Mr. Morris Sasso, 416 Beloit Avenue, Los Angeles 49, said he had not been notified either, although he owns property 100 feet from the proposed small animal hospital site. He said he wrote a letter in

protest but it was not considered. He urged that the property be developed as C-5.

Thelma Turner, a real estate broker with offices at 1629 Crenshaw Boulevard, said she represents four or five property owners within 300 feet of the site, who believe that the Hawthorne Boulevard property could be improved to better advantage. Her clients are Jack M. Roth, lots 3, 4, 5, Block F; Dr. Berlin and Houghton (spelling ?), Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13; Dr. Schleisner, Lot 17; Mr. Sasso's lot and a real estate broker who owns Lot 14. She also mentioned Jim Rawman (spelling ?) who owns Lots 7 and 8. In all, she said she represents the owners of sixteen lots in the same block. Mayor Isen assured her that any letters which have been received from these people have been taken into consideration even if they were not read aloud in Council meeting. She said if an animal hospital is placed here the value of the land will be depreciated and only light industry will come in.

Councilman Miller moved for reconsideration of CUP 67-5. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Planning Director Shartle was instructed to properly advertise this matter and give proper legal notice for hearing at a later date. Mayor Isen expressed displeasure with the method of notification used in planning matters. City Manager Ferraro explained the legal requirements of notification and the practical application. Mayor Isen insisted there should be more definite authentication of the lists given Planning by the petitioners, and instructed Staff that there be some correction made along the lines mentioned. Some verification must be made, and he asked that the Planning Commission investigate the policy and make a recommendation.

15. RECONSIDERATION OF ZC 67-4, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION: Change of zone from C-2 to C-5 on property located on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard between 238th Street and Pacific Coast Highway and a change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on property located on the east side of Los Codona Avenue north of 240th Street. Recommended for approval.

This is a case in which Councilman Vico wished to change the vote recorded for him and at the suggestion of Mayor Isen, he moved for reconsideration of ZC 67-4 (Item 15). Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Olson

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Councilman Vico had said that he misunderstood and his vote did not correctly reflect his thinking on the matter. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Olson

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

#### STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

16. REQUEST OF SOLVENT COATING CORP. 1031-33 Engracia Avenue for exception from requirements as outlined in Section 74.3.2 of the City Code.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to denial (Councilman Beasley absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

19. PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending the Code relating to the method of maintaining and amending the position classification plan and the establishing and altering of compensation schedules for employees of the City.

Ray Saukkola, President of the Torrance City Employees Association, said the ordinance submitted by the City Attorney is basically the same subject discussed at the May 2, 1967 Council meeting and there was some discussion of the procedure to be followed regarding classification. The Association's position is that prior to the time the Civil Service Commission acts on a recommendation for change in class or position that the Personnel Director and City Manager would make a recommendation to the Commission; the Commission would consider and recommend to the City Council. This does not agree with the provisions of Section 14.2.2. Mr. Saukkola presented a draft of what the Association would recommend. The subject is as to the Personnel Director and under whose direction he works. The Jacobs survey includes the following wording: "under the direction of the City Manager, to administer the personnel program of the City; to act as secretary to the Civil Service Board; and to do related work as required."

Mayor Isen moved that the wording be, as to Section 14.2.1: "The Personnel Director under the direction of the City Manager shall be responsible for . . ." As to the change of classification plan, the second sentence should read: "The Commission shall submit its action on such recommendations to the City Council. The City Council shall make the final decision." Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

With the changes above outlined, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1775

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE METHOD OF MAINTAINING AND AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND THE ESTABLISHING AND ALTERING OF COMPENSATION SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1775 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. Proposal from Dan Butcher to construct a public golf course for lease to the City.

Councilman Olson recounted the history of all the golf course proposals which have been studied with the net and inevitable result that the City cannot afford them. Councilman Lyman agreed. Councilman Sciarrotta felt some study should be made, but no appraiser hired. Mayor Isen would be glad to have a golf course on Mr. Butcher's land but he, too, referred to the City's inability even to afford lighting for Los Arboles Park where vandalism is continuing to occur. He favors Staff stopping so many studies and getting down to work. If Mr. Butcher wishes to build a golf course, Mayor Isen has no objection but not at the cost of the City.

The City Manager's recommendation is that the City Council authorize the employment of an appraiser to determine the market value of the property in question. Such employment to be contingent upon Mr. Butcher's agreeing to pay one-half the cost of the appraisal.

Councilman Olson moved to deny and reject the recommendation as to employing an appraiser but to continue the feasibility study with a recommendation to be made to the Council at its June 6th meeting. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to the two-part motion, except for Mayor Isen who voted "No" as to the feasibility study as well as "No" as to the hiring of an appraiser.

There will be a feasibility study report on the June 6th agenda.

21. REPORT from Public Works Committee of the Council re selection of appraisers.

City Clerk Coil said a letter had been received from Councilman Beasley asking that this matter be held until he is present at Council meeting. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

28. COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION on 1966-67 Capital Improvement Program.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the report as presented. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

36. REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER RE INTER-CITY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Mayor Isen asked that this be held for two weeks and there was no objection.

37. FINAL TRACT MAP 26835, Subdivider, R. G. Garland. Recommendation of approval from Director of Public Works and Planning Director, with approval of Planning Commission president.

Councilman Olson moved to approve Final Tract Map 26835 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried, there being no objection.

PROCLAMATIONS:

38. Mayor Isen proclaimed June 5 - 9, 1967 as LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOGNITION WEEK.

SECOND READINGS:

39. ORDINANCE NO. 1773:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1773

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROMULGATING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF HELICOPTER LANDING FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1773 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the City Librarian, Mr. West, wants to rent space at 1336 El Prado for \$50 per month, starting June 1, 1967 for fourteen months and asked approval by the Council subject to the City Attorney writing a lease for signature by the proper officials. Councilman Olson moved to grant the request; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

41. Public Works Director Nollac announced rubbish collection would be as usual during the Memorial Day week.

42. Traffic Engineer Horkay announced the left turn signals at Hawthorne and Torrance Boulevard would be turned on and a dedication ceremony will be arranged, sometime next week.

43. Councilman Olson referred to informational item F, a letter from a planning commissioner in Redondo Beach; concurred in approval of the green patch on Torrance Boulevard near City Hall and asked for an estimate of the cost of extending these along Torrance Boulevard. Mr. Nollac suggested estimating in two increments: one from Madrona to Maple and one from Maple on to Crenshaw. According to Mr. Horkay, the cost would run about \$480 to follow this plan between Madrona and Crenshaw.

44. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Horkay about the timing of the signal at Maple and Torrance Boulevard. There seems to be an undue wait to traverse Maple north and south.

45. Mayor Isen asked for clarification of the retroactive pay ordinance: Is it not true that anyone who was on the civil service payroll January 2, 1967 would be entitled to the 3% increase for whatever time he worked after that date? City Attorney Remelmeyer said not according to the wording of the ordinance, but Mayor Isen scolded him for not making the intent more apparent in the cover letter, or calling it to the attention of the Council. Mr. Saukkola said the Association had not realized the wording of the ordinance would preclude the payment of the retroactive amounts to those who terminated since January 2nd. Mayor Isen repeated that the intent of the Council, in his opinion was to pay those people the increase for the proportionate parts of 1967 which they worked for the City. No actual motion was made nor passed, but Mayor Isen, with the consent of the balance of the Council, directed the City Manager to follow the policy which he has here espoused.

46. Mr. Ron Baer of 22232 Shadycroft Avenue, said he had started construction of a wall without a permit and has learned that he is on public easement property. He would like to have some solution because he is also planning additional construction on his home which is being held up. There was no objection from Building and Safety Director McKinnon or the Council to Mr. Baer's going ahead with the second application for permit, pending decision on the illegal construction of the 30" wall. Mayor Isen moved to that effect; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. Mr. Baer is to work out any problem as to the wall with the Building and Safety Director.

47. Mr. Ted Koletos of 24748 Via Valmonte, came forward with a problem about some property he had purchased in the Barton Tract. He was advised to consult with Management.

48. Mr. Douglas Ellington, 17705 South Western Avenue, Royal Western Mobile Home Park, said he has been having some trouble arbitrating a problem about the Babe Ruth League, with the Recreation Department. The players send balls into the mobile home park and there has been damage and a nuisance created. Recreation Director Van Bellehem suggested the problem be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

49. It having been previously agreed there would be no Council meeting during the Memorial Day week, it was regularly moved, seconded and passed, that this meeting adjourn to June 6, 1967, at 5:30 p.m. The time of closing this meeting was 11:45 p.m.

*Vernon W. Coil*

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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance