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Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Torrance, California  
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance was held at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 6, 1967, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Officer Peter George Hurley who is being sworn into the Police Force at this meeting, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Arthur Nagel, of the First Methodist Church of Torrance opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held May 16 and May 23, 1967, as written. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve all properly audited demands. 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 (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen introduced two new members of the Press: Tim O'Donnell of the Press-Herald and Dave Polas who will be attending council meetings in place of Alan Bird who has been promoted to the position of Assistant City Editor of the South Bay Daily Breeze. Mayor Isen delivered a plaque to Mr. O'Donnell to be taken to Reid Bundy in appreciation of his work on the Library bond issue. Another plaque under the same circumstances was presented to the Manager of KKOP stereo radio station which assisted greatly in publicizing the need for the library bonds to pass.

Chief Koenig introduced Police Cadet Ted Bailey, one of six cadets in the program which Chief Koenig explained. Also there is a student trainee program and one of those student trainees, Peter George Hurley, was sworn in and presented with his official badge. His parents were present and were introduced also.

Mayor Isen announced there would be a dinner for County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn on <sup>June</sup> May 19th and it would be appropriate to present to him a plaque. At Mayor Isen's request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE HONORABLE KENNETH HAHN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-105 and to make it in perma plaque form. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried as follows:

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. REQUEST OF C. T. CRAWFORD who proposes to purchase Tri-City Taxi Company of Hermosa Beach, presently licensed to do business in the City of Torrance, from its present owner and apply for the necessary licenses, permission to operate the same number of taxicabs as presently authorized and to use the same number of fare rates established for same.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for public hearing on this request and City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Publication which was ordered filed, there being no objection.

No one responded to Mayor Isen's request that anyone who wished to do so, speak on this matter.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; Councilman Vico seconded and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the License Supervisor that favorable consideration be given to approval of the application of Mr. C. T. Crawford to license nine taxicabs under the name Blue and White Cab Company, with the following conditions:

1. Approval of requested rate, Section 36.1.17, Chapter 6 of the Torrance City Code.
2. Certificate of Insurance as required by Section 33.17.6, Division 3 of the Torrance City Code.
3. Approval of traffic authority be obtained as to a standard, distinctive and uniform color scheme, name, monogram or insignia adopted by the applicant as required by Section 36.2.3, Chapter 6 of the Torrance City Code.
4. All drivers to be properly licensed in accordance with Section 33.17.3 of the Torrance Cide Code.

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen welcomed Mr. Crawford and his operation to the City.

9. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1967: Resolution of Intention re abatement of nuisance.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for hearing on the Resolution of Intention No. 67-94, and asked if there are any exceptions; Public Works Director Nollac said there were not.

Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on the subject and there was no response.

Councilman Olson moved to close the hearing; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 67-94.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 67-106 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-106 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTION of Intention and setting a hearing thereon June 20, 1967 at 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 67-107 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-107 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Case No. 67-2, Ampco Metal, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF "THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE" AS APPLIED FOR BY AMPCO METAL, INC. IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PP 67-2.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-108 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Councilman Miller said he abstained for reasons previously stated and Mayor Isen said since it was considered, he has been retained professionally by interested parties.

12. COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. BEVERLY A. SELVAGE, North Torrance Property Owners and Home Owners Association re their wish to appear before Council for reconsideration on the zoning in ZC67-3.

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda, Mr. Coil said.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREETS, LOT 12, TRACT 22202 AND PORTION OF LOT 35, TRACT 25311. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager that attached resolution be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 12 OF TRACT NO. 22202 AND A PORTION OF LOT 35 OF TRACT NO. 25311, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTIONS "181st STREET".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-109 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF GARNET STREET, 450 FEET EASTERLY OF VICTOR STREET TO ANZA AVENUE, B67-13, JOB NO. 66013.

Two recommendations of Public Works Director that (1) contract for subject improvement be awarded on basis of primary proposal to Vladimir Popovich and all other bids rejected and (2) that \$6,000 be appropriated from savings on current year Capital Improvement projects to supplement existing appropriation.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

15. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E, PHASE IV, INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS IN A RETENTION BASIN AND LADEENE AVENUE. Recommendation of Director of Public Works that contract for subject improvement be awarded to Herb Smeltzer Construction Co. in the amount of \$56,237.59 and all other bids rejected.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. 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.

16. 1964 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT 8103 AND 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT 741. Two proposed resolutions approving the two projects.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE <sup>1964</sup>1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT 8103 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 Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-110 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. 67-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT 741 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. 67-111 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

17. AWARD OF CONTRACT - PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINE FOR FIRE STATION NO. 4. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director that contract be awarded to Edward F. Weidhaas and all other bids be rejected. The amount is \$2,860.

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

REAL PROPERTY:

18. Communication from Telo Koletos re sale of Lots 8, 9 and 10 of Block 15, Walteria Tract.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the communication to the City Manager for recommendation. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

19. RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER for Council approval, to remove existing traffic signal at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Sonoma Street and relocate it at the future extension of Amie Avenue and Carson Street to serve the Del Amo Centers.

Mr. Horkay said notification had been made to as many residents as possible. While the study was being made, the signal was turned off and no complaints were received.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

20. RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER for Council approval, to install green painted islands on Torrance Boulevard between Madrona Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.

There was considerable discussion on this recommendation, after a motion by Councilman Lyman, seconded by Councilman Olson, to concur in the recommendation.

Councilman Miller asked if this is a start toward a city-wide project and City Manager Ferraro said it could be used in other parts of the City. Public Works Director Nollac expanded on Mr. Ferraro's statement, to the effect that Torrance Boulevard is first being considered because of its general green and attractive appearance. There might be other places where it would enhance the beauty of the City streets, and it might be used at such places with approval of the Council.

The island painting had been Councilman Olson's idea to start with with the appearance in mind. However, he said there is also a safety factor in that people who might drive across a blank space in the pavement will hesitate to cross the green area. It more clearly defines the island as not being an area to be traversed. Councilman Sciarrotta feared there would be a big upkeep cost. Councilman Miller thought it looks nice, but not at the price. Mayor Isen reminded the councilmen that the downtown areas which were painted green were raised areas, not flat as is the one in front of City Hall.

Mr. Horkay said he would like to finish up Torrance Boulevard in the fashion between Maple and Madrona. Councilman Lyman spoke in glowing terms of the beauty of Torrance Boulevard in this area and said he favors anything which will further enhance its attractiveness.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved a substitute to compromise, due to the fact that the block between Maple and Madrona fronts City Hall, that the islands be painted green only between those two streets on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent). City Manager Ferraro said he would bring the matter back for consideration in a year.

At 6:10 p.m., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and there was no objection. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:15 p.m.

21. PROPOSED RESOLUTION PROHIBITING PARKING on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard between Sepulveda Boulevard and 235th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, ARTICLE III, WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME, BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-112 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

22. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing installation of STOP signs on Maple Avenue at its intersection with Maricopa Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS, BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-113 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION re certain salaries.

The recommendation is for all parties listed on the comparison survey -- the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, Senior Administrative Assistant, Administrative Assistant and Tom McNary receive 3% raise in salary retroactive to January 1, 1967 and 2½% raise effective January 1, 1968, and that the extra insurance benefits effective the same date (including City Council members) be given. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

24. RECOGNITION FOR VALOR AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE: Recommendation of the City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta developed the thought that this would apply to all departments, but he thought there should be a manner of deciding on an outstanding act as to each category for each year. Councilman Miller said he agrees with the recommendation as made by the City Manager, and he moved to concur therein. There was no second.

Mayor Isen moved that the recommendation be held and considered at a later time when it is planned to institute a program for similar awards to citizens who are not City employees. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson.

The motion tied by this vote and failed.

Councilman Miller repeated his motion to concur in the City Manager's recommendation; Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Vico, Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen did not like the procedure set up; Councilman Sciarrotta said he would like to have the awards limited, one to each category.

Councilman Olson said rather than see this splendid program "go down the drain", he would like to change his vote on Mayor Isen's motion set forth at the top of this page. Councilman Miller agreed and also changed his vote so that the motion carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

A general recess was declared at 6:25 from which the Council returned at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Isen asked that there next be considered a matter on which Mr. Stafford had appeared:

48. REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM LIABILITY (BOND FOR ALLEY IMPROVEMENT AT 20336 ANZA AVENUE). Recommendation of Public Works Director that the request be denied.

Mayor Isen summarized the problem: the man who owned the property, Mr. Stafford posted a \$1200 bond of Ohio Casualty Insurance Company to guarantee for improvement of the alley behind 20336 Anza Avenue. The property was foreclosed and Mr. Stafford is still liable for the \$18 per year bond premium as well as the cost of the improvement when it is eventually made. Mr. Stafford has lost his property and the Director of Public Works recommends that his request for relief be denied. The improvement has not been made because the City was not ready for it. Mayor Isen said it looked like there was a defect in the ordinance which would result in such a dilemma. The property foreclosed upon was a 35 unit apartment house. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he could see no way to get a hold on the new owner, N.A.A. Employees Federal Credit Union.

A collection agency has been after Mr. Stafford for the bond premium.

Mayor Isen said there should be some provision in the ordinance that in these circumstances the transfer could not be completed except by the new owner of vested title becoming responsible as to all bonds, guarantees, etc. In this particular case, Mr. Stafford owned the property, built the apartments and in order to complete them, there was a temporary alley put in to service the garages in the rear. The bond was posted to guarantee the alley's improvement in the future when the City had disposed of some drainage problem - which has not yet been done. Public Works Director explained the details and said there were only two properties whose owners did not improve their alley in the rear because of the low spot and the drainage problem. The temporary alley is a foot and a half lower than it should be.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the matter be tabled for thirty days and the City Attorney instructed to apprise the new owners that they must have a bond or put up the \$1200. Councilman Olson seconded; there was no objection and Mr. Stafford was instructed to keep in touch with Mr. Remelmeyer.

FISCAL MATTERS:

25. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT PLANT MIX - FISCAL YEAR 67-68, B67-18. Recommendation of Finance Director to award contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Co. in the amount of \$174,164.

26. AWARD OF CONTRACT - A. ROAD OILS AND EMULSIONS, B67-20 and B. REDI-MIX CONCRETE, Class A + B-4, B67-19, FISCAL YEAR 67-68. Recommendation of Finance Director to award A. to Douglas Oil Co. in the amount of \$4,711.50 and B. to A & A Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$9,289.80.

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MAJOR CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, FISCAL YEAR 67-68 B67-10, FISCAL YEAR 67-68. Recommendation of Finance Director, with concurrence of City Manager for award of above contracts as indicated in letter of transmittal (ten different recommendations by item number).

28. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CRUSHED ROCK, CRUSHER RUN BASE, ROCK AND SAND B67-21, FISCAL YEAR 67-68. Recommendation of Finance Director with concurrence of City Manager for award of above contracts as indicated in letter of transmittal (three different recommendations by item number).

29. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TEN TON REFLECTIVE GLASS SPHERES, PAVEMENT MARKING, FISCAL YEAR 67-68. Recommendation of Finance Director and Purchasing Supervisor to award contract to J. E. Bauer Co. in the amount of \$2,704.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations on Items 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and reject all other bids. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

30. REJECTION OF BID FOR SPORTING GOODS FISCAL YEAR 67-68, B67-23. Recommendation of Finance Director to reject the two bids received and allow Purchasing to rebid the requirement.

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

31. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re agreement between the City and auditors for fiscal year 1966-67.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-114

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COTTON AND FRANCISCO, FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1966-67.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-114 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

32. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re contract with Laurence J. Thompson, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-115

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 12.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-115 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

33. CLAIM OF HELEN L. POPE against the City for personal injuries sustained on March 14, 1967, as the result of tripping on sidewalk on Madison Street due to an elevation in the sidewalk.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

34. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.BUDGETED:

1. \$385.42 to Econolite Corp. for two loop detectors, which are left turn vehicle detectors to be installed by the Traffic and Lighting Department within Torrance.
2. \$1,045.20 to Prismo California Co. (Bauer Paint) for purchase of 300 gallons of street marking paint and one ton of glass spheres used to make street paint reflective at night. Items used by Traffic and Lighting Department.
3. \$402.13 to Steel Welding and Manufacturing Co. for two remanufactured hydraulic packing cylinders to be used for replacement cylinders by the Garage Department on City rubbish packer units.
4. \$782.08 to Halprin Supply Co. for eight soft suction fire hoses to be used by the Fire Department.
5. \$403 to Virco Manufacturing Co. for fifty desk type chairs to be used in the City yard training room for holding training classes.
6. \$697.84 to Dickson Safety Products for three complete sets (three different sizes) of air crash fire fighting uniforms plus five pair of shoe spats, one extra insulated hood and one extra pair of fire gloves to be used by the Fire Department in combating air crash fires.

SPECIAL CATEGORY - AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES:

1. \$398.25 to Firstco for annual supply of seat covers, tissue dispensers, dust mops, dust cloths, sanitary napkins, polish, soap and steel wool.

2. \$1,515.06 to Hygin Sanitary Supply Co. for annual supply of special tissue, pine oil, tretex towels, paste wax, #4 water cups, twifold tissue dispensers, 18", 24" and 36" push brooms, house brooms, counter brushes, dust pans, dish mops, mop fillers, furniture polish, rug shampoo, sponges and sweeping compound.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve items 1 through 6 and items 1 and 2 above, and authorize payment thereof. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

35. TRAVEL REQUEST - City Manager requesting that Assistant City Manager be allowed to attend the 44th Annual Congress of Cities, July 29 - August 2, 1967, in Boston, Massachusetts, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the request and Councilman Vico seconded but the motion and second were withdrawn when it developed that this is a conference specifically designed for Mayors and Councilmen. Mayor Isen did not think the Assistant City Manager should attend. There are conventions of City Managers, the next to be held in New Orleans, but City Manager Ferraro said he will attend that one and Mayor Isen said he did not believe both Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Scharfman should be gone at the same time.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

36. TRAVEL REQUEST - Request of City Librarian for permission to attend the American Library Association Conference and the Building and Equipment Institute in San Francisco, June 22 - 29, 1967.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the request; Councilmen Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

37. GOLF COURSE PROPOSAL - RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager has recommended that the offer of Mr. Butcher to construct and lease a golf course to the City be rejected on the basis that the estimated revenue from operations will not meet the lease and property tax payments.

Councilman Lyman believed there is still room for negotiation, and based on his theory there was a lengthy discussion which culminated in a motion by Councilman Miller to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and, since this offer of Mr. Butcher expires June 7, 1967, contact Dan Butcher to ask if he wishes a counter proposal on the City's terms. Councilman Olson seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

38. AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT: Communication from Park and Recreation Commission requesting consideration of establishing a written agreement.

Councilman Olson moved to grant the request and the matter was referred to the City Manager and Director of Recreation for analysis and recommendation, on the second of Mayor Isen, there being no objection.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

39. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mayor Isen asked that there also be included two other perma plaque resolutions, one for the League of Women Voters and one for Friends of the Library, and at his request City Clerk Coil assigned numbers and read titles to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO GEORGE McMULLEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY BOND STEERING COMMITTEE.

40. RESOLUTION NO. 67-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO STANLEY DUNN FOR HIS PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TORRANCE LIBRARY BOND STEERING COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE TORRANCE LIBRARY BOND STEERING COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE TORRANCE LIBRARY BOND STEERING COMMITTEE.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt each of the above resolutions to the same effect as if a motion were made on each individually. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. As set forth above, each is to be in perma plaque format.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

41. Recommendation of City Librarian that a committee be selected and authorized to interview architects interested in submitting plans for the new Torrance Central Library.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Librarian and that the results of that committee be referred to the Council Public Works Committee. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Olson remarked that there is a very involved library location problem because of the expansion of the parking lot and the new Superior Courthouse. Building and Safety Director McKinnon said he had had numerous inquiries and a list of 45 architects who are interested in the project. This committee will permit some preliminary screening.

City Manager Ferraro said any architects who present a written resume will be interviewed. He spoke also of a proposed exchange of land between the City and County. The County is now considering the installation of a temporary (five to seven years) parking northerly of the courthouse; also of the building of additional court facilities. The City is considering the possibility of having all of the City buildings facing on Torrance and all the County buildings facing on Maple. The hiring of an architect would be deferred until these things are arranged.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

42. TWO LEGISLATIVE BILLS INVOLVING RAPID TRANSIT: Communication from Mrs. Louise L. Radcliffe, League of Women Voters.

52. ELEVEN PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS RE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

Mayor Isen said Item 42 and 52 are related and suggested they be considered, with all resolutions except the one pertaining to gas tax read and acted upon as if individually presented. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Mayor Isen seconded and with this instruction, City Clerk Coil presented, assigned numbers and read titles to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL 1427. (Preemption).

RESOLUTION NO. 67-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL 2395 AND ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 74. (Telephone Company Replacement Revenues)

RESOLUTION NO. 67-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL 399 (CIGARETTE TAXES)

RESOLUTION NO. 67-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL 1213 (Utility Use Tax Exemption)

RESOLUTION NO. 67-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT SENATE BILL 489 (Duty Hours of Firemen)

RESOLUTION NO. 124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT SENATE BILL 721.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 877 (Preemption)

RESOLUTION NO. 67-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 806 (INDECENT EXPOSURE)

RESOLUTION NO. 67-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL 1794. (SCRDT)

RESOLUTION NO. 67-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL 2454 (GAS TAX FUNDS)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolutions numbered 67-119, 67-120, 67-121, 67-122, 67-123, 67-124, 67-96, 67-95, 67-125, 67-118. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL 2092 (MOTOR FUELS SALES TAX)

Mayor Isen did not favor this bill. Councilman Vico moved to adopt the resolution, No. 67-126; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

43. COMMUNICATION FROM JOHN D. KIRBY re need for a Torrance Narcotics Commission.

Mayor Isen said this is a matter for Youth Welfare Commission jurisdiction and Councilman Lyman moved to so refer the item with a report to come back to the Council. Councilman Miller seconded and it was so ordered, there being no objection.

City Clerk Coil was instructed to notify Mr. Kirby at such time as the report is made.

City Manager Ferraro commented that his signature on the item was only as authorization for it to appear on the agenda.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:

44. Citizens Advisory Committee submitting re public information on the Meadow Park Project.

The Committee has asked for a documentary film on this subject, showing history and events leading up to the present solution.

Mr. Vern Smith of 2816 West 182nd Street, representing the Citizens' Advisory Committee spoke, saying the recommendation is made after six months of study of the problem of communication between the City and the people. Councilman Sciarrotta said he believes some better means of communication is necessary and stated there are people who would testify that many signatures to petitions have been obtained through misrepresentation of the facts. He moved to refer the matter to the City Manager for study, including the procedure for showing the film if it is made. Councilman Olson seconded.

Mayor Isen reminded the Council of the time lapse before such a film could be ready for showing. Also he believes the responsible people in Torrance understand the problem thoroughly and doubted there would be any great effect of such a film so far in the future. The inspection ordinance has been amended.

Mayor Isen repeated the gist of the motion: to refer the matter to Management for evaluation the communication to the people. Councilman Lyman added that it could then go to a committee of the Council when the report comes from Management. The motion carried, there being no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

45. LETTER FROM LICENSE SUPERVISOR REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR FIREWORKS STANDS, with recommendations.

City Manager Ferraro asked if this might be held for one week but in response to an inquiry from the Mayor, it appeared many people were present on the matter and wanted it heard.

The problem, Mr. Ferraro said, is as to subitem 21 of the list of fireworks stands: Torrance Police Officers' Association, S.W. corner Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd. Mr. Ferraro asked that Item 21 be withdrawn from the list. It is the only employees' association which conducts a fireworks stand and the operation is somewhat incompatible with what he believes the associations should do. The City is the agency which is responsible for enforcing this and he does not believe a City type association should participate.

Mayor Isen felt even more strongly on the subject; a police officer is theoretically on duty twenty-four hours day and it seems in poor taste because there is an implied coercion, even if the officers are not in uniform.

The police officers association has conducted a stand for five years. Councilman Olson recalled that each year there is an additional number of fringe compliance groups added at the last minute. He felt there should be further evaluation by the Council committee. He approves of many of the charitable uses of the Police Officers Association, however, and does not think it proper to cut them off at this late date. Perhaps they could be told not to operate in the future.

Ray Saukkola, President of the Torrance City Employees Association, said the organization primarily is to represent the employees in their relations with Management, but they have charitable and social purposes also. They do not contemplate nor wish to set up a fireworks stand but would not want to be precluded from the privilege in the future. He suggested a subcommittee of the Council consider this for future years but not cut off the Police Officers Association for this year. Councilman Miller thought they should be advised that in the future the license will not be granted them.

Chief Koenig said he is a member of the Association, but has a divergent interest by reason of being the chief executive officer of the Department. He noted the absence of the Association representative at this meeting but said he could call him in if the Council would wish to have him do so.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the list except subitem 21 which should be considered next week. Councilman Lyman seconded.

License Supervisor Moss corrected Item 11's location to show Bullock's Parking Lot. In Part B, the three organizations named meet the requirements.

Roll call on the motion of Councilman Sciarrotta was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

In Part C, two organizations are included which the License Supervisor does not consider meet the requirements of the Code: Sertoma Club of Torrance and Rotary Club of Hollywood Riviera. Mr. David Wesson, 24260 Hawthorne Boulevard was present on behalf of Sertoma Club. Mr. Moss said they had not been in existence for the requisite two years. Mr. Wesson said theirs was a young organization and Mayor Isen interpreted the code section to mean two years from when the club first met - May of 1965. Councilman Lyman moved that Sertoma's application be accepted and license granted. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mr. Morgan Moore, President of Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club stated the board of directors of this club meet in Torrance. Mr. Moss contends that the club is not qualified because their principal and permanent place of meeting is at the Plush Horse, Redondo Beach.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the Rotary Club of Hollywood Riviera application be granted; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Olson said this matter should go to the Council committee for establishing the rules once and for all and the Staff should then observe those rules as guidelines.

Item 21 will be back on the Council agenda next week.

46. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27302, SUBDIVIDER: ROY MOOREFIELD; Engineer Lanco Engineering. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, Planning Director and Planning Commission Chairman to approve.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in that recommendation; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

47. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27223, Subdivier, H. V. Markham, et al. Recommendation of Public Works Director, Planning Director and Planning Commission Chairman to approve.

49. BOND REDUCTION ON TRACT 28230, Subdivider, Don Wilson. Recommendation of Director of Public Works that Council approve reduction of bond to \$10,000 and accept \$5,000 for additional maintenance costs on a portion of 232nd Street.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

PROCLAMATION:

50. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of June 11 - 17, 1967, as NATIONAL FLAG WEEK.

SECOND READING:

51. ORDINANCE NO. 1775:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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. *DIVISION I*

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1775 at its second and final reading. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

City Manager Ferraro announced Councilman Beasley is in the hospital for some tests, and will be released Thursday.

53. City Manager Ferraro said Mr. Don Wilson has a matter before the Planning Commission on June 7th and would like to have early advertising of the matter so it may be heard before the Council on June 27th. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant his request; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. This is a matter which involves the Edison Company.

54. Mr. Ferraro announced the Council met in Personnel Session at the early hour of 5 today and chose four members of the Charter Review Committee for announcement at this time: Dr. Yanase, Larry Bowman, Betty Barnes, Stanley Dunn. The other three will be announced after another personnel session.

55. Mr. Ferraro also announced a survey by the National Board of Underwriters, now known as American Insurance Association, will result in lower insurance rates. This is something which was planned by Chief Benner.

56. Mr. Ferraro called attention to the good coverage of the Armed Forces Day parade this year by the metropolitan newspapers.

57. Mr. Ferraro called attention to the budget sessions schedule. He pointed out some of its favorable high lights, including a change of format.

58. City Attorney Remelmeyer presented an ordinance which he said would carry out the direction to pay retroactive pay to those employees not on the payroll on May 2nd and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1776

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 3.B OF ORDINANCE NO. 1771 RELATING TO RETROACTIVE PAY OF CITY EMPLOYEES, SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1776 at its first and only reading and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

59. Director of Finance Dundore said there had been a court order allowing payment of the retroactive salaries to those listed on the order which withheld it and asked that the Council adopt a motion to follow any directive of the Court. Councilman Miller moved to do so; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

60. Recreation Director Van Bellehem announced tomorrow night's meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission for awards.

61. Councilman Olson appointed Mrs. Genevieve Burchfield, 24017 Huber Avenue to replace Mrs. Mary Walker who has moved from the City. This is an absolute appointment, but the Council was polled as a courtesy, with unanimously favorable results (Councilman Beasley absent). This is the Citizens Advisory Committee.

62. Councilman Vico reported he had visited with Officer Tiny Thompson who wanted to thank Management for the flowers sent to him. He is reasonably comfortable after his surgery.

63. Mr. Dale Cushman, 4806 Carmelyn Avenue, reaffirmed a summation he had made earlier that if members of City government, Commissions and committees would read all the laws involved, they would avoid many difficulties.

Mr. Cushman also said the improvement of Del Amo Boulevard near his home was recently completed, between Anza and Hawthorne. On the grade near his home some vegetation was destroyed and he had been assured that it would be replaced. This was a specific request he made of the City at the time he mailed in his letter. A man came out from the City, photographed the bank and as a condition, the work was approved and the plants were not replaced. It is not the price of the vegetation, but the principle which disturbed Mr. Cushman and he asked the City to replace that personal property. The City Manager will investigate this request.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance  
Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

*Vernon W. Coil*

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