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ADJOURNMENT AT 11:30 p.m.

Edith Shaffer

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were Assistant City Manager Scharfman (Mr. Ferraro was out of town), City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Glenn Kirkruff, Street Maintenance Superintendent, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd C. Warneke, Ascension Lutheran Church, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen introduced Miss Natalie Hall, the new reporter for the Press-Herald, who will be covering Council meetings, and gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Bob Hosler, formerly a Civil Defense Commissioner, but now working in foreign lands, was a visitor and received recognition from Mayor Isen.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 19, 1967 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. The Honorable Kenneth Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor, was present

A copy of the new Roster of City Officials and of the history of Torrance were presented to Supervisor Hahn from the City Clerk, and Mayor Isen presented a perma plaque resolution which was unanimously passed by the Council some weeks ago.

Supervisor Hahn responded appropriately to Mayor Isen's remarks. The district has been expanded so Supervisor Hahn now represents a great deal more of Torrance than was previously true.

Patrick Smith, the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer, for the position of Deputy City Attorney, was also introduced and Mr. Remelmeyer gave a brief resume of Mr. Smith's background and qualifications. He was welcomed by Mayor Isen, who asked that Item 20 next be considered.

20. Recommendation of City Attorney re Deputy City Attorney appointment.

The recommendation is that the Council appoint Mr. Patrick W. Smith to the position of Deputy City Attorney, effective September 25, 1967. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. VARIANCE 67-16, PAT'S SKI AND SPORT SHOP: Request for variance of the off-street parking requirements at 115 Palos Verdes Boulevard. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission and Planning Department.

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

The recommendation of denial was "without prejudice" Councilman Beasley pointed out. He explained in some detail the problems at the particular location and said he would like to have the other councilmen take a look at the situation.

There is an alternative plan, Mayor Isen said which could possibly be worked out with the Planning Commission. This is a public hearing and no one responded to his inquiry if anyone wished to be heard.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; Councilman Lyman seconded and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen instructed Planning Director to contact Wm. P. Ringrose, the owner, and advise him to apply, or re-apply, under an alternate plan. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny Variance 67-16, without prejudice, so that Mr. Ringrose may re-apply, without further fee. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. PRECISE PLAN 67-6, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL: Precise plan of development specifying the location and alignment of Madrona Avenue between 229th Place and Lomita Boulevard and of Maple Avenue between 235th Street and Lomita Boulevard.

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

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

Mr. Don Zabodnik of 3423 229th Place, President of Torrance Heights Civic Heights Association, presented some letters to the City Clerk, and stated his understanding was that the real reason for the alignment of Madrona was so that the property on the south side of Lomita Boulevard could be laid out in such manner that the owners could start applying for building permits.

Further, that the Planning Department would lay out paper streets on the south side of Lomita Boulevard. He does not favor doing this in a piece-meal fashion and he believes that the owners of the property which the proposed street would bisect are against it and would even fight it in court if necessary. He had understood that the south side of Lomita Boulevard would be considered separately as to the alignment of Madrona. He questioned whether Item 10 should even be considered at this time. If this approved, the alignment of Madrona will be set. The only thing which would interfere with the entire street from Sepulveda to Lomita would be two or three houses.

Mrs. Owen Griffith, President of Sam Levy PTA, spoke of the concern as to traffic safety. 229th Place, she said according to the map, is the only east/west street from Hawthorne to Maple in the entire area, and it gets a lot of heavy traffic. She had drafted a rough sketch of the immediate area and indicated from it the route to the school and out and again down 229th Street, thereby increasing the traffic load. If tonight's plan is carried out, the street will deadend right next to the school.

Mayor Isen commented that the Traffic Engineer should be working on this as should the Council Committee and the Chamber of Commerce. He recommended a referral to the joint committees - the Council Committee, the Industrial Committee of the Chamber, the Traffic Engineer and Management, to work with a citizens' committee.

Planning Director said the Council asked him to bring back some paper streets in this area - Councilman Miller agreed and it was agreed the area was to be north of Lomita Boulevard. He also thought it was to be a paper street for Maple rather than Madrona, and north as well as south of Madrona.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is a legal problem which must be faced; it would be impossible to enforce against a builder who wants to build on one of these paper streets. The only way to enforce it would be to add Madrona and Maple to the Master Plan of Highways; the necessary hearings have been held and they could be added tonight by resolution. The side streets could be developed in accordance with the precise plan or the amendment of the Master Plan of Streets and Highways. Also an ordinance prohibiting building on such streets would be necessary. He proposed drafting one for next week's meeting. The combination of the ordinance and the resolution would keep the buildings off.

Mr. Shartle said there is a building moratorium on the entire area but Mr. Remelmeyer said it does not have sufficient legal basis without having adopted the Master plan, which could be considered to be tentative and amended as necessary. Mayor Isen thought the moratorium, properly respected by the Building Department, would be sufficient.

Mr. Scharfman said the building moratorium covers the area between Lomita Boulevard, 235th Street, Madison Avenue and a line midway between Early and Telo Avenues. This holds up building on the area north of Lomita Boulevard. Mr. Beasley thought the only place where there could be any building in the next year or two would be south of the railroad track or south of the Standard Oil property, and that could be approved tonight with the rest of it left up to committee.

Thirty days further delay would not hurt any decision, Councilman Sciarrotta said and Mayor Isen suggested the hearing be continued to a date certain, with the committees considering the same entire areas which are designated on the map. He requested that Mr. Zobodnik, Mrs. Griffith and three other of the interested citizens; a committee from the Chamber Industrial group, Chamber Manager Owens, to meet with the Traffic,

Administration and the members of the Council Public Works Committee. The case will be continued to October 24th, an eight o'clock meeting, hoping for a solution to be worked out prior to that time with a recommendation to the Council.

A recess was called so that the audience could meet and talk with Supervisor Hahn and the Council returned to its agenda at 9:00 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re ZC67-9, Garland.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1814

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF PRAIRIE AVENUE BETWEEN 188TH STREET AND 190TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZC67-9 (RALPH GARLAND).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1814 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE ZC67-8, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1815

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD BETWEEN AMIE AVENUE AND MADRONA AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 67-8. (TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1815 at its first reading. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. PROPOSED ORDINANCE exempting City-owned property within the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project area from the requirement of additional parking for a change of use, and declaring the presence of an emergency.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer why it is necessary, since the City owns the property, even though it is not a public use. To do this would entail the cost of publishing the ordinance, etc., which does not seem necessary. Mr. Remelmeyer explained the parking is not for the City, it is for the lessee. Mr. Shartle added that eventually these properties will be acquired by the Redevelopment Agency, not the City.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman said the purpose is to permit the man to expand his business until such time as the building is razed. Councilman Lyman moved that the owner of the Jury Room beer bar be permitted to expand his business without the two additional parking spaces. Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Vico.

The motion failed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1816

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 93.1.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXEMPT BUSINESS OPERATORS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE OF USE; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1816 at its first and only reading, as an emergency measure. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

14. COMMUNICATION FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR recommending the adoption of the attached billboard standards and requesting the City Attorney to write proper ordinance thereon.

Mr. Jim Matkins, representing Foster & Kleiser, was present to answer any questions and several were asked. Les Dwyer of Planning who has worked on the sign and billboard ordinances explained the Planning position. It had been assumed by Council that agreement had been reached on this ordinance but evidently there are several factors still to be revised and talked over. The matter of a further moratorium will be taken up at the next Council meeting and Mayor Isen appointed a committee of three: Councilmen Talbert, Sciarrotta and himself (Mayor Isen). He said when a rough draft of the ordinance has been prepared, the Committee will review it and Mr. Matkins is invited to attend that session.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

15. REQUEST OF REVEREND HOOPER W. WHITE, TORRANCE FOURSQUARE CHURCH, FOR REFUND OF SIDEWALK AND LANDSCAPING COSTS: The recommendation of Public Works Director Nollac, concurred in by the City Manager, is to deny the request.

Reverend White of 2150 West Sepulveda said he would like to clarify that his church is not requesting a full refund of sidewalk, and no landscaping costs. What is asked is the same consideration as is given to a single family residential property which backs up, or sides on the recent development and improvement on Arlington Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard. The church has paid, and expects to pay for the front development of the sidewalks as well as the sprinkling system. What they do request is the reimbursement of the cost of the sidewalks and the cost of the sprinklers on the side of the property. To do otherwise, he said would be discriminatory. The church has put in landscaping twice in the City parkway but there is no request for reimbursement of that cost - only for the same consideration that was given the residential property owners.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked the City Attorney about any doubt of the legality and Mr. Remelmeyer said he had not had time to investigate it; he knows the problem and said Mr. Nollac is right in raising the question.

Mr. Scharfman said there is a policy, established in June of 1966 and recommended by the Director of Public Works which says that the installation of sidewalks and landscaping on select streets shall be placed alongside or in back of single family residences having their sidewalks in front.

Reverend White said there is more than one residence involved; the development went from 235th around to the signal on Cabrillo. There is no house which faces on the improvements. Mayor Isen said he would like to find a means of justifying a decision on this question. He mentioned the Civic Center Church for which ground was broken very recently, which will have side-on sidewalks both ways.

This is the only case which Reverend White can recall where any city installed sidewalks, sprinkling systems for the parkway, and landscaping at City cost for everyone but the church. The precedent which is being set is unique.

The City contributed toward the cost of a sidewalk at Bishop Montgomery High School, Mr. Scharfman said, but there seems to have been a difference in zoning there. The amount of refund Reverend White is asking for is about \$725 - the entire project cost \$1700. The policy put into effect in June of 1966 applies only to select streets, not small local streets. When the church was built in about 1958 it was required to post a bond to guarantee the installation of these improvements; that obligation has been pending for nearly ten years.

Mrs. Thelma Yeoman, 2356 Torrance Boulevard, of the Foursquare Church Council, said she could not understand why the church was being discriminated against in this respect.

Councilman Vico moved to grant relief in the amount of \$725, covering the area on Arlington at the side of the church property, but there was no second.

The improvements were installed, Mayor Isen thought, with only indirect Council approval, but Mr. Scharfman said this is the first project of landscaping under the gas tax fund. Furthermore, the figure mentioned by Reverend White has not been verified by the City. The other churches which are being constructed are not on major highways and probably would not present a similar problem.

Mr. Holly Kidner, 2733 Andreo Avenue, said he delivered the check for \$1340 of which \$87 was for City fees.

Councilman Miller said he did not believe the Council is in a position to act upon this request tonight. More information is needed and there must be some legal research for an opinion from the City Attorney. October 10, 1967 was mentioned as a time for this to be back on the Council agenda.

16. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND LANDSCAPING ON SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD EAST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE AND IN ARLINGTON AVENUE SOUTH OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD B67-3, JOB NO. 65021. Recommendation of Public Works Director that 1) Council accept the work on subject improvement and 2) that final payment be made to the contractor, A. F. Gaudenti Landscaping in the amount of \$7,988.00.

17. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF 242nd STREET FROM HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD TO PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY B67-16, JOB NO. 67025. Recommendation of Public Works Director that 1) Council approve and authorize the additional work as outlined and 2) that Council accept the work on the subject improvement and 3) make final payment to the contractor, Everett L. Foster in the amount of \$4,424.55.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations as to both Items 16 and 17. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion carried as follows:

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

18. AWARD OF CONTRACT - SANITARY SEWERS IN 230th PLACE BETWEEN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND ARLINGTON AVENUE. B67-44; JOB NO. 63-46. Recommendation of Public Works Director that contract for subject improvement be awarded to J. H. Waddell at \$4,980.40, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. EASEMENT AND QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL. Recommendation of Public Works Director that the accompanying resolutions be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A DEED QUITCLAIMING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ALL ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO AN EASEMENT FOR STORM DRAIN PURPOSES AND GRANTING AN EASEMENT FOR STORM DRAIN PURPOSES WITHIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-220 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A DEED QUITCLAIMING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ALL ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO CERTAIN EASEMENTS FOR STORM DRAIN PURPOSES AND GRANTING AN EASEMENT FOR STORM DRAIN PURPOSES WITHIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-221 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. EMPLOYMENT OF MARTIN & CHAPMAN to check signatures on two urban renewal petitions filed with the City Clerk.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to retain the firm of Martin & Chapman to check approximately 20,000 signatures on two urban renewal petitions at a cost of \$2.50 per hour for each checker, a total cost of approximately \$1,600. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

22. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following two items, both of which are budgeted:

1. \$316.05 to Louis F. Almstadt for 50 only special design City seal award plaques used by the City Council for awarding special recognition to individuals at the Council's discretion.
2. \$389.13 to Econolite for two only loop detectors requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for traffic control work.

Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

23. This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION:

24. TORDONDO LITTLE LEAGUE USE OF ENTRADERO SUMP: Recommendation from Park and Recreation Commission that Tordondo Little League be granted a five-year lease for the two existing ball diamonds in Entradero Sump.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman recommended this be held over for one week as an incomplete item. There was no objection.

WATER SYSTEMS:

25. TELO AVENUE WATER LINE AND USE OF THE WATER REVOLVING FUND: Recommendation of Acting Water Superintendent that water line be installed in Telo Avenue with Revolving Fund moneys and Hiebert, Inc., pay one-half the total cost when the work is completed.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23102, Subdivider, Don Wilson Builders. Recommendation of Public Works Director and Planning Director, with approval of Planning Commission, that subject tract map be approved.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28414; SUBDIVIDER, Don Wilson Builders. Recommendation of Public Works Director and Planning Director, with approval of Planning Commission that subject final tract map be approved.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. RE CITIZENS' PETITION - 234th Street - recommendation of City Manager.

The recommendation is to file the plans for the proposed assessment district and also the citizens' petition, as the proposed assessment district is not financially feasible or supported by the neighborhood and the problem will be solved by the installation of the 1964 Bond Issue District No. 8101.

Mayor Isen expressed regret that no satisfactory agreement had been reached and said if there was no objection, the items would be filed as recommended. There was no objection.

SECOND READINGS:

30. ORDINANCE NO. 1810:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1810

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 93.2.37 TO DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR HELISTOPS AND HELIPORTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1810 at its second and final reading. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 1811:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1811

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 37 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING A PUBLIC USE DISTRICT AND SETTING FORTH THE PURPOSES AND PERMISSIBLE USES.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1811 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. REQUEST OF WESTERN VENDING MACHINE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION for relief of business license fees. Recommendation of Licensing Supervisor attached.

There was also attached to the agenda a survey of the cost of licenses of bulk vending machines in the 1 and 5 cent categories, correspondence with the Western Vending Machine Operators Association and a communication from Torrance's License Supervisor, J. A. Moss, recommending that the present license rate of \$2.00 per machine be maintained.

Arnold Provisor, Attorney at Law, (no address given) represented the Association and had with him a rack of vending machines which he compared with the candy machine in the City Hall lobby. There was considerable confusing discussion which resulted in a motion by Councilman Sciarrotta to concur in the recommendation of Mr. Moss to maintain the present license rate of \$2.00 per machine. Councilman Beasley seconded.

Councilman Miller moved a substitute to refer the subject back for a complete breakdown and report and Mayor Isen seconded. The time mentioned was one week, but Assistant City Manager Scharfman ask that it be two weeks with a certified statement from a Certified Public Accountant showing the profits derived from the machines as a basis for a fair license structure. Roll call vote on the substitute motion was:

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

The substitute motion carried and the original motion was not voted on as a result.

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At 10:00 p.m., Mayor Isen moved a recess in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously. The Council reconvened at 10:20 following a general recess.

32. ORDINANCE NO. 1812:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1812

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PROVISIONS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1) OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1812 at its second and final reading. Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1813:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1813

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1765 TO ADD TWO CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1813 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

34. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 15 - 21, 1967, as NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK.

35. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 1 - 7, 1967 as NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK.

36. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COUNCIL BUS COMMITTEE RE OFFER FROM SCRTD:

Councilman Beasley, Chairman of the Committee read the following three recommendations:

1. They are unanimously in favor of transferring the Torrance Municipal Bus System to the SCRTD in general accordance with the conditions outlined in the memorandum from the City Manager dated September 18, 1967.

2. The City Attorney and City Manager should be directed to meet with the appropriate officials of the SCRTD to draft the necessary legal documents to accomplish this transfer, and when they are drafted to bring them directly to the full committee for further review and recommendation.

3. The City Attorney and City Manager be instructed to iron out the personnel problems as listed by Mr. Hunegs insofar as it lies within their ability to do so and to make recommendations to the City Council on those items where no agreement can be reached.

and moved that the Council concur in them. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Councilman Vico asked several questions dealing with the plan whereby Torrance Municipal Bus employees could go to SCRTD if they wished, and with the change in fare rates. He asked if there was any guarantee that the SCRTD could be held to the provisions. Councilman Beasley and Assistant City Manager explained the terms of the agreement as presented at the last Council meeting (page 7 of those minutes).

Mr. Raymond Gareau, SCRTD Manager of Operations, was present and again outlined the proposal and stated the intention is to serve Torrance and at the end of the two years, they would want to continue that service. Some changes and revisions might be made but they would not intend to discontinue bus service in Torrance. It is now costing the City of Torrance \$100,000 per year to operate the service; under this proposal, the City would pay \$70,000 per year for two years to SCRTD and the same service would be in effect during those two years. After that time the City could continue to receive the service at approximately the same cost; whatever differential there might be would be due to difference in make-up cost scaling upward.

Mrs. Gertrude Eustace, 5320 Bindewald Road, said there is no service in her neighborhood after 6:30 p.m. - in fact, she walked the whole distance to attend this meeting. She asked if the citizens had ever voted to subsidize the bus system. Mr. Scharfman pointed out to her several of the advantages which would accrue to the citizens through take-over by SCRTD. She did not believe the bus and its schedules had been given sufficient publicity.

According to Councilman Vico's view, there was no guarantee of any bright future for this transaction which seemed to appear from nowhere. Councilman Lyman was much more optimistic, considering the representation Torrance has in the District. Councilman Miller said it is a difficult decision, but there is a \$30,000 saving to be considered also. The proposal a couple of years ago was to discontinue the bus lines, leaving people without transportation and quite a few without jobs. He does have some concern with what will happen at the end of the two years. There seems no reason to turn down a proposal which would provide future bus service, hopefully improved bus service, at a considerable saving of money.

Mr. Ward Gray, 18006 Atkinson Avenue, asked if there would have to be a Public Utilities Commission hearing if, at the end of the two years SCRTD decided to drop any of the now existing routes. The answer was "No", the district is a law unto itself. In this connection, Councilman Lyman said Torrance's voice is quite influential in the selection of the director from Corridor B.

Answering a question by Mayor Isen, Mr. Garreau said after the initial two years, if the actual deficit decreases, the payments might even be less than \$70,000, in accordance with the records.

Mr. Garreau confirmed that the District would be willing to take over any of the bus department employees who wish to transfer to them. Councilman Lyman stressed that the points are to be settled to the satisfaction of the employees and Staff has been so instructed. These points are to be embodied in the agreement.

Marvin Anderson, grievance representative for the Torrance bus drivers 3720 Emerald Street, said they would like to have an understanding with Council and the Rapid Transit District that as long as they are taking over the line - within the two years - that the drivers would drive the buses within Torrance until such time as they are bought out by the District, keep the same routes and work close to home. As of March, Mr. Anderson understood the drivers would be filtered into the District's system and would have to bid on runs according to accrued seniority. Mr. Scharfman said this point has not been brought up before. Councilman Beasley advised that the local drivers will have to join the Brotherhood and conform to those rules of seniority. Those drivers which elect to stay with the City of Torrance will be governed by Torrance's rules. Mayor Isen hoped that something could be written into the contract to give the drivers this privilege within the two years contemplated. He asked Mr. Scharfman if the City has sufficient jobs open to absorb the drivers who choose to stay and the answer was "not right now, but they will be absorbed within the two years". Some may drive vehicles and some may have to be retrained to qualify for other jobs. There is no authority for these other jobs but Management plans to ask for it, according to Mr. Scharfman. This is one of Mr. Hunegs' eleven points.

Mayor Isen said this throws a different light on the subject - there are no jobs into which these men can go with the City of Torrance. He is not ready to vote for this tonight. There is a deadline of November 1st for the decision and Mr. Beasley said the vote tonight would merely be to instruct the City Attorney to draft an agreement which would come back to the Council for approval. Mayor Isen expressed approval of the plan in principle but there may be too many disadvantages to make it feasible. To create fifteen new jobs would be very expensive, and he believed that Management had only reluctantly admitted that would be necessary.

A. Chambers of 460 Palos Verdes Boulevard, a driver, said he would not want to go outside of Torrance to drive; he would prefer to stay with the City of Torrance. Mr. Sciarrotta acknowledged that this factor had not entered into the Committee discussions Sunday morning.

If this is a political situation, as Mr. Beasley had intimated, Mayor Isen said he would be glad to forget about it now. Mr. Miller said it is more a matter of a \$30,000 annual saving, but there will be the responsibility to protect "our own people". This transaction, he believes, is moving a bit fast and he would like to have some time to think it through. There seem to be too many loose ends and he would like to hold over.

Councilman Lyman's understanding of the recommendation is to instruct the City Attorney to work with Management on the negotiation of a tri-party contract between the City, the District and the employees, which would satisfy all the parties, including the employees. It is going to be necessary to have the approval of the District as to any of these promises to employees. If this first step is not taken, it will be impossible to negotiate anything. There are twenty-one drivers in the Torrance bus system and it is roughly estimated half of them will want to stay. Mr. Vicosaid he will not vote on this tonight, based on this situation.

The only basis on which Councilman Miller would support the recommendation of the Committee would be if, prior to the adoption of the contract, these problems have been resolved. The men now belong to a union - but a different union - Mr. Scharfman commented. Their representative, Mr. Hunegs, understands the situation and presented the eleven points which must be satisfied.

Obviously, to do so to affect the current budget. Mayor Isen said "the wool is being pulled over the Council's eyes" by de-emphasizing that fact. He asked for information before the contract is drafted as to how many drivers can be absorbed without creating new positions.

Mr. Sciarrotta said it is true information is necessary about how many will stay with Torrance, but the vote tonight would merely be to proceed with the drafting of a document which would embody especially the instruction as to satisfying the present bus department employees. He does not consider this to be a pig in a poke.

Mayor Isen repeated that he will not vote for any of this until he is assured by Management that the budget on employees won't be increased by one nickel. He fears more will be lost than the \$30,000 gained. Councilman Lyman thought over a period of twenty years there would be a gain and that it is quite feasible to absorb say, ten men into City employment. Mr. Miller asked if the Council is to continue negotiation and at the same time trying to figure out how to solve the employees' problems.

Mr. Lee Compton, 18424 Kingsdale, asked how the employees can make their decisions without Management letting them know what jobs they will have if they stay. The drivers have been told they must make up their minds which way to jump by October 1st.

Roll call on the three recommendations was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

Mr. Miller asked that the record show that his vote is qualified by the statement that while the contract is being negotiated, the City is also resolving the problems that have been presented and that no contract be executed until those problems have been solved. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed like sentiments.

Mayor Isen said there are probably problems that are insurmountable and to follow this course would be putting the cart before the horse.

37. Mr. Scharfman said Mr. Dundore has the 1967-68 budgets to distribute and Mayor Isen asked that this wait until next week.

38. City Clerk Coil asked if the councilmen wish to wish to make Commission appointments this evening. Councilman Beasley named Mrs. Milton Burdick, 22633 Marjorie Avenue - phone 375-3811, stating this is an absolute appointment. Mayor Isen said when a vacancy occurs it is his prerogative to make the nomination with the approval of the Council. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results as to this appointment to the Youth Welfare Council as a replacement of Mr. R. S. Pyle. Mr. Remel-meyer read the pertinent ordinance section which confirmed Mayor Isen's statement on appointments. On the recommendation of Councilman Beasley, Mayor Isen appointed Mrs. Burdick, with the approval of the Council.

39. Mayor Isen's first oral communication was with respect to the new President of the University of California, Charles J. Hitch, who as Assistant Secretary of Defense was Grand Marshal of the Armed Forces Day parade in 1965. He suggested a letter congratulating him on behalf of the Council and volunteered to write such a letter. There was no objection.

40. Mayor Isen was glad to see that Bullocks' Fashion Square has adopted a new advertising policy which acknowledges its location to be in Torrance. He suggested a letter expressing appreciation of their cooperation and that Torrance's City government wishes to reciprocate in any way possible. There was no objection.

41. Mayor Isen suggested several perma plaque resolutions: Hi-Shear and George Wing have contributed to each Armed Forces Day without any recognition. He moved a perma plaque resolution to each. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

42. No recognition has been accorded Pat Moriarity of Red Devil Fireworks Company which donates fireworks for Armed Forces Day celebration the preceding evening and Mayor Isen moved a perma plaque resolution in appreciation of this continuing contribution. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

43. Mayor Isen recalled that he left Council meeting about fifteen minutes early last week and without any knowledge that the travel policy was going to be reviewed. Since a policy can be changed at any time, he moved to restore the old travel policy as applied to Council members to limit to \$1,000 which in his opinion would include one national conference and at least two state conferences or conventions. Councilman Miller seconded. This is not a matter of reconsideration; it is a brand new motion. Mayor Isen said the measure should not be a councilman's conscience.

Council Lyman said this has come up many times in the past three years and each time with a certain reluctance to have any figures and facts to work on. He considers these conferences beneficial to the City and the City should be represented. Because of his work, he cannot take the time to attend but contrary to the implication given, councilmen are only reimbursed for their expenses. He does not feel the councilmen should be restricted, however. There have been intimations that some councilmen have attended too many, spent too much money and there has been a tendency by some to blacken enemies and whitewash friends. He is not opposed to a thorough study and public scrutiny of the expenses of this council. He asked that Finance Department go back for twelve years, set out the trips, to where and the amount each spent; also the total yearly expenditures of each councilman and the totals for all. This would be for former councilmen within that twelve years as well as those now on the Council. Since there seems to be a charge that this abuse has arisen within the last three years, he asked for a comparison of the last three years with the immediately preceding three years of these figures.

The matters asked for from the Finance Department were made the subject of a formal substitute motion by Councilman Lyman and Councilman Vico seconded. Mayor Isen did not consider it a proper substitute motion and ruled it out of order. Councilman Lyman moved to overrule the order of Mayor Isen and again, Councilman Vico seconded. In effect, it is an appeal of the decision of the Chair. Roll call vote was:

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

Next would be considered Councilman Lyman's substitute motion which asked for all the figures listed above, to be brought back at the same time there is further consideration of the motion to review the policy.

Councilman Sciarrotta said this squabble is getting monotonous and every councilman should act in accordance with the dictates of his conscience. He promised to stay within the amount which has been set as a limit. He pointed out the higher salaries paid councilmen in other cities in the County and made other monetary comparisons.

Councilman Miller said he does not know if the \$1,000 is adequate but three months ago it seemed to have the vote of the majority of the council, only Councilman Beasley voting against it.

Councilman Lyman said although it was voted on three months ago, it surely was not settled; Councilman Sciarrotta has mentioned it every week since then.

Roll call vote on Councilman Lyman's motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta.

Councilman Miller said his "Yes" vote was to get the facts before the Council although he did not think they would prove too much. Councilman Sciarrotta commented that if Councilman Lyman wants the figures, he knows where to get them.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

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