

I N D E XCouncil Meeting held Tuesday, October 10, 1967

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
1. Call to order	1
2. Roll call	1
3. Flag salute	1
4. Invocation	1
<u>STANDARD MOTIONS:</u>	
5. Approval of minutes	1
6. Approval of demands	1
7. Motion to waive further reading	1
<u>PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:</u>	
8. Variance 67-17, Eubanks	2
<u>STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:</u>	
9. Request of Foursquare Church for refund	2
10. Improvement of Cypress St. and 227th St.	2
11. Notice of completion of improvement of Arlington Avenue	2, 3
11A. Presentation by Larry Bowman re Charter Review	3
<u>SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:</u>	
12. Resolution No. 67-223, re drainage at Newton and Park Sts.	3, 4
13. Award of contract for construction of sewer in Via Valmonte	4
14. Award of contract for construction of sewers at Airport	4
15. Notice of completion of construction of sewers at Paseo de las Tortugas	4
<u>BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:</u>	
16. Ordinance No. 1818 re billboard moratorium	4
<u>TRAFFIC AND PARKING:</u>	
17. Resolution re STOP signs on Emerald at Amie - withdrawn	4
18. Ordinance No. 1819 establishing traffic control measures	5
Resolution No. 67-224, re parking prohibition	5
19. Resolution No. 67-225 re parking prohibition	5
<u>FISCAL MATTERS:</u>	
20. Claim of Nolan King	5
21. Claim of Gordon L. Marsh	5
22. Claim of Harbor Dept of City of Los Angeles	5
23. Refund of Water bill paid in error	6
24. Budgeted expenditures of over \$300	6, 7
25. Award of contract for restrooms at Torrance Park	7
26. Award of contract for Diesel Fuel, etc.	7
27. Award of contract for tires and tubes	7
<u>WATER SYSTEM:</u>	
28. Improvement of Ocean Avenue north of 226th Street	7, 8
<u>ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:</u>	
29. Withdrawn prior to meeting	
30. Resolution No. 67-226 re railroad crossings	8
31. Ordinance No. 1820 re commission members - not acted upon	8, 9
32. Citizens inquiry re license tax for washing machines	9
<u>PROCLAMATIONS:</u>	
33. National Vocational Guidance week	10
34. United States Day	10
Recess for Redevelopment Agency meeting	
<u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	
35. Scharfman re travel request for Library Commission chairman	10
36. Sciarrotta re meeting of Fire and Police Committee	10
37. Talbert re Water Department report	10
38. Vico re SCRTD take-over of bus lines	10
39. Isen re revenue stamp tax on real estate transactions	10
40. Mr. Dellamater re oil leases, etc.	11
41. Mr. Kulpaca re same	11
42. Meeting adjourned to October 24, 1967, at 8 p.m.	

Torrance, California
October 10, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

While awaiting the arrival of a quorum, Mayor Isen explained the procedure of these Council meetings for the benefit of the audience.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 10, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen. Councilman Lyman arrived very shortly thereafter. Councilman Beasley was absent because of illness. Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Senior Deputy City Attorney Knickerbocker, City Clerk Coil and City Treasurer Rupert were present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Larry Bowman led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Hugh R. Percy, St. Andrew Episcopal Church, opened the meeting with an invocation. Mayor Isen told him there would be no Council meeting next week.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 1967, as written and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, 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 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 Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

8. VARIANCE 67-17, GLORIA C. EUBANKS: Request of Gloria C. Eubanks to allow construction of two single family dwellings in an R-1 zone at 2350 West 239th Street. Recommended for approval with conditions by the Planning Commission.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and at the time there was no response.

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

Questioning by Mayor Isen elicited the information that these are very deep lots, 239 feet, and there have been many attempts to resolve the problem by zone changes and studies. Originally, it had been expected there would be a street going in, but it is not and the owners have a different situation than those on the streets to the north. Mayor Isen was of the opinion that the Planning Commission should act as to the whole block, rather than each owner, one by one. Planning Director Shartle said the people would prefer to do it by variance.

Mrs. Eubanks has approval of her neighbors and Robert Pollock, the neighbor to the east was present and confirmed this. One letter had been received and Mr. Coil read the note from Mr. Coyle Clemmens of La Mesa, California in which he said he would voice an objection if this variance would affect his land financially. There is evidently a difference of opinion among the property owners along the street as to whether they want R1, R2, or R3, partly because of the implication of a tax increase with different zoning.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with all its conditions. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. REQUEST OF REVEREND WHITE OF TORRANCE FOURSQUARE CHURCH for sidewalk and landscaping refund.

Attached to the agenda were correspondence, reports, City Attorney opinion and the recommendation of the City Manager to the effect that the church is not entitled to the reimbursement it is asking. The details are set forth in those documents quite completely.

After going over the whole situation again, Mayor Isen asked Reverend White if he would consider withdrawing his request. Reverend White agreed to do so and, there being no objection, the item was ordered filed.

10. IMPROVEMENT OF CYPRESS STREET AND 227TH STREET: Recommendation of Acting City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$2,000 be appropriated from General Funds for the referenced project.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in authorizing the appropriation; Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

11. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF ARLINGTON AVENUE FROM 222nd STREET TO LINCOLN AVENUE, B67-32, JOB No. 66106. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that (1) Council approve and authorize the additional work described in the letter of transmittal, (2) accept the work and (3) make final payment to the contractor in the amount of \$37,110.85.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

11A. The Chairman of the Charter Review Committee, Larry Bowman, was invited by Mayor Isen to present his request at this time. He reported that the Committee had recommended that the Charter be reviewed completely rather than section by section changes. When that review has been completed a presentation will be made on the entire study. The date proposed for a comprehensive report is November, 1968; no conclusions have been reached at this time.

There will probably be several public hearings and if the Council agrees as to the November, 1968 date, there will be an interim report to the Council about June 1, 1968.

Mr. Bowman introduced Mrs. Betty Barnes, Louise Radcliffe and Vern Smith, members of the Committee who were present.

He said there might possibly be a need for the hiring of a person well versed in drafting such documents and alerted the Council to the fact that this may be requested. He said it would be inappropriate for the City Attorney to draft these provisions. He said the cost would not be large.

Councilman Lyman voiced the qualm that this review might follow the path taken by the Civil Service Ordinance upon which so much time, effort and money have been spent, only to end up as an exercise in futility.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the time schedule outlined by Mr. Bowman and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Isen agreed as to the time extension but asked that the Committee keep in mind the need to take some of these provisions to the people for vote. The new Charter would be quite final and to undo any of it would have to be by vote of the people. Another matter of concern to Mayor Isen was the report that the charter is hoped to be on the ballot of April, 1969 with the school election. He doubted if this would be feasible. Mr. Bowman said the Committee has considered these two factors.

Roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Sciarrotta was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

12. PROPOSED DRAINAGE FACILITY AT NEWTON AND PARK STREETS AND IN PCH EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer re attached resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES AT THE INTERSECTION OF NEWTON AND PARK STREETS AND IN PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY 300 FEET EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-223 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN VIA VALMONTE BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND CITY LIMITS; B67-43, Job No. 66101.

Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that contract for the subject installation be awarded to STEVENSON & FORSTER and all other bids be rejected, in the amount of \$14,410.27.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in so awarding the contract. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS (PHASE III) AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; B67-42, Job No. 51032.

Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that contract for the subject improvement be awarded to CHET KOHLER CONSTRUCTION, INC. and all other bids be rejected. The amount is \$9,471.50.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS (From 4102 to 4128) Job No. 66102.

Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that Council accept the work and make final payment in the sum of \$1,478.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

16. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re moratorium on billboard structures.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1818

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OR DISPLAY OF ANY BILLBOARD OR BILLBOARD STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR A NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1818 at its first a only reading, as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE STOP signs on Emerald at Amie Avenue.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman asked that this item be withdrawn for two weeks; there was no objection.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re NO PARKING ANYTIME signs and proposed ordinance repealing former measures.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1819

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 684 ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1819 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and 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. 67-224

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-224 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re NO PARKING ANYTIME on west side of Eriel Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and 225th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-225

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

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-225 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. CLAIM OF NOLAN KING against the City for bodily injury, June 27, 1967.

21. CLAIM OF GORDON L. MARSH against the City for personal injury.

22. CLAIM OF HARBOR DEPARTMENT, CITY OF LOS ANGELES against the City for damages, etc., July 12, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the claims represented by items 20, 21 and 22 be denied and referred to the Legal Department. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

23. REFUND OF WATER BILL PAID IN ERROR. Recommendation of Customer Service Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager and Finance Director, that refund be authorized in the amount of \$1,576.93 to Fansteel/Torrance for water bill paid in error under the circumstances set forth in the letter of transmittal.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

24. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the payment or other action recommended as to the following budgeted, special and reimbursable items:

BUDGETED:

1. \$348.55 to W. B. Equipment Co. for three 2½ inch fire hose spray nozzles - wooster, requested by the Fire Department.
2. \$567.00 to J. Jones Co. for 200 ¾ inch corp. stops requested by the Water Department for stock for water service replacements as required.
3. \$730 to Brewster Mapping Service for 500 zoning maps of the City of Torrance requested by the Planning Department.
4. \$814.80 to Western Water Works Supply Co. for 200 ¾ inch meter couplings, 200 ¾ inch angle valves and 50 2 inch couplings requested by the Water Department for stock to be used as required.
5. \$665.44 to National Supply Store for 125 6 inch welding flanges requested by the Water Department for stock as required.
6. \$1,291.50 to Prismo California Co. for 500 gallons of street marking paint (Bauer Paint) requested for traffic control by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
7. \$436.80 to Splevins Music Co. of Torrance for one Johan Rauner string bass with cover requested by the Recreation Department for the Torrance music program. - this is a substitution of store, because while Music Man Store of Bullock's Fashion Square had been awarded the contract, they have advised they cannot supply the item.

SPECIAL CATEGORY: LIBRARY BOOKS:

8. \$76,646.20 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc. for 5801 adult non-fiction books
9. \$706.52 to Herweg & Romine Co. for 358 adult non-fiction books.
10. \$333.03 to The Book Shop of Torrance for 153 adult non-fiction books.
11. \$389.35 to Encyclopaedia Britannica Education Corp. for 5 sets of Compton's encyclopaedias and 2 sets of Encyclopaedias Barsa.
12. \$721.35 to Leonard M. Bakman Co. for 3 sets of Encyclopedia Britannica.
13. \$672.05 to Tartan Book Sales for 467 adult fiction and non-fiction books and 109 catalogue cards with each book title.

14. \$861.95 to Charles Scribner's & Sons for 122 adult non-fiction books.
15. \$738.36 to Needham Book Finder Co. for 240 adult non-fiction and fiction books.
16. \$4530.58 to Harper and Row for 767 adult non-fiction books.
17. \$1,137.62 to West-State Books for 175 adult non-fiction books.
18. \$3,991.37 to Doubleday & Co. for 678 adult non-fiction books.
19. \$1,768.20 to Collier Macmillan Library Service for 252 adult non-fiction books.
20. \$6,801.22 to Norbert Weber Library Service for 754 adult non-fiction books.
21. \$3,790.24 to Random House Publishing Co. for 429 adult non-fiction books.

REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

22. \$1,211.18 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for three 2 inch CT meters - all bronze with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines.

Councilman Sciarrotta's motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

25. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO TORRANCE PARK RESTROOMS and sidewalks. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director that the low bid of Carlson & Saver Construction Co. in the amount of \$21,456 be accepted and all others rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

26. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DIESEL FUEL AND VARIOUS LUBRICATING OILS: B67-46. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor that contract be awarded as outlined in letter of transmittal.

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

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT - ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF TIRES AND TUBES (B67-47) Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor that contract be awarded as outlined in letter of transmittal.

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

WATER SYSTEM:

28. IMPROVEMENT OF OCEAN AVENUE NORTH OF 226th STREET, City owned property. Recommendation of Acting Water Superintendent that \$1,650 be appropriated from the Water Revenue Fund for the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk in front of Water Department property on Ocean Avenue and requesting permission to advertise for informal bids for the work.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in all phases of the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

30. PROPOSED RESOLUTION for allocation of funds from PUC for railroad grade crossing protection at Arlington Avenue north of Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Nollac commented that Santa Fe has decided that all of the crossings of their tracks in Torrance will eventually be equipped with the "old-fashioned" gates. This is the first to be installed, next will be the crossing at Sepulveda near Western.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-HALF OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADING CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE ARLINGTON AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-22.2.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-226 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

31. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS regulating commission meetings and failure of commissioners to attend and adding section providing for termination of the office of member of any commission upon his filing nomination papers for an elective office.

Councilman Talbert had asked that this be held from a previous agenda for study. He called attention to the second part of the ordinance which would require that any commissioner filing for elective office automatically forfeit his place on the commission of which he was a member. He upheld commissions as a training ground for future councilmen. This regulation could be a means of losing good commissioners. He did not think that phase of the ordinance was fair.

Councilman Miller agreed with the opinion expressed by Councilman Talbert stating that if a commissioner were defeated for an elective office it would in no way detract from his value as a commissioner and there seemed to be no reason to eliminate him just because he was ambitious enough to wish to serve the City in another capacity. If a commissioner should abuse the privileges of his position as commissioner in campaigning for office, it is still the right of the Council to take him off the Commission.

Councilman Vico expressed the view that some of the councilmen had seemingly had a sudden change of heart on this subject. Councilman Miller pointed out some specific instances of Planning Commissioners running for Council.

Councilman Lyman referred to some conversation he had had on the subject of commissioners running for Council, but he did not indicate the trend of the conversation, nor with whom it was held.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to table this matter until it can be considered by a full Council. Councilman Vico seconded and the motion failed, as follows:

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

It was the opinion of Councilman Sciarrotta that Mr. Beasley should have the prerogative of discussing and voting on this issue. Mayor Isen held to parliamentary rules that the motion to table having been lost by a tie vote, the matter should be considered now, and at his request City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1820

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, EACH OF WHICH REGULATES COMMISSION MEETINGS AND FAILURE OF COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND: SECTION 13.1.6 (PLANNING COMMISSION), SECTION 13.2.6 (PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION), SECTION 13.3.6 (LIBRARY COMMISSION), SECTION 13.4.6 (AIRPORT COMMISSION), SECTION 13.5.6 (WATER COMMISSION), SECTION 13.6.6 (CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER COMMISSION), SECTION 13.7.6 (TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION), SECTION 13.8.6 (YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION), SECTION 13.9.6 (TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL), SECTION 13.10.6 (CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION) AND SECTION 13.11.6 (PARKING PLACE COMMISSION); adding section 13.20.1 TO SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION OF THE OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF ANY COMMISSION UPON HIS FILING NOMINATION PAPERS FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE.

Councilman Talbert moved that Ordinance No. 1820 be denied and asked if he might incorporate into his motion that "that part of the ordinance . . ." but was interrupted by Mayor Isen who said "No, that could be another ordinance if it failed, but I would predict this, that it will be three to three". Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Roll call vote on Councilman Talbert's motion was:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated his "Yes" vote was to insure that he could ask for reconsideration at a future meeting, and Councilman Lyman again referred to an admonition to Mr. Vico in a conversation with him at a previous time.

Mr. Scharfman advised the Council that this ordinance was for a purely administrative purpose and Mayor Isen instructed him to put it on the agenda as to the first section (which deals with attendance of commissioners).

32. CITIZENS INQUIRY re license tax for coin operated washing machines.

Mayor Isen said he had thought Staff was going to study this subject and Mr. Scharfman said Councilman Beasley had requested by telephone that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Mayor Isen thought that would be proper.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation. Councilman Talbert seconded and there was no objection.

PROCLAMATIONS:

33. NATIONAL VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE WEEK - October 22, 28, 1967.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

34. UNITED STATES DAY - October 23, 1967. Mayor Isen so proclaimed and instructed City Clerk Coil to deliver a formal copy to the person who has requested it.

* * * * *

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess in order to hold the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. The council returned to Oral communications at 9:00 p.m.

* * * * *

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Assistant City Manager Scharfman stated last night Mrs. Claire Crain was re-elected as Chairman of the Library Commission. The Commission was overlooked as to any travel requests at the budget sessions. The Commission would like authorization for Mrs. Crain to attend the California Library Association Annual Conference at San Francisco October 26 and 27 with appropriate expenses paid. There is sufficient money in the Library Commission budget, but the Council's authorization of this trip is needed. Mayor Isen moved that it be granted; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

36. Councilman Sciarrotta asked for scheduling of a meeting of the Council Committee on Fire and Police matters to discuss the line of command in the two departments. Specifically, he would like to know the reason there is no Assistant Police Chief. An examination has been ordered for a Deputy Fire Chief.

37. Councilman Talbert commented on the report of the Municipal Water Department which seems to show they are in very good financial condition. (A typographical error had exaggerated some of the figures.)

38. Councilman Vico asked a report on the status of the Bus Department proposed sale to SCRTD. Mr. Scharfman said it is hoped to report back to the Committee during the week of October 23rd and he briefly outlined the situation as to personnel.

39. Mayor Isen informed the Council that the Government is evidently abandoning the \$1.10 revenue stamp tax on real estate transactions (\$1.10 per \$1,000). He has not favored such a tax, but said under the State law as of January 1, 1968, if any City does not have such a real estate transfer tax, the County gets the entire amount of the tax. If the City passes such a law, it receives one-half of the amount. He called this to the attention of the Legal Department so that the City will not lose this revenue. City Treasurer Rupert said he has further information on this subject and will make a report in full in two weeks.

40. Councilman Miller introduced Mr. Kenneth Dellamater, an Attorney from Los Angeles on a matter having to do with oil well matters.

Mr. Dellamater said he represents a Torrance citizen whose name he did not give, but set forth the financial hardship the citizen is suffering because of an oil lease made in 1923. The 25 year term expired and the lease has continued under the so-called paying quantities clauses. There are probably many such cases within the City. There are many legal ramifications with which the City has struggled for many years, but Mr. Dellamater feels there should be some help through State legislation. Neither he nor his client are able to produce the momentum to effect such legislation.

Mayor Isen suggested the Oil Committee study this and that Mr. Dellamater meet with them and suggest workable solutions to the problem. He has some definite suggestions and copies of suitable legislation.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the matter to the Oil Committee for study and recommendation; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. Councilmen Miller, Lyman and Talbert comprise the committee and they will schedule a meeting and notify Mr. Dellamater.

41. Mr. Wm. R. Kulpaca of 4300 Emerald Street, said he has a similar problem and would also like to confer with the Committee. Councilman Lyman said there are several other people who would also have things to say and it would be helpful to the Committee if each of them would state their case in writing and send it in for the Committee's meeting agenda. Sufficient time will have to be allowed and it may be necessary to have several meetings. Mayor Isen pointed out to Mr. Kulpaca the many various legal facets of any such legislation. What City government can do will of necessity be very limited, and cautioned those interested that the Oil Committee will not, in all probability, be able to produce a panacea.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this meeting adjourn to October 24, 1967, at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Isen seconded and the motion carried unanimously (Councilman Beasley absent).



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance