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Adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Torrance, California
November 14, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Lyman, Vico and Mayor Isen. Councilman Talbert arrived a few minutes later. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Philip Joseph, President of the Torrance Police Officers Association, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Lyle LaMue, First Church of Christ, Scientist, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 7, 1967, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta 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.

City Manager Ferraro introduced a new member of the administrative family, John Borgwat, newly appointed Water System Manager, and he was welcomed and wished every success on behalf of the Council by Mayor Isen.

On behalf of Las Vecinas Women's Club, Mrs. Malone presented to City Librarian West, a check in the sum of \$400 for the purpose of buying books for the library system. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Lyman, the check was accepted and an appropriate letter of thanks is to be written to the Club.

A brief explanation of Council procedure was made by Mayor Isen.

Several items had been added to the agenda for this evening and Mayor Isen assigned Item numbers to them, as follows:

The amendment to the parade ordinance which will be considered as an emergency measure this evening will be numbered 33 (The emergency version as 33A and the regular ordinance as 33B).

The redraft which corrects errors in the rezoning ordinance involving the location at Artesia Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue will be labeled 34.

A matter which has been presented by Henry Griswold and which he wants heard tonight will be placed under STREETS AND SIDEWALKS and labeled 15A.

Councilman Miller asked for a personnel session at the time of the first recess to consider settlement of the Torrance Police Officers Association lawsuit. He said an agreement has been reached for an out of court settlement, as a recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee. The council members, City Manager, City Attorney and Chief of Police will be present.

HEARINGS:

8. VACATION OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT IN TRACT NO. 26425. Petitioner and Beneficiary: Rancho Glazer Financial Center. Recommendation of Public Works Director that attached resolution be adopted following the hearing.

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; there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. Councilman Lyman seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES IN TRACT NO. 26425 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-246 and his motion seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. VARIANCE 67-18, WILLIAM CODD: Request to allow construction of three single-family dwellings on property zoned R-1 at 2249 West 239th Street. Recommended for approval with conditions by the Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard in this public hearing and there was no response.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen questioned the wording of the sixth condition: "That a substantial decorative fence not less than 5 feet in height be installed along the easterly property line not beyond the front setback." Who, he asked, would determine whether or not the decorative fence was "substantial"?

Planning Director Shartle's idea was that it need not be a wall, but a wooden or concrete block fence would be acceptable - not chicken wire, for instance, but something which would be acceptable to the Planning and Building Departments.

Mr. Codd was present (address 2249 West 239th Street) and explained that the neighbor had insisted upon the fence, but would not share any part of its cost. A substantial wooden fence is all Mr. Codd feels he can afford under the circumstances. The wording is too vague to work with, Building and Safety Superintendent McKinnon said and suggested instead that the fence be specified as "a redwood fence of matched boards".

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, but with the amendment to the sixth condition as stated in the immediately preceding paragraph. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. ZONE CHANGE 67-10, VIDA RUTH BASSE: Request for change of zone from R-2 to R-3 on property located at 2814 West 182nd Street. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. REQUEST FOR SIXTY DAY CONTINUANCE OF VARIANCE 67-7, Blum's Hot N'Tot Restaurant.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested sixty day continuance and Councilman Talbert seconded.

Mayor Isen said if Hot N'Tot can't do with the sixty day extension that the whole thing go back and start over and asked that they be so informed.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to granting the request with the additional remark by Mayor Isen.

13. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 79: Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) developer who installed a portion of the planned sewer in 232nd Street west of Cabrillo Avenue be reimbursed \$1,026.45 from the Sewer Revolving Fund and (2) that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 79 with connection charge of \$4.14 per front foot be established to recover cost of sewer construction.

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

In making the index to these minutes, the Minute Secretary discovered she had inadvertently completely omitted the consideration which was given to Item 12 in regular sequence.

To avoid the necessity of having to retype the entire minutes, it is inserted at this point and the page number is given as 3A.

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12. STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

REIMBURSEMENT TO DOMINGUEZ WATER CO. FOR RELOCATION OF WATER LINES:

Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) \$4,728.89 be reimbursed Dominguez Water Co. for water line relocation in Spencer Street and (2) \$4,050 be appropriated from 1966-67 Capital Improvement Project MS-19 (Miscellaneous Minor Street Improvements) and \$678.89 be appropriated from savings on Job No. 64027 (Telo Avenue Improvement) to cover the reimbursement.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur as to both phases of the recommendation as stated. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

14. PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ALLEY EAST OF VISTA MONTANA IN TRACT NO. 23988, Beneficiary, Spraker and Halstead. Recommendation of Public Works Director that attached resolution be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE ALLEY EAST OF VISTA MONTANA IN TRACT NO. 23988 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-247 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF MAPLE AVENUE FROM MONTEREY STREET TO SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, B67-35, Job. 66084. Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) Council approve and authorize the additional work; (2) Council accept the work on the subject improvement and (3) final payment be made to the contractor, McAmis Engineering, in the amount of \$26,881.56.

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

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

15A. REQUEST OF HENRY GRISWOLD REPRESENTED BY LETTER FROM HIS ATTORNEY, E. ARNOLD OPPENHEIM re portion of Lot 24, Meadow Park Tract.

Mr. Griswold is requesting a building permit for the construction of Phase 2 of Building No. 2 at 22330 Hawthorne Boulevard which will be an addition to the existing complex at the southeast corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Boulevards. The letter states construction of the four units previously built was unduly retarded by the City and he insists there be no such delay in connection with the application for a building permit which will be filed shortly.

There is a problem relating to an easement in that Mr. Griswold does not want utility poles and Edison Company refuses to underground the utilities. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is up to the Council whether or not the City wants to accept the sort of easement which Mr. Griswold wants to give, or insists on the standard type of easement which permits poles. There is an easement at the rear of the property, Mr. Griswold said, and there are poles there - he does not want them in front also. He referred to the minutes of a Council meeting in April, 1965 in which the City Attorney was instructed to bring in an opinion within ninety days and he complained that the opinion has never been furnished. Mr. Remelmeyer said there was, and is, no solution which would make everybody happy.

Mr. Griswold said he is planning a three story, 15,000 square feet building and that there will be two more buildings constructed in the complex in the future.

Councilman Sciarrotta started to state a motion that Mr. Griswold be granted the relief, but Mr. Remelmeyer asked permission to make a statement first. He said the Public Utilities Commission order does not apply to transmission lines such as are on Sepulveda Boulevard, which are 66 kva, it applies only to distribution lines. He has been working for three years on this problem with Edison and has testified before the PUC in Sacramento, but so far nothing has been worked out whereby the lines on Sepulveda can be placed underground. However, Councilman Miller did not believe that is any justification for holding up the issuance of building permits. Councilman Sciarrotta completed his motion to grant the relief at this time as requested and Councilman Vico seconded.

Public Works Director Nollac said in the area which Mr. Griswold owns, the City does not have sufficient right of way nor sufficient pavement for six lanes and if the City passes up the opportunity to get this dedication, which is required of everyone else, it may become necessary to condemn in order to widen Sepulveda Boulevard. The Code provides as a condition to the issuance of a building permit that the permittee dedicate land to bring the street up to full width. Mr. Griswold maintains all he wants is a building permit and no poles; he will not make any dedication for street purposes without first seeing the plan. He said there might be severance damages, the City might want to take all of his twelve foot sidewalk, and he pointed out on a sketch where the building would be located in relation to the street. Mr. Griswold said it is common practice in Los Angeles and throughout the County that the city does not own the sidewalk area and protested that Torrance will not accept merely an easement for underground utilities.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked if it would not be possible to wait until the two future buildings come up for permit to ask for the dedication.

Mr. Nollac repeated that Mr. Griswold should be required to give an easement for street and highway purposes just like every one else does; then all the utility companies who are franchised within the City may put their utilities within that easement, which would be in the sidewalk, if they choose. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Griswold if he would give enough of that sidewalk for street purposes and Mr. Griswold said not without reviewing the plans. He will be asking for building permits for those other two buildings prior to the time the City needs the dedication for the additional two lanes on Sepulveda.

Councilman Miller suggested that approval be granted subject to his agreement to give a reasonable dedication and Mr. Griswold said he would agree to an underground utility easement and a reasonable dedication for street purposes, but not without first seeing the plans. Curb to curb, now, the street is 80 feet and Mr. Nollac said the City will want 84 feet with a 100 foot right of way.

The Minute Secretary was instructed to prepare a verbatim transcript of the discussion and the stipulations made by Mr. Griswold, to be delivered to Building and Safety Superintendent and kept in his files for future reference.

The motion of Councilman Sciarrotta was now before the Council and Mayor Isen added that the approval should be subject to all other rules and ordinances and should meet with the approval of Building. He asked for roll call vote.

Councilman Miller asked for clarification of the motion and it was restated by City Manager Ferraro: that Griswold will process his plans for a building permit subject to the stipulation that the Engineering Department will prepare plans for such additional right of way as is

required from Mr. Griswold's property for easement purposes. Mr. Griswold said that it is not what was said at all.

Mayor Isen restated the motion as he understands it: At such time as Engineering determines the width of the street, as such - not talking about sidewalks - that Mr. Griswold would gratuitously give a street easement for those purposes in a reasonable amount, subject to his examining the street plans. Approval to be subject to all applicable City Codes.

Councilman Talbert said whatever action is taken in this matter tonight is not substantiated by any documentation or material whatsoever and he would like to have it held over. Obviously, the Council is not ready to talk about it this evening, he said.

Again, the matter of dedication came up and Mr. Griswold said he would not give eleven feet for the sidewalk. He is thinking in terms of four feet, although Mr. Nollac said eleven feet would give the proper widening without getting into the sidewalk, and that every time a building permit is issued, the property owner is required to dedicate for the purpose of widening the street to the proper width.

Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Sciarrotta, Vico and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Talbert (based on the opinion set forth by Mr. Talbert.

Mayor Isen said he considers the Council has a firm stipulation from Mr. Griswold and that is all that can be expected at this particular time. He suggested that Mr. Nollac draw the plans soon and indicate dedication which would be necessary, submit it to Mr. Griswold and report back to the Council and request the dedication at that time. Mr. Nollac said his understanding is that he would ask for only the necessary street widening, for the pavement only and still retain the sidewalk.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

16. RECONSIDERATION OF PARKING PROHIBITION ON east side of Ocean Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and 227th Street.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to discuss this and Mr. Don Ackley of 22620 Ocean Avenue came forward. He is owner and manager of an apartment house at that address and represents other apartment house owners also. There are over 200 units in this block and the owners object to limiting the parking there although they have no quarrel with no parking on the east side of Ocean between 226th and Sepulveda. Mayor Isen agreed that the danger seems to exist as between 226th and Sepulveda.

A letter which is with the agenda material, from Mr. and Mrs. Walker, 22311 Ocean Avenue, who manage the Ocean Club Apartments and Mr. Walker appeared and spoke along the lines of that communication. He said originally it was to have been a six-months test of eliminating parking in the area. Because of the narrow street and congested conditions, he thought it would be wise to eliminate parking as to the whole area. The delivery trucks which come to Lucky Market especially complicate the situation.

Traffic Engineer Horkay had recommended trying the prohibition as to the area on the east side between Sepulveda and 226th Street only at this time and Mayor Isen asked that the resolution be read, but with the change of striking out "227th Street" and inserting in lieu thereof "226th Street".

To follow proper parliamentary procedure, first it would be necessary to rescind the previous resolution, No. 67-228 and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read its title. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to

rescind the action previously taken on 67-228 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-248

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

The body of the resolution is to be corrected to show:

"Section 68. Ocean Avenue, east side, between Sepulveda Boulevard and 226th Street."

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-248 with the change shown. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 9:00 p.m., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection. The Council returned to its agenda at 9:03 and took a further recess to hold a personnel session for advice from the City Attorney.

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The Council returned to Chambers at 9:18 p.m.

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION prohibiting parking on Sepulveda Boulevard between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Boulevards.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-249

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-249 and his motion seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Miller.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico (had not returned to the room)

18. RECOMMENDATION OF DELETION OF YUKON AVENUE as a truck route, from Citizens Advisory Committee.

There being no objection, this item was referred to the Traffic Commission for a report and recommendation.

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION on agreement between the City and William Sherman and Associates for golf course feasibility study.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WILLIAM SHERMAN & ASSOCIATES RELATIVE TO A GOLF COURSE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

The Director of Finance noted a change to be made on the last page of the contract Article Four - Payment. Section 2. Add, after the word "study," the phrase "provided such costs and expenses are authorized and advanced by the City". This deals with the cost of reproducing of reports, etc.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-250 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to execute agreement with Chamber of Commerce for Pasadena Rose Parade Float.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY OF A FLOAT IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE ON JANUARY 1, 1968.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-251 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce for fiscal year 1967-68.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 1967, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1967-68, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 67-186 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-252 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following seven expenditures:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$361.72 to Superior Wholesale Electric for 200 feet of rigid electrical conduit; 1000 feet of #12 wire and fluorescent lights and fixtures requested by Traffic and Lighting Department for upgrading the lighting in the City Garage for night work.
2. \$1,852.20 to Lido Sales Co. for 2,520 feet of one inch copper tubing requested by Water Department for stock to be used "as needed".
3. \$1,455.30 to Park-Son, Inc. for 2,520 feet of 3/4 inch copper tubing requested by Water Department for stock to be used "as needed".
4. \$357.00 to AA Fence Co. for supplying and installing aluminum glare-shield strips on existing chain link fencing at La Romeria Park, to reduce light glare from the park to adjoining residences.

B. SPECIAL - LIBRARY BOOKS REQUESTED BY CITY LIBRARIAN:

5. \$957.18 to Herweg & Romine Company for 616 adult fiction books.
6. \$746.55 to N. A. Kovach for 74 adult non-fiction books.
7. \$22,077.15 to Carl J. Leibel Inc. for 6,330 juvenile books, subject to mutual agreement with the company that payment will be made only from the proceeds of authorized 1967 Library bonds when sold.

Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Mayor Isen asked Councilmen Miller to announce the results of the meeting of the Police and Fire Committee of the Council regarding the offer re settlement of the litigation on the Wooldridge position at the Police Department.

Councilman Miller said the Committee met with Philip Joseph, Charles Oates and Mickey Fischer representing the Torrance Police Officers Association and came to an agreement for settling the Wooldridge lawsuit. The Committee which consists of Councilmen Vico, Sciarrotta and Miller, thanks the Association for its fairness in handling the negotiations on a very high level.

The following five conditions were attached to the settlement:

1. The incumbent will maintain his sergeant's stripes and will henceforth hold the title "Crossing Guard Sergeant". Appropriate insignia will be created to attach to sleeve and approved by the Police & Fire Committee of the Council.
2. The salary of the incumbent will remain at its present rate of \$913 per month until policemen's pay plus 10% surpasses the \$913 per month.
3. This position will be considered a frozen position and if and when the present incumbent is removed or leaves, this position will be abolished.

4. The incumbent cannot be promoted to Police Sergeant's position or any other higher rank until he has successfully passed the Police Sergeant examination; but once he has passed said examination he will be treated as any other officer who has passed the examination.

5. If the incumbent is removed or is transferred he will lose the title of Crossing Guard Sergeant and also lose the duty pay.

Councilman Miller moved that these conditions be offered to the Police Officers Association for their acceptance. Councilman Vico seconded.

Mayor Isen spotted what he believes would be a loophole in the fifth condition; if the incumbent were arbitrarily removed or transferred, he would lose everything - he would become a patrolman. Mayor Isen said he should be provided some security to be a Crossing Guard Sergeant. City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested this be done by creating a position of Crossing Guard Sergeant from which the incumbent could not be removed without Civil Service procedure before the Commission.

Councilman Miller explained that the intent of the fifth condition was to protect the incumbent, but to encourage his taking the Police Sergeant examination and passing it. Once he has passed that examination all of these conditions will be removed. He suggested that the Council hear from the Police Association representative before any change is made in the points which were agreed upon. Perhaps this negotiation should have been conducted in the committee meeting rather than open council.

Representing the Association, its President, Philip Joseph of 3102 Sonoma Street, spoke, repeating the gist of the fifth condition and asked if it is the intention of the Council to grant the incumbent a hearing in the event such removal or transfer should occur. Mayor Isen thought it was a management decision, but Councilman Miller insisted that any such addition or change would have to be agreed to by the Association. Answering a question by City Manager Ferraro, he stated it is the intent of the fifth condition, that Tom Wooldridge not be moved from his Crossing Guard position. The Association agrees and also agrees that it be handled in the manner suggested by City Attorney Remelmeyer, creating a special classification, subject to all these rules.

The Council was polled on the five conditions of the offer as now established and accepted by the Association informally and the result was unanimously favorable. The next step would be for approval, formally, by the Association for the settlement of the lawsuit and instruction to the City Attorney to document it in proper form.

Philip Joseph, on behalf of the Association, accepted the five conditions and said the Association's attorney would contact Mr. Remelmeyer and formalize it for dismissal of the action, without costs.

City Attorney Remelmeyer congratulated the Committee and the Association on the settlement and Councilman Vico thanked the Association. Officer Joseph responded appropriately and also thanked the City Manager and the Police Chief.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

23. This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

24. AIRPORT MANAGER AND AIRPORT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION on the request of W. A. S. Douglas for approval of interim and regular agreement, subtenancy Rolling Hills Aviation, Inc., on his leasehold.

25. AIRPORT MANAGER AND AIRPORT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION on request for approval, subtenancy South Bay Aviation Services and other changes on Aero Care Leasehold.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations of approval as to each of the two Items 24 and 25; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

26. RE ALTA LOMA PARK SITE (formerly known as Victoria Knolls Park) Recommendation of City Manager with proposed resolution attached.

The details of the transaction are set forth in detail in the communication from the City Manager and City Attorney dated November 9, 1967, and involve a trade with Chandlers Palos Verdes Sand & Gravel Company with \$130,000 difference in market value to be paid by Chandler. The recommendation is that the Council accept Chandler's offer and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take all necessary actions and prepare all necessary documents to complete the transaction. The additional cash payment feature is occasioned by a difference in size of the two parcels.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EXCHANGE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CHANDLER'S PALOS VERDES SAND & GRAVEL CO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-253 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26A. LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL FROM OMER K. TINGLE, ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB re Conditional Use Permit.

Mayor Isen moved that the Conditional Use Permit be granted; Councilman Beasley seconded. Mayor Isen corrected his motion, saying he had used the wrong words - it should be that the grading permit be granted; Councilman Beasley seconded.

Public Works Director asked for a stipulation from Mr. Tingle that this grading permit in no way implies Council's approval of the upcoming application for variance for his golf course. City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Nollac's point is well taken. The councilmen did not think this was an important concern, but Mr. Tingle said he would so stipulate in accordance with Mr. Nollac's suggestion.

Roll call vote on the motion of Mayor Isen was unanimously favorable.

27. RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION that a Park and Recreation Bond Issue be presented to the voters at the April, 1968 election.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the recommendation to the proper Council committee for study. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

28. LICENSE FEE FOR COIN-OPERATED WASHING MACHINES - Communication from License Supervisor.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated the question which was discussed at the Committee meeting. Administrative staff has recommended that the present license tax be retained, \$2.00 per washer and \$1.00 per dryer, based on

substantiating figures and facts, which License Supervisor Moss said he considers to be valid.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the Staff recommendation and Councilman Miller seconded.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved as a substitute to establish the charge of \$35.00 plus \$4.00 for each employee (Plan B). Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Talbert and Mayor Isen.

The substitute motion carried, although Mr. Moss said it would cost the City \$1600 a year and present a tremendous inspection and enforcement problem. Mayor Isen said he believes the recommendation of the man in charge should be accepted

29. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27734: Subdivider, Beeman & Reeves. Recommendation of Public Works Director and Planning Director with concurrence of Planning Commission Chairman and City Manager that subject final tract map be approved.

John K. Eardley, Consulting Engineer for the applicant, asked for approval of two changes: (1) with respect to a single-car garage and (2) elimination of a driveway as to Lot 1 until such time as a building permit is requested. Mayor Isen said they were insignificant changes, but there was considerable discussion on the subject.

Mr. McKinnon said there was a condition as to the Tentative Tract Map that the man remove a portion of his garage and remodel an existing rumpus room which had previously been a garage, back into a single car garage. Now, the applicant has decided it would be preferable to build a new garage elsewhere on the property. City Manager Ferraro said he would recommend approval of Mr. Eardley's request. It boils down to a request to build a single car garage, where ordinarily a double car garage is required. Mr. Remelmeyer ruled that this is not a substantial change because it does not relate to the tract map itself.

As to the driveway problem it applies to an undeveloped lot and Mr. Eardley said his client would like to have the requirement for the driveway deleted until such time in the future that a house is put on the lot. Mayor Isen asked for a letter outlining these changes, but City Manager Ferraro said there would be a problem of enforcement if this were granted subject to any such provisions.

As a result, Councilman Talbert moved to grant the approval of the Final Tract Map (ignoring the driveway and the garage location); Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

30. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28455, Subdivider, Don Wilson. Recommendation of Public Works Director and Planning Director with concurrence of Planning Commission Chairman and City Manager that subject final tract map be approved.

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

31. VACATION OF FIRST ALLEY EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM 164th STREET SOUTHERLY. Beneficiary, El Camino Properties. Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council adopt resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE THE FIRST ALLEY EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM 164th STREET SOUTHERLY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-254 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PROCLAMATION:

32. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of November 26 through December 2, 1967, as TOASTMASTERS WEEK.

33. PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO PARADE ROUTES:

First to be considered is the emergency ordinance, numbered 33A and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1822

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 37.2.15 ENTITLED "FINDINGS OF DETRIMENT," SECTION 37.2.16 ENTITLED "EXCLUDED STREETS," AND SECTION 37.2.17 ENTITLED "LICENSE FEE" TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT PARADES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND TO REQUIRE A LICENSE FEE FOR ALL PARADES, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Isen moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1822 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is certain testimony to be entered into the record with respect to a finding by the City Council that the streets in the second section of the ordinance have such a high density volume of traffic as to be unfit at any time as a parade route. For this purpose Mayor Isen administered a legal oath, or affirmation, to Traffic Engineer Horkay, Public Works Director Nollac and Police Chief Koenig.

Councilman Talbert asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if he is recommending the adoption of this ordinance and Mr. Remelmeyer answered that it was prepared at the request of the Mayor. Mayor Isen said it is not the prerogative of the City Attorney to recommend as to policy. Councilman Talbert did not like being confronted with an emergency ordinance without time to study whether or not it was necessary. Mr. Remelmeyer commented that he believed the Council is aware of the problem involving the streets which are mentioned in the ordinance. The second section having to do with license fee for holding parades is new to the City of Torrance. He has checked the law and found a 1941 case in New Hampshire where a fee of \$300 was charged and Chief Justice Hughes stated it was a reasonable exercise of police power. The case has not been overruled although the Supreme Court has changed its feeling in the civil rights arena and to charge a fee of a civil rights unit might be struck down by the Supreme Court. This is merely conjecture. Under the circumstances, the Council is free to adopt the ordinance if it sees fit.

City Attorney Remelmeyer also explained the severability clause (Section 7, page 2, last paragraph) Answering a second question as to whether or not he recommends the ordinance, Mr. Remelmeyer said he does neither; it is a policy matter. City Manager Ferraro pointed out that it would cure certain deficiency in the existing ordinance.

Without this addition to the ordinance, any application would be heard by the License Review Board and, in all probability refuse a permit if the parade were requested for the streets in question, for the reasons that will be developed by the testimony of the three witnesses, who have been sworn and will here testify. A typical example would be the application for a parade on Crenshaw Boulevard rather recently. Testimony developed that that was not useable as a parade route and the application was denied.

Mayor Isen's opinion was that it would save a lot of involved procedure and would apply to everyone alike. If a permit were requested for the streets named, the application would not be accepted and the provisions of the ordinance would be called to the attention of the applicant. The net effect of the ordinance would be to exclude the streets named within the limits named on those streets from any possibility of being used for any parade.

In response to interrogation by City Attorney Remelmeyer, Traffic Engineer Horkay testified to the following effect: that he is acquainted with the streets which are the subject of the ordinance; and has made traffic studies of the volume of traffic thereon. An official traffic volume map was introduced into evidence as "Exhibit 1" and made a part of the record. It was described as a full map of Torrance dated June, 1967, prepared by Arthur Horkay, Traffic Engineer.

Mr. Horkay reported the results of traffic surveys on the individual streets made about six months ago. The average traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard would be over 40,000 vehicles per day, a 24 hour period. He has made a study of the traffic capacity of the particular streets as well as the traffic volume. The volume exceeds, in most cases, the theoretical capacity of the streets and for these streets there is no acceptable detour; no way to divert traffic acceptably. Hawthorne Boulevard is the main north/south through street in the City connecting the Palos Verdes Peninsula with the San Diego Freeway, with Crenshaw as a close second.

Artesia Boulevard is a state highway east/west through Torrance and Sepulveda Boulevard also serves as a main artery from the ocean to Orange County. Artesia, Sepulveda and Pacific Coast Highway all connect to the Harbor Freeway. A parade on any of these streets would create a traffic problem which would be of such nature as to impair the health, welfare and convenience of the citizens. Inasmuch as there is no acceptable detour, a parade could force a congestion on the other streets which would adversely affect the public safety. Obviously, the same would hold true as to the San Diego Freeway.

There would be danger to public safety in attempting to get emergency vehicles through and according to Mr. Horkay Torrance Boulevard's use as an official parade route would offer considerable advantages.

Mayor Isen asked if, avoiding these six listed streets, there are available parade routes for any organization which might apply for a permit and the answer was affirmative; Torrance Boulevard is a street on which all cost estimates have been established and with which the personnel are familiar for the purpose of placing barricades, etc.

The Fire Department has said, according to Mr. Horkay, that traffic congestion on Hawthorne Boulevard is now such that it is almost useless to proceed by "Code 3".

The councilmen mentioned the possibility of the use of Arlington Avenue, which would empty into Torrance Park, or Cabrillo, or Carson as parade routes.

Other north/south arterials are a top priority, but as of now there are none other than Hawthorne and Crenshaw.

Public Works Director Nollac's testimony was to the effect that he is familiar with the streets which are listed as "excluded"; he has heard the testimony of Traffic Engineer Horkay and agrees with it completely and has nothing to add. He is familiar with the cost of holding parades and said there are costs which are attributable to all of the Public Work departments, street, traffic and lighting and sanitation, in the furnishing of and placing barricades; removing them following the parade, repairing damage to the barricades, vandalism, theft and clean-up by the Sanitation Department. Depending on the type of parade the cost could run from \$200 to \$400 and in the past the costs have been within that range.

The testimony of Chief Koenig was that he is Police Chief of the City of Torrance and familiar with the streets listed as "excluded". As to the Police Department, the primary problem is traffic congestion. The most difficult route would be a circular parade route and as the route varies from circular to linear angles it becomes more difficult to police. To parade on Hawthorne Boulevard and cause its blocking off, would interfere with the police functions of the City. Personnel would have to be deployed to guarantee the safety of the persons parading and those normally using the street. It is almost impossible for a pedestrian to cross it now.

One of the primary police problems is seeing that emergency vehicles are able to get ingress and egress after they have served their purpose. It would be most difficult to arrange for an emergency vehicle to come into an area or exit after it has accomplished its work. It would be a substantial problem to take a vehicle on such a street at such a time by Code 3 and this would include all six of the streets mentioned.

Mayor Isen inquired as to the cost of extra policing, especially where an officer is stationed at various intervals on the street to prevent traffic entering. Chief Koenig gave the Council some figures compiled as of the last Armed Forces Day parade, May 20, 1967, which required 45 fixed posts for traffic control; also required an estimated 60 hours of pre-planning by personnel in administrative and supervisory ranks. The cost of sixty hours of pre-planning comes to \$361.80 as a minimum and 45 officers at fixed posts for traffic control can be calculated in two ways: either time and one-half or on a straight time basis by cancelling days off and scheduling them later in the month; however, the methods are intermingled, they do not exist separately. The cost for May 20, 1967 parade, he estimated would have been \$1,225.44.

The length of the Torrance Boulevard parade route is 2.2 miles, but it is not strictly linear; there is an angle at Cravens Avenue and the formation area is around El Prado.

The figures given would also be applicable to such parades at the St. Patrick's Day parade and the Boy Scout parades, based on the Torrance Boulevard route, 2.2 miles with 45 fixed posts for traffic control. Chief Koenig summarized the figures by saying with respect to overtime the cost would be \$1,225 whereas if straight time were used exclusively, the cost would be \$1,638. Another problem is how to deploy the men after the four, five or six hours taken up by the parade. There is a small additional cost concerned with the mileage cost of the motor vehicles at 10¢ per mile. There would be seven motorcycles for a total of \$37.50; two three-wheelers; four police units. The Chief's report was stipulated to be included as a part of the record. It was stated by Mayor Isen and confirmed by City Manager Ferraro that every parade in the City of

Torrance costs the City \$2,000. That was established last year, as a minimum. A memorandum to City Manager Ferraro from Chief Koenig dated November 14, 1967 was marked Exhibit 2 and made a part of the record.

Chief R. R. Lucas, Fire Department, was duly sworn and testified. City Manager Ferraro was sworn as to the statements he has made in this matter.

Chief Lucas testified that he is the Fire Chief of the City of Torrance and familiar with the streets listed as "excluded" in the proposed ordinance; he has heard the previous testimony. The effect of a parade on Hawthorne Boulevard would necessitate the placing into service of reserve equipment, the calling in of off-duty personnel to man the reserve equipment. As now set up, the Fire Station #5 on Del Amo Boulevard responds to the north end of the City with Company No. 3 which is on Artesia Boulevard. If there were a parade on Hawthorne Boulevard, the No. 5 engine could not so respond.

The equipment from Headquarters responds to the westerly area of the City. The two reserve engines would have to be manned, placing one in the north and one in the west end of the city.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked Chief Lucas if there would be a similar problem if parade permits were granted on any of the other excluded streets. The answer was "Yes"; these arrangements were all set up with respect to the requested parade permit on Crenshaw Boulevard in August. He does believe the granting of a parade permit on any and/or all of these streets would substantially interfere with the ability of the Fire Department to suppress fires within the City of Torrance. During peak hours, it is now extremely difficult to make a normal response and any additional traffic caused by a parade would Fire Department service to a stop as to Code 3 responses. It would be necessary to go to Code 2, going with the normal flow of traffic.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out that Carson Street at its intersection with Hawthorne Boulevard is not included as one of the "excluded" locations. Mayor Isen said the License Review Board could set the limits as to the other streets in relation to the excluded streets.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Ordinance No. 1822 be adopted as an emergency measure at this, its first and only reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1823

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 37.2.15 ENTITLED "FINDINGS OF DETRIMENT," SECTION 37.2.16 ENTITLED "EXCLUDED STREETS," AND SECTION 37.2.17 ENTITLED "LICENSE FEE" TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT PARADES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND TO REQUIRE A LICENSE FEE FOR ALL PARADES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1823. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1823 at its first reading. Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. REZONING ORDINANCE NORTH SIDE OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD BETWEEN VAN NESS AND CASIMIR.

This is the amendment requested by the Council to correct errors in the drafting of the rezoning ordinance proposed at the last meeting. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1824

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1796 IN ORDER TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN SAID ORDINANCE BY INSERTING THE CONDITION OF A 20-FOOT ALLEY AND SIX-FOOT MASONRY WALL.

Mr. Juan Lefebvre of 10600 Katella, Anaheim, outlined the history of this rezoning. His company, Harker Development Company has entered into a contract to purchase the corner of Artesia and Van Ness and while the Council is fully familiar with this matter, he said there were some things which had not come to its attention. Mayor Isen explained to him that what is now before the Council is merely a matter of correction of an error which omitted the provision regarding masonry wall and alley.

Councilman Miller said that is not exactly all of the problem; Harker Development can put in their fence and their portion of the alley, but cannot control the block wall fence on the other property, or the placing of the alley as to the other property belonging to Mr. Wechsler, which he has refused to do. Mayor Isen said Wechsler will have to put up a bond to assure fulfilling the conditions, if he wants the rezoning and if he wants to complete the escrow with Harker.

Mr. Lefebvre said Harker Development has spent considerable money in preparation of plans, fees, engineering, etc. and has now reached the impasse of Wechsler refusing to dedicate the alley because he says no time was set for the dedication at the time the zoning was before the Council. If he does not do so, Mayor Isen said it would show a lack of good faith and the whole rezoning would be rescinded.

At this time, Mr. Lefebvre said Gordon Phillips is representing Harker Development, but he was not able to be at this meeting. For this reason Mr. Lefebvre is presenting the case. He asked that the Council delay the acquisition of the alley on the remaining portion of the property. Harker would go ahead as to their portion as to both the alley and the construction of the wall, but one of the conditions of the lot split already approved by the Planning Commission should be that prior to the issuance of the building permit the alley would be dedicated and improved. This, he said, is not a matter which has been brought up before the Council. Mr. Wechsler is being uncooperative in this matter and absolutely refuses to dedicate the alley until such time as he gets ready to develop it. Harker Development is aware it has good cause of action against Wechsler, but to do so would hold up the development of the property, perhaps for years. The Planning Commission has approved the service station and there has been no neighborhood opposition.

Mr. Remelmeyer said the zoning will not be changed on the Planning maps until the dedication and construction are completed, or a bond has been posted, or a cash deposit made with the City Treasurer. Until these things have been done, C-2 will remain in effect. There is more than one ownership over the land on which the alley is required, Van Ness to Casimir. Mr. Remelmeyer said if Wechsler sells, the buyer would not be aware of the requirement to dedicate. Planning Director Shartle said the Legal Department had pointed out that the City would probably not be able to obtain the dedication of the alley if it is not obtained by this development. Paving of the alley would be the responsibility of the owner.

Public Works Director Nollac pointed out another factor: some years ago and probably beyond the limits of prosecution, Mr. Wechsler illegally split that property into several parcels, one in the name of his wife, one in the name of his brother in law and if any one of those interior parcels is sold and someone wants to develop, it would go nowhere. There would be no problem as to the first development, Harker, but beyond that there would be trouble. Mr. Remelmeyer repeated that they would have to post a bond or certificate of deposit for the improvement.

Mayor Isen proposed that the matter be continued for the appearance of Mr. Wechsler. Councilman Miller cautioned against getting back to the original position where apartment houses would be allowed. Mayor Isen did not approve of Harker Development being represented by Attorney Gordon Phillips who has appeared many times on this matter on behalf of Mr. Wechsler. Whatever rights Harker has are through the rights of Mr. Wechsler and unless Mr. Wechsler complies, he will not get the rezoning. He has always been represented by Gordon Phillips who has promised these things on his behalf. There was reconsideration and many public hearings with many neighborhood people present. To upset this now is untenable. There is a possibility of relief, but Mr. Wechsler is going to have to come in and agree to something. Mayor Isen again proposed continuing this matter for two weeks.

Evidently Mr. Wechsler has now changed attorneys; Mr. Lefebvre said Mr. Wechsler's son is now representing him. Mayor Isen told Mr. Lefebvre that all of his claims are against Wechsler.

Mr. Courtland Selvage of 2210 West 173rd Street appeared on behalf of the neighbors and said there was a meeting at his home last night at which Mr. Lefebvre appeared. The neighbors are concerned that even if Harker meets all of the specifications and conditions, there is no assurance that they will be met beyond that particular parcel. All they could hope for would be a paper alley; a deadend alley about five houses long. Councilman Miller and Councilman Beasley believe that Mr. Wechsler will react if he learns that the property will revert to C-R zoning. The paramount interest is that of the neighboring property owners, and their concern is as to the whole area.

Councilman Beasley moved to continue the matter for two weeks and see if Mr. Wechsler cannot see the light. Mayor Isen seconded, but asked that the proposed ordinance be considered. City Clerk Coil assigned a number and re-read title to the regular ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 1824

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1796 IN ORDER TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN SAID ORDINANCE BY INSERTING THE CONDITION OF A 20-FOOT ALLEY AND SIX-FOOT MASONRY WALL.

Councilman Lyman moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1824; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1824 at its first reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1825

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1796 IN ORDER TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN SAID ORDINANCE BY INSERTING THE CONDITION OF A 20-FOOT ALLEY AND SIX-FOOT MASONRY WALL AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1825 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1825 at this its first and only reading; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to inform Mr. Wechsler that the Council intends to rescind what has been done on this and institute proceedings for a C-R zone processing. If Mr. Lefebvre's company wants to go ahead a gas station would be permitted in a C-R zone. Planning Director Shartle added that there would be limitations and conditions as to height of signs, etc., which could come in under a conditional use permit application. Mr. Wechsler legally and morally has the obligation to comply with the regulation to post a bond to the satisfaction of Engineering and the City Attorney.

35. City Manager Ferraro referred to the communication from Public Works Director Nollac recommending that a request from R. A. Watt to change the priority on the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program be referred to the City Manager and Director of Public Works for study and recommendation, within three weeks. He wanted the Council to be aware that it is being studied and will be back with a recommendation within that time.

36. An additional communication was with respect to financing the Meadow Park urban renewal area escrows, with the recommendation of the City Manager:

1. That \$118,000 of general funds proposed for the 1967-68 Capital Improvement Program be advanced to the Community Redevelopment Agency Administrative Fund for urban renewal land acquisitions.

2. That the attached resolution be adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute escrow instructions for the acquisition of certain properties.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to recommendation numbered 1 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

As to recommendation numbered 2, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM MELBOURNE WILLIAM JACKSON, MITCHELL VLADMIR, NORMAN ALFRED DEAN, PETER U. ORESKOVICH, AND DOMINIC J. LAFERLA JR., IN THE MEADOW PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-255 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. Airport Manager Egan said the Goodyear blimp is now at the airport temporarily while their facilities in the Dominguez area are being finished. They have offered to take some of the City officials on a flight during the hours of noon to five next Wednesday, November 22nd. The Council was asked to inform J. Walker Owens if they wish to go.

38. Councilman Lyman appointed Mrs. Joe Luna as a member of the CACCI and will furnish her address to Management.

39. Councilman Talbert proposed that the councilmen be permitted to smoke if they wish during Council sessions. The Planning Commission of which he was formerly a member permits smoking and he believes it should be permitted here, especially in view of the long and strenuous sessions. He moved to that effect and Councilman Vico seconded. Mayor Isen did not approve, but roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Talbert, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

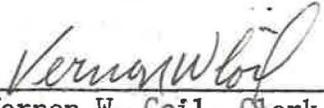
40. Mrs. Jeanette Altermatt, 1323 Hickory Avenue, said she has received about fifty letters from taxpayers of the City of Torrance who say they are not and do not wish to be represented by Mrs. Shelbourn in her case against the councilmen, et al, or any other way, shape or form. She was advised to present them to the City Clerk for filing. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept them for filing; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

41. J. Walker Owens invited Staff and the audience to the next membership luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce which will feature Sam Yorty as speaker. The Councilmen were especially invited to the luncheon which is at noon on Friday at the Indian Village.

42. Chief Koenig said there will be a graduation ceremony of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, also on Friday at lunch time, with five members of the Torrance Police Department in the class. He invited members of the Council and audience to attend, after which they will be luncheon guests.

43. Park and Recreation Commissioner Lawrence Gitschier, 1303 Acacia Avenue, spoke in behalf of the proposed Park and Recreation bond issue which was referred to Committee for study tonight. This is a young and vigorous community and vitally needs a 50 acre regional park. The Recreation Director has worked very hard to consummate the deal for the land but even after the papers are signed, all the City will have is the bare land. The purpose of the bond issue would be to equip the park to the utmost for recreation for all the residents of Torrance.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:15 p.m.


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

APPROVED:



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