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Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on January 9, 1968, in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also attending were City Clerk Coil, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. William Bordeaux led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Charles E. Neigh, Walteria Methodist Church, Minister of the Month of January, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 2nd meeting have not yet been distributed the Councilmen said, and will be considered at the next meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience. He called attention to the beautiful art work on the Agenda cover. This design changes each month and is the original creation of Barbara Massie in the City Clerk's office. Mayor Isen said she should be complimented and Councilman Vico, especially, agreed.

PRESENTATIONS:

11. PRESENTATION BY HAROLD LIPPARD, President of Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, of check in the amount of \$250 to Torrance Public Library for purchase of books.

Mr. Lippard presented the check to Mr. R. J. West, City Librarian, with appropriate remarks and publicity pictures were taken.

10. PRESENTATION BY MARSHALL CHAMBERLAIN, Bus Superintendent, of premium adjustment of liability insurance for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Bus Superintendent Chamberlain presented to City Treasurer Rupert a refund check for \$5,880.59 on bus insurance caused by the safe operation by drivers. This, together with a check received in 1967 amounts to \$10,031.31 saved by good driving in the past two years.

Mr. Bill Brady is the broker of record for the City of Torrance in insurance matters and he stated this refund is for the years 1965 and 1966. Quite likely the 1967 check will be even larger. City Clerk Coil said this is a program set up by the Council Finance Committee which is working out very satisfactorily.

8 and 9: PRESENTATIONS OF PERMAPLAQUES TO HI-SHEAR CORPORATION and to GEORGE S. WING: Mr. Wing did not appear to be present and Mayor Isen said the presentations would be held later in the evening if and when he arrived.

Another item, taken out of order at this time, was:

29. ORDINANCE NO. 1842 adding Article V to Chapter 8 of Division 8 to provide regulations for billboards. This is a second reading.

Mr. Jim Matkins, representing Foster & Kleiser, 1550 West Washington Boulevard, requested the second reading of Ordinance No. 1842 be held for one week to permit its study. He did not receive a copy of the last draft of the ordinance until a few minutes before this meeting started.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone the second reading of Ordinance No. 1842 to January 16th, 1968, a 5:30 meeting. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

12. VARIANCE NO. 67-26, ERNEST SMITH AND CHARLES KERHART. Variance from the provisions of the off-street parking ordinance to allow construction of office and storage space without providing additional parking therefor on property located on the south side of Sepulveda Boulevard westerly of Hawthorne Boulevard. Recommended for approval, with conditions, by the Planning Commission, and for denial by the Planning Department.

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

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter and Mr. Ernest Smith, 22615 Fonthill Avenue, one of the owners of the Pizza Palace Restaurant came forward. Mayor Isen said if the Council has any questions, they will ask him; otherwise, they have read the material on the proposed variance.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. MASTER PLAN NO. 6, EXTENSION OF ONYX STREET: The Planning Commission recommends approval of Alternative "A".

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

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Guy Cobb, 1949 West 231st Street, spoke representing the owner of the property and on his behalf, asked for a thirty day postponement before any plan is adopted. His client has plans for a 200 unit apartment house on property which would be bisected by any street as a result of Alternative "A". His client is J. C. Miller. Mr. Cobb said he had not been aware of the plan long enough to rework the plan for the apartment house to fit any recommendations.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the 30 day extension requested, and on request by Mayor Isen, Mr. Cobb on behalf of his principals, stipulated there would be no application for a building permit within that time.

Mr. J. Miller, 5710 Manchester, one of the owners of the property said the first indication he had was during this past week when he got notice in the mail.

Mr. Emmett Rush, representing L'Amoreaux and Rogers, said his clients have a subdivision predicated upon this street going through. He would like to have the hearing proceed this evening - notice has been published. This, Public Works Director Nollac said, applies to Item 14.

Mr. J. Miller said he would not object strenuously to Alternate "C" but he would as to either A or B. He asked for the thirty day extension. Planning Director Shartle said in that case a date certain should be named. The Planning Department has no objection to the thirty days, but in that event, the same time should be given as to the tentative tract map. A date certain was mentioned as February 13th, an eight o'clock meeting of the Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue this item to that time and Councilman Beasley seconded; there was no objection.

Mayor Isen said the logical thing to do is to remand this back to the Planning Commission, or a committee thereof to try to work something out so the same impasse will not be encountered again at the end of thirty days. There is a meeting of the Planning Commission tomorrow night, other than its regular session.

Mayor Isen moved that the Planning Commission informally inquire into the problem which now confronts the City Council as a result of Mr. Cobbs' appearance here. Councilman Beasley seconded and Mayor Isen advised the three men who had spoken on this matter to consider this as notice of that meeting, at 7:00 p.m.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 23539, Subdivider, Roland Rogers and O. A. L'Amoreaux, Engineer, F. C. Nybye. Tract located on both sides of Onyx Street, westerly of Madrona Avenue. Recommended for approval, with conditions, by the Planning Commission, Planning Department and the Director of Public Works.

As to this item, Mayor Isen told Mr. Rush, representing the subdividers, of the postponement and asked if he could stipulate to it on behalf of his clients. Because of ramifications of the advertising procedure, it was decided to change the date certain and Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and all conditions that are listed. There was no second.

A one week's postpone seemed preferable and Councilman Beasley moved to reconsider Item 13. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

As to Item 13, Councilman Beasley moved to continue to January 16, 1968, at 5:30 p.m. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen asked for a stipulation from Mr. Rush to hold Item 14 for one week also, to January 16, 1968, at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Rush so stipulated on behalf of his clients.

Councilman Talbert moved to continue Item 14 to January 16, 1968, at 5:30 p.m.; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

15. RE PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE - communication from Planning Director.

While this is not a public hearing, Mayor Isen recognized that there were several people present who might wish to speak. He said he had not seen any recommendation from the Business Men's Sign committee. It was attached to the material, but Mayor Isen had overlooked it because of the similarity of its format to the Palm Springs ordinance excerpt.

Mr. George Purcell of Van deKamp's Bakery, Los Angeles 90065, 2930 Fletcher Drive, described the small windmill identification sign on each of Van deKamp's twelve retail businesses in Torrance. He said it is conceivable that there might not be room left for their small signs if in the future there were another bakery established in a supermarket in Torrance. They pay an annual business license fee, health fee for each of the stores and would hope that there might be some provision for such a small business to do business in a new location and retain reasonable identification without major changes in signing of a given location at that particular time.

Leo X. Salisbury, representing Torrance Merchants Sign Committee, said there is no reason to compare Palm Springs to Torrance as to sign ordinance or any other way. He suggested a committee and its composition: perhaps two councilmen, Mr. Salisbury, a Chamber of Commerce representative, perhaps Chairman Halstead and Commissioner Alter of the Planning Commission, Torrance Beautiful Commissioner Mrs. Gordon Phillips. His idea would be that this committee be given thirty days to work out a compromise on the subject of signs for the community. If that is not a practical suggestion, he would ask that his ordinance version be accepted. The ordinance he referred to is the one presented by the Torrance Merchants Sign Committee.

Councilman Vico found many things to criticize in the proposed ordinance, especially the retroactive feature by which existing non-conforming signs would have to be removed within four years.

Mayor Isen does not favor the ordinance generally, but said he could not express himself on the subject until it came before the Council. Now is the time to state his views and he did so. He quoted from the Planning minutes of December 6th on the subject of a sign for the Candlelight Room on Pacific Coast Highway. The oversize sign was permitted, but it was pointed out that in the proposed sign ordinance (now being considered) the subject sign would be non-conforming and would have approximately a four-year abatement period. It is not the size that determines the beauty of a sign. Some of the large auto dealers' signs cost as much as \$20,000, but they promote sales tax for the benefit of the City, and they are well-designed and well-proportioned signs.

Another factor in which Mayor Isen was interested is the painting of signs on the sides of buildings, some of which are very attractive and effective. He disapproved completely of regimenting the amount of space on a small merchant's store window where advertising may be placed. This is going too far in regulating private enterprise.

Mayor Isen asked of Management: What would be the cost of enforcement of this proposed ordinance? City Manager Ferraro said he believed it would be the addition of one employee.

Whatever committee goes into this should be furnished with a list of signs which would not conform. Mayor Isen thought the list would probably include most of the new signs constructed in the City. He believes this proposed ordinance would make Torrance a very unattractive business town to newcomers in all types of retail enterprises, and would not like to see Torrance get a reputation of being tough in this field of activity.

Councilman Miller thought there was no alternative to going to Committee. He moved that a committee be formed, appointed by the Mayor, to meet and compile a report to the balance of the Council, so this can be boiled down to its essentials. Councilman Lyman seconded.

Councilman Beasley moved as a substitute that the Mayor appoint a committee of the Council to hold such hearings and call in such witnesses as they deem advisable and making notification to the merchants; that such committee bring back a report to the full Council. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Mayor Isen favored such a manner of handling because he said whatever recommendation is made should come from the Council committee. Under these circumstances, Councilman Miller and his second withdrew the motion just previously made.

There was no objection to Councilman Beasley's motion and Mayor Isen announced that it carried. The next factor would be the membership of such a Council Committee and Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the same committee which worked with the billboard problem: Councilmen Talbert, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen. The members of that Committee consented to take on the job. The City Manager was instructed to furnish a list, with possibly some photographs of representative signs which would be non-conforming and would have to be abated. In the view of the Mayor all that is wrong with downtown signs is a need of paint.

Councilman Sciarrotta reported having received an anonymous message by special delivering urging passage of the Merchants committee version of the ordinance.

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At 9:07, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the Council recessed for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting, and returned to its agenda at 9:10, followed by a general recess. The agenda was again resumed at 9:30.

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Mayor Isen announced that he had been advised that Mr. George Wing is ill and unable to attend this evening. Mr. Brian Bell, a member of the Airport Commission and "right arm" of Hi-Shear Corporation and he accepted the two perma plaques (Items 8 and 9) on behalf of the corporation and Mr. Wing, from Mayor Isen.

16. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving Precise Plan 67-7, Crenshaw-Imperial Realty.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY

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CRENSHAW-IMPERIAL REALTY IN PLANNING COMMISSION  
CASE NO. PP67-7.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-4 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving Variance 67-21, Pioneer Theatres, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V. 67-21, PIONEER THEATRES, INC.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-5 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. DRAINAGE AT 231st STREET AND ARLINGTON AVENUE: Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council approve agreement between the City and the Torrance Unified School District.

The recommendation is concurred in, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM CABRILLO AVENUE TO WESTERN AVENUE; GAS TAX PROJECT SS-145. Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) \$500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund and (2) that Council approve acceptance of informal bids on the construction of a sanitary sewer manhole.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, in both phases. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

20. PROPOSED ORDINANCE prohibiting commercial occupancy of residential buildings in C-1, C-2 and C-3 zones.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that this proposed ordinance be withdrawn from the agenda at this time. He will return it later after some revision. There was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. Disposal of Surplus Gasoline Tanks and pumps at Torrance Airport.

The recommendation is that Council accept the high bid submitted by the Peninsula Aviation Co., of \$500 and approve the sale of the surplus equipment, with the Peninsula Aviation Co. responsible for removal of the equipment. Councilman Beasley moved to concur therein; Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve expenditures listed as items 1 through 7:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$1,104.65 to Albro Fire Equipment for 9 pairs of fire fighter boots, 14 pairs of turnout pants, 20 turnout coats and 4 fire helmets, requested by Fire Department as replacement gear and for new personnel.
2. \$1,335.29 to Alco Chemical Co. for one only 200 gallon fibreglass tank budgeted to Garage and requested by the Street Department for chemical spraying.
3. \$348.21 to Southland Machinery Corp. for miscellaneous parts (gaskets, rings, blades and casting cylinder) requested by the Water Department for repair of a Thor Boring Motor.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

4. \$1,273.44 to Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop for 48 dozen softballs requested by the Recreation Department for stock as needed. This expenditure is reimbursable for the Recreation Activities Fund.

C. SPECIAL CATEGORY, LIBRARY BOOKS:

5. \$2,702.56 to Victor Hotho & Co. for 895 assorted adult fiction and non-fiction books as requested by the City Librarian. This purchase is made subject to the mutual agreement that payment will be made only from the proceeds of authorized 1967 Library bonds scheduled for sale early in 1968.
6. \$610.52 to Tartan Book Sales for 485 adult fiction and non-fiction books and 111 sets of catalog cards.
7. \$1,143.32 to Western Bookbinding Co. for 1132 paperback books rebound.

Councilman Lyman seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ELECTION MATTERS:

23. PROPOSED RESOLUTION requesting the Board of Supervisors to permit the County Registrar of Voters to render specified services relating to the conduct of the General Municipal Election to be held April 9, 1968.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOSANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 9, 1968.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-6 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. PENINSULA AVIATION (LOUIS GERARDIN) REQUEST FOR CERTAIN CHANGES TO HIS LEASE.

Councilman Talbert moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission as set forth in the transmittal letter. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. WITHDRAWAL OF JOSEPH ARRUDA AND EDWARD BLUM'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AIR TAXI AND AIR FREIGHT SERVICE.

Mayor Isen said this would be ordered filed, if there is no objection. There was none.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

26. EDISON-LOMITA SUBSTATION SITE: Communication from Director of Recreation in regard to meetings with representatives of Little League to resolve the matter of assistance in the installation of water lines on the above site.

Mayor Isen said this, also is informational and will be filed. Recreation Director Van Bellehem will have further information to give the Council in another two weeks or so.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

27. Expiration of Commission members terms - new appointments, etc.

Mayor Isen proposed that a personnel session be held next Tuesday at 5 p.m., prior to Council meeting at 5:30.

Councilman Beasley moved as to the approximately 10 commissions and 10 committees, each with a different manner of appointment of members, that they all be the same; that no commissioner should be appointed to any commission until a personnel session had been held to discuss his qualifications; that the present terms of the Commissions remain as is but that each councilman have the right of nominating a person to the Commission; that the City Attorney be directed to draft such an ordinance and present it to the Council and that the present Commissioners' terms be extended until that has been done. Councilman Lyman seconded.

Councilman Miller moved as a substitute, that the entire matter be referred to a committee or a personnel session for discussion - then that it be referred to a committee of the Council. He would like to see something done other than a hurried consideration and disposition of this problem. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded Councilman Miller's motion.

Councilman Beasley and his second, Councilman Lyman withdrew their motion and there was no objection. The Committee to which this matter is referred was specified as the Finance Committee, composed of Councilmen Talbert, Beasley and Sciarrotta.

Some pertinent comments were made by Mayor Isen on the subject of committees which he believes are an obsolete factor in City government. They were effective and necessary when there was no City Manager and each councilman had responsibility for a department, in effect. As it now stands, Mayor Isen appoints the committees, but serves on none. As an alternative he suggested there be no standing committees as now exist,

but that the City Clerk keep a chart of seven names and as each referral to a committee is made, take the top three names, with the first thereof to act as chairman. This would cause a separate committee to consider each matter.

Some bothersome features of such a plan were pointed out by Councilman Miller. Each councilman acquires some empirical knowledge by working on a certain committee and by becoming familiar with similar problems in the particular area. Councilman Miller could not see any particular objection to the committee of the council system as it now operates, except that so many matters do not fall within a particular committee field of endeavor and extra committees become necessary.

One objection from Councilman Sciarrotta was that the Finance Committee should not have the problem of Civil Service matters. He believes those should fall to Police and Fire Committee. This would about balance up the workload.

City Manager Ferraro said sometime ago the Council appointed a Committee on Committees which asked the City Manager to make up a survey of what other comparable cities are doing about committees. That information has been gathered and there seems to be a need for a Procedural Committee to handle matters which do not necessarily fall into one of the other usual brackets. He is finalizing a report on the subject which will be delivered to the Council before long.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

28. ORDINANCE NO. 1841:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1841

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NEECE AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET NORTHERLY OF 242nd STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZC 67-11 (HARVEY SARVER).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1841 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. ORDINANCE NO. 1842:

This second reading has been postponed for one week.

30. ORDINANCE NO. 1843:

Councilman Beasley asked if the second reading of this ordinance might be held off for two weeks and Councilman Vico moved that the second reading be held two weeks from now, January 23, 1968, also an eight o'clock meeting.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a committee of the Council meet with the parties concerned and have a hearing on this before it is passed. Councilman Vico seconded. Mayor Isen identified the "committee" as the Police Committee and there was no objection to the motion.

31. APPEAL OF WAIVER 67-146, RONALD MORAN: The Planning Commission denied the request (W67-146) for a waiver of the landscaping regulations of the off-street parking code for property at 18600 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Mr. Moran presented his case and asked for the waiver as to setback and block wall on 186th Street because of two definite problems: reduction of parking by several vehicles (he told of the need for a 41 foot area considering the length of a Cadillac); and the serious problem of security. Mr. Moran would much prefer to have a chain link fence than a lower block wall which could hide pilferers. There have been many such problems during the construction period even though the Police Department has been most cooperative. He would like to have a chain link fence completely enclose the area, placed at the property line - with no setback.

Councilman Beasley moved to allow Mr. Moran to put his wire fence on the property line. Councilman Vico seconded on condition that Mr. Moran would plant trees in a planter box behind the fence on the property line at about 20 foot intervals. Councilman Beasley consented to the condition, as did Mr. Moran.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

32. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re traffic signals at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Freeman Avenue - Amie Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAWNSDALE AND TORRANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD AND FREEMAN AVENUE-AMIE AVENUE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-7 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. City Clerk Coil asked for Council direction on several aspects of the General Municipal Election on April 9th. First, approval of consolidation of precincts resulting in 61 precincts. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the consolidation and the result. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. City Clerk Coil asked for consent of the Council to retain the same compensation schedule as in the past: \$19 for Inspectors; \$16 for Judges and Clerks and \$15 for polling places. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. City Clerk Coil also asked the Council's authorization to use the IBM Votomatic system. It may be slightly more expensive than the other method because of the paper supplies which must be used. Of course, there will be a great advantage as to time of returns. Councilman Beasley moved to grant such authorization and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. Authorization was asked by City Clerk Coil to retain Martin & Chapman as election supplies source. A complete quote is not possible at this time because of the indefinite information on cost of the paper from the Secretary of State. He will come back with a contract at a later date. January 25th is the opening day for candidates to file. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the City Clerk's recommendation to hire Martin & Chapman for this purpose. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

37. On the deposit by candidate for statement of qualifications, in the past the fee has been \$75. It is optional to the candidate. City Clerk Coil believes the fee should be increased to \$125. If the cost evens out at a lower figure there can be a refund to the candidate. Councilman Sciarrotta moved instead that the fee be \$100; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. City Clerk Coil recommended that the election hours for the polls to be open be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Councilman Vico moved to concur; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Councilman Lyman reported that in the area to which he has just moved there have been repeated incidents of mischief and vandalism. Also the young people drive their automobiles cross country and through backyards or anywhere they can go. He presumes as the area develops some of these problems of semi-anarchy will disappear.

40. Also, as to the South Bay Councilmen's Association, Information Item B, Councilman Lyman feels someone should be appointed to represent the City as Councilman Olson did. Mayor Isen suggested it be considered at the Personnel session. He has nothing to do with this appointment.

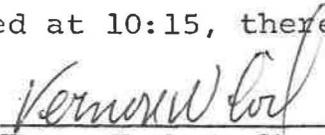
41. Mayor Isen determined from City Clerk Coil that the last date on which it would be possible to approve a Charter amendment to go on the ballot, would be February 9th. He stated there has been a Charter Review Committee functioning for months. There might be some important legislation singled out that the council could agree on for the ballot in April. He asked that there be communication with the Charter Review Committee and they should be asked if it would be possible to "get a little package together of these items on which the Council could agree to be placed on the ballot".

More important, Mayor Isen said, is the matter of Councilmen's and Mayor's pay. He feels the people of Torrance would favor increased compensation for their Mayor and Council if they realized the amount of service they furnish, and recommended a Charter amendment of the type indicated, corresponding with the General Laws, be placed on the ballot. Councilman Beasley moved the City Attorney draft such an amendment to the Charter for Council consideration. Mayor Isen seconded and the motion carried as follows:

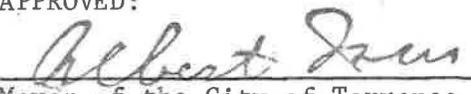
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Talbert, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:15, there being no oral communications from the audience.

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

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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