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Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Torrance, California  
February 6, 1968

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 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 6, 1968, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Clerk Coil, City Treasurer Rupert, City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Scott Robinson led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Weaver, Pastor of the Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation, in the absence of Reverend Kornegay, February Minister of the Month.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 30, 1968, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all regularly audited bills be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert 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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 29124, SUBDIVIDER: R. A. WATT COMPANY: 28 lots R-3 zone located along the southerly side of 235th Street from the confluence of 235th Street and Maple Avenue easterly for approximately

1700 feet. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to conditions.

9. EXTENSION OF MADRONA AND/OR MAPLE AVENUES: Planning Commission recommends an alternate street to connect 235th Street with Lomita Boulevard.

City Manager Ferraro recommended that Item 9 be considered by the Council prior to Item 8. He said there has been some information received to the effect that Edison Company is working with Standard Oil toward obtaining a 100 foot right of way from the Lomita substation down to Lomita Boulevard. If this is true, it would be in the path of the proposed Garnier Avenue. He suggested that the Council refer both items 8 and 9 to the Public Works Committee of the Council to investigate this information and make a more specific recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta said it should probably be referred to the Golf Course Committee.

Any approval of the tentative tract 29124 for R. A. Watt Company would be tantamount to approval of the final unless the consent of the developer to hold it up is secured. City Clerk Coil read a letter received from Dan E. Butcher opposing the proposed alignment of Garnier Avenue set forth in Item 9. He said it should be half on his property and half on the property presently owned by Southern California Edison Company (to the east).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer both Items 8 and 9 to an appropriate committee of the City Council. Councilman Vico seconded. Mayor Isen said it is not possible to refer Item 8 - it will have to be only Item 9. He asked if anyone was present representing R. A. Watt and Mr. Clark Leonard came forward. He asked for approval of the tract because everything west of the alley is not involved and would not interfere; Watt has access. Mr. Leonard said he has no objection to further study of Garnier Avenue.

Councilman Sciarrotta repeated his motion to refer the Item 9 to the Public Works Committee. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

8. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 29124, R. A. WATT COMPANY.

Going back to this which is a companion item to No. 9, Councilman Miller brought up the matter of a street put in when Wilson and Butcher came in and which was put through the Butcher property with access from the alley. He asked what happened to that paper street. Planning Director Shartle said the records were researched and it was found that a study was asked for but no definite alignment was established.

Councilman Beasley asked if it would not be possible to approve this tract, except Lot 28 and moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and in addition, to delete Lot 28 from the tract map. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. City Attorney Remelmeyer saw a problem here in that if Garnier Avenue is not to be dedicated, as a condition, it should be; otherwise it could only be obtained by purchase.

Mayor Isen proposed a stipulation for gratuitous dedication of a portion of this street if it becomes necessary, but Mr. Leonard would not agree. He felt enough had been dedicated to the City. The purpose now is to change the lots from 150 feet wide to 60 feet wide.

Ted Sparks, R. G. Harris Company, 2721 South Lacienea, Los Angeles, asked if approval of this tract would forever remove the possibility of Maple Avenue being extended. City Manager Ferraro said probably yes.

Mr. Sparks said his company objects strenuously to the extension of Garnier Avenue, as do Standard Oil Company, Santa Fe Railway, Mt. Butcher and even the Watt people are not too happy about it.

Mayor Isen proposed a stipulation from Mr. Leonard that at the time of the hearing on the final, the Council may decide that Garnier Avenue be dedicated southerly through the tract (improvements to be provided by the City), there would be no problem. Mr. Leonard answered that as of now Watt has improved lots and could go in there and build thus blocking access through Garnier and through Maple.

At any rate, Mayor Isen said all the arguing could be done on the final tract map which would come up in from thirty to forty-five days. He advised Mr. Leonard to stipulate that Planning Commission recommendation No. 2 could be argued without prejudice at the time of the final tract map. Mr. Leonard said it would be presented with 28 lots, that his company is definitely opposed to granting any dedication for Garnier. Everything will be determined at the time the final tract map comes before the Council. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed this, but stated it would be preferable to eliminate Lot 28 with the understanding that it could be restored if Garnier is not to go through. It could be replaced in the map by a decision that it is not a substantial alteration.

Mayor Isen invited a motion that the entire matter be postponed until the final tract map come up, each party reserving their right to object and that Mr. Leonard and his principals agree on the portion, Lots 1 through 13, where they have a right to build now, that they will not build.

City Attorney Remelmeyer did not think that would do it - he advised a motion to continue this, or deny it with leave to come back within a certain time to determine whether Maple or Garnier are going through. Planning Director Shartle said if Mr. Leonard insists on approval tonight he might be asked for dedication of both Garnier and Maple and delete one or both at the time the final map comes back.

Mayor Isen asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer, Planning Director Shartle, Clark Leonard, Mr. Sparks, City Engineer Nollac, meet in the Conference Room and see if they can work out some stipulations or a practical solution to this. Mr. Leonard said his company is not going to want to dedicate Garnier or Maple now or sixty days from now but he consented to try to work out something for twenty minutes.

The matter will be back on this evening's agenda a little later. In the meantime, the next item heard was:

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving Variance 67-19 as applied for by Mar-Loma Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 67-19 - MAR-LOMA, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-19 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. MEMO FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE RECORDING OF ZONING CONDITIONS:

Councilman Talbert moved to refer this memorandum to the City Attorney for preparation of a proper amendment to the Land Use Ordinance for study by the Council. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STANDARD MANHOLE IN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD WEST OF WALNUT AVENUE; INFORMAL BID JOB No. 66052. Recommendation of Public Works Director that contract for subject improvement be awarded to Lawson Construction Company.

City Public Works Director Nollac asked that a change be made to show an appropriation of an additional \$100 because of some difficulty encountered with water lines.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the contract be awarded to Lawson Construction Company in the amount of \$400 and that an additional \$100 (total \$600 instead of \$500) be appropriated for this project. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

14. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 1964 BOND ISSUE-STORM DRAIN PROJECT NO. 1153. Recommendation that the City Council adopt proposed resolution supporting the Flood Control District application for a Federal grant under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

Mayor Isen asked that the resolution be placed in formal style and given a title:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-20

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL GRANT UNDER THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965.

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-20 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING AND PARKING:

15. PROPOSED RESOLUTION for installation of STOP signs on Wayne Avenue at its intersection with Sara Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-21

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

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-21 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:16. CITY MANAGER'S SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

City Manager Ferraro said Finance Director Dundore wishes to make a presentation on this program and Mayor Isen proposed that there be a pre-council meeting at 7:30 p.m., February 13, 1968 for this purpose. The booklets were distributed to the councilmen so they may become familiar with its contents before next Council meeting.

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing election supply contract with Martin and Chapman Company.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-22

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT  
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MARTIN & CHAPMAN  
CO. RELATING TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 9,  
1968.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-22 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. CLAIM OF WOODROW W. SUMNER against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a traffic collision December 18, 1967, at Sepulveda and Crenshaw. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

19. SALE OF STRUCTURES IN CLEAR ZONE, Torrance Airport site, Ref. FAA Project 9-04-123-03.

The Finance Director's recommendation is that the Council go on record as noting that no bids were received for the structures so that a copy of the Council minutes may be forwarded to the Federal Aviation Administration to satisfy them that Torrance has taken reasonable steps to sell the structures in the "Clear Zone" and thereby proceed with taking bids to clear the area by demolition. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. BUDGETED AND SPECIAL ITEMS IN EXCESS OF \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of items listed as 1 through 9:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$457.13 to Edgars Auto Body for repair of a City vehicle involved in an accident (Unit #840). An accident report was filed.

2. \$374.85 to Econolite Corp. for two only traffic signal detector pads requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department, for vehicle travel control.

3. \$323.45 to Southwest-Flexible Inc. for flexchrome rod and assorted tools necessary to handle this rod material requested by the Sanitation Department for sewer maintenance.

B. SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY BOOKS:

4. \$1,204.14 to West Publishing Company, c/o Orville V. Larsen for 107 volumes of Calif. Annotated Code and 142 volumes of the U. S. Annotated Code.

5. \$317.94 to Prentice-Hall, Inc., c/o Richard Armijo for 48 only adult non-fiction books.

6. \$1,475.25 to Rowman & Littlefield Inc. for 146 volumes of the National Union Catalogue Series needed to codify City Library books.

7. \$360.63 to W. H. Freeman and Company for 46 adult non-fiction books.

8. \$303.71 to Teaching Aids, Inc. for 5 sets of Hot Rod Technical Library (7 volumes); 5 sets of Hot Rod Yearbooks (6 volumes) and 5 only Motor Trend World Automotive Yearbooks.

9. \$1,287.56 to Harper and Row, c/o Jack H. Dawley for 171 adult non-fiction books.

Mayor Isen asked that Item No. 4 be considered separately, in that the Superior Courthouse law library has these codes. These would be only in the main City library and Mayor Isen said he would like to have the Librarian keep track of how often they are used or asked for by the public, on a three months, or six months basis. City Librarian West said these codes are a standard and accepted part of any reference system in any library.

As to Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Mayor Isen moved approval, with a separate vote on Item 4. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Miller moved to approve item No. 4, also and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Mr. Dale Cushman of 4806 Carmelynn spoke in favor of having these codes available to the general public, especially after five o'clock. He had not been aware that they were available at the Superior Courthouse Law Library.

Roll call vote on approval of Item No. 4 was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

21. PROPOSED RESOLUTION of the City Council for charges for certain facilities and/or services at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman pointed out an error in the second tabulation on the first page of the resolution - the third column should read "Rate per day" rather than "rate per month".

With this correction noted, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR CHARGES FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES AND/OR SERVICES AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-23 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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To accommodate Mr. Scott Robinson, the City Attorney having returned to the room, Mayor Isen asked that Item 12 next be considered.

12. RE. EXTENSION OF TIME ON VARIANCE FOR PARKING - Communication from Scott Robinson Pontiac.

Mr. Robinson was present and gave his address as 20340 Hawthorne Boulevard and started to speak along the lines of his letter. However, Mayor Isen moved that the extension of variance be granted as requested. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the ordinance does not provide for such extension without a hearing. He suggested if the extension is granted, that he (the City Attorney) be instructed to amend the Land Use Ordinance to provide that Council can make such extension of time without public hearing where good cause is shown.

Roll call vote on the motion to grant the extension was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the suggestion made by the City Attorney; Councilman Talbert seconded and there was no objection.

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8. The conference in the adjoining room having been concluded, City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that the Watt Company, developer, agrees to a thirty day extension of time; agrees not to construct any building within said time and in return expects that the Council will give a decision within that thirty days as to which street, if any, will be put through. Clark Leonard confirmed this agreement. Mr. Jim Shrock, representing Watt Company also agreed. A firm date of March 5, 1968, a 5:30 meeting, was scheduled.

The Public Works Committee is the Council committee involved and in answer to a question as to whether this is an open meeting, Councilman Lyman, its Chairman, said it is always open to the public unless personnel matters are concerned. Those specifically mentioned as being notified of the meeting of the Public Works Committee were: Staff, Shartle, Nollac, Remelmeyer, Chamber of Commerce Board (J. Walker Owens, Manager) Dave Polis of the Daily Breeze, Dan E. Butcher, Watt Company and R. G. Harris Company (Mr. Ted Sparks, Upton 0-5611). Planning Director Shartle was directed to take care of the notification.

At this point, Mayor Isen commented on the matter of press representation at committee meetings. He believes it should be a matter of choice if the committee wishes to invite a press member. At the particular committee meeting - re. commission membership - there was no discussion of personnel, and an open meeting would be appropriate.

At 6:30 p.m., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as Council in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Council returned to its agenda following that meeting and a ten minute general recess at 6:45 p.m.

26. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 12, 1968, as ACTIVE 20-30 WEEK and introduced Mr. Roy Ramirez who conveyed greetings from the International President who was unable to attend this meeting. 48 of the 50 states have adopted similar proclamations and Mr. Ramirez thanked the Council for having made this proclamation.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

22. RE TORRANCE OPERATION NEPAL DAYS, March 15, 16 and 17, 1968.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in this observance and direct that a suitable proclamation be prepared for the next Council meeting's consideration, and proclaiming by the Mayor. At any rate, it will be on the agenda before the close of February. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. RE EXPIRATION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS' TERMS: Communication from City Clerk.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that all commissioners whose terms have expired and all commissioners who have forfeited their commission membership because of excessive absence, be continued in their positions to the 30th of June, 1968; that the Finance Director be authorized to pay them the stipulated income and to ratify and reaffirm payments that may have been made in the past under the ordinance. Councilman Vico seconded.

Mayor Isen said he would like to have a re-examination of the ordinance, as to the automatic termination which in many cases deprives the City of good commissioners. The manner in which they are now permitted to be excused causes a great deal of paper work and clerical effort. The commissioners would be aware of whether or not all their co-commissioners are doing a creditable job. Councilman Sciarrotta, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Council said the committee is considering these angles, and will meet again.

Chairman Bernard Dougan of Park and Recreation Commission spoke along the same lines, especially as to two members of that commission. He agreed that the commission would make the council aware of the fact if a commissioner is not taking care of his responsibilities properly.

The second part of the previous motion was repeated by Councilman Sciarrotta (dealing with pay and ratification); Councilman Vico again seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

as to all phases of the motion.

24. PROPOSED RESOLUTION placing on ballot at General Municipal Election as one proposition two amendments to the Charter, to wit: 1. compensation for members of the City Council and 2. compensation for Mayor.

Each of the councilmen commented at some length on this item. Councilman Vico asked if there was any way to remove it from the ballot. Councilman Talbert did not agree with the proposition of making the amount tie in to the State law; he thought that should be decided by the voters.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING ON THE BALLOT AS ONE PROPOSITION AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 9, 1968, TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO WIT: AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE 6 RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND AN AMENDMENT TO SAID CHARTER ADDING SECTION 2 TO ARTICLE 12 RELATING TO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-24 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Miller does not think the measure has a chance of success until local organizations get behind it. Councilman Sciarrotta listed what various California cities pay their councilmen - all more than Torrance.

Charles Oates of the Legislative committee of the TPOA, said his organization would like to be the first to go on record in support of a pay raise for the Mayor and Council.

Richard DeArmitt representing the Torrance Fire Fighters said his group also supports the increase as being long overdue and will do all they can to see that it passes.

Mayor Isen spoke of this reluctance of various organizations to work on behalf of the increase, as a "study in frustration". He did not agree that this would be a piecemeal bit of legislation as has been stated by the Charter Review Committee. Councilman Beasley believes if it goes on the ballot, it will be possible to gain some support of organizations.

J. Walker Owens, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said he had no comment; or is not presently prepared to comment. There is a Board meeting on Thursday of this week at 3:30 p.m.

Roll call vote on the motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Talbert, Vico.

The motion failed.

Councilman Vico said his opinion is the same as Councilman Miller's; each of the councilmen is worth more than he is being paid.

Councilman Miller repeated his plea to the organizations to come forward and express themselves. He also spoke of the possibility of making the increase affect only future council members and the necessity of the present councilmen placing controls on their spending.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the proposition be put on the ballot that the councilmen be paid \$300 and the Mayor \$450 - to take it away from being tied to the State legislature. Councilman Beasley seconded.

Referring to the Charter Review Committee, Mayor Isen said he would like to see it study charters of other cities which are comparable to Torrance, not only in population, but in types of problems. He spoke particularly of Anaheim and its new charter.

Roll call vote on Councilman Sciarrotta's motion was:  
AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta, Talbert and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Vico.

PROCLAMATION:

25. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 11 to 17, 1968, as NATIONAL BEAUTY SALON WEEK.

27. REQUEST FOR AWARD OF BID FOR aerial survey of Columbia Park site.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Recreation to award the low bid in the amount of \$742 for an aerial survey of the Columbia Park Site and appropriate the necessary amount from the general fund for the purpose of paying for this work. The low bidder is American Aerial Survey. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

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Mayor Isen wants the record to show that the sentiment of all the councilmen is in favor of the pay increase, even those who voted against its going on the ballot.

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28. City Manager Ferraro reported that a telegram had been sent to the newly appointed Judge Choate expressing pleasure on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

29. City Manager Ferraro asked for some direction regarding news coverage of Committee meetings and City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is being researched in his office and there will be an answer probably by the middle of the week. This involves particularly a committee of three in relation to the Brown Act.

30. City Attorney Remelmeyer reminded the meeting that there will be a ballot proposition with respect to the initiative regarding the housing ordinance. However, it is necessary to rescind the matter of putting the 55¢ override on the ballot. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31. Along this line, Mayor Isen asked that Building and Safety Superintendent McKinnon write the argument regarding the housing code proposition.

32. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the bus problem has not yet been completely resolved although the contract with SCRTD has been returned with two amendments as requested by the Council. The second reading of the ordinance has been held up pending a committee study. Evidently there is now a choice of three ordinances (white, buff and blue).

The Civil Service took the matter under consideration at the commission meeting last night, Mr. Remelmeyer said, but they did not act upon it. It is necessary that the report of the Commission be returned to the Council and the ordinance adopted after two readings by the Council before it becomes final. If the Council wishes to expedite conclusion of this matter so that it can go to court at an early date, he suggested that the Civil Service Commission be requested to hold a special meeting within the next week or ten days so it may consider the ordinances and report to the Council. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to this effect and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

The present status is that the Civil Service Commission had postponed decision until its next meeting, the second Monday in March. (to be held March 11th).

33. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he filed and served today Notice of Motion for Summary Judgment in the case of Shelbourn and Mosley vs. City of Torrance. It should come before the Court a week from Friday.

34. Director of Public Works Nollac said because of Lincoln's birthday on February 12th, rubbish collection would be one day late during the entire week.

35. Councilman Miller summarized the contents of a communication by which the Safety employees request a ballot measure which would amend the retirement contract to permit retirement five years earlier than at present. He read a paragraph from the memorandum written by Assistant City Manager Scharfman to the committee: "The consensus of the Committee's feeling was that they could not put this matter on the ballot because they simply had not been given enough time to consider the proposal. They would not rule out the possibility of this proposal being on the June election ballot. They did think, and ~~would recommend to the entire council that the salary and benefit~~ (Correction, negotiations begin about March 1. After extensive discussion, I see below) believe it was agreed that the first meeting would be between the City Manager and the employees. Following that meeting or meetings, the special Salary Committee of the City Council would meet with both parties, administration and employees. Originally Councilman Sciarrotta wanted a meeting in between the other two, between the special Salary Committee and the employees, but it is my strong impression that that was abandoned because the employees insisted that the City Manager should be present at all meetings."

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"would recommend to the entire council that the retirement bill negotiations"  
Councilman Miller moved that this procedure be followed; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and Mayor Isen complained that he has no way of knowing what they are doing - what is to be followed? He had many questions regarding cost to the taxpayer. Councilman Miller refused to be pushed into a hurried decision on such an important matter, for it involves \$180,000 and a 4½% tax increase. The question is whether or not this is a responsibility of the Council. The Council held an extended discussion, which resulted in a unanimously favorable decision on Councilman Miller's motion.

36. Mr. Frank Curry, 2031 Reynosa and Mr. Harold Walther, his next door neighbor, complained of the new street area on Sepulveda to which their homes back. There is considerable damage being caused and the drainage is affected. Councilman Miller moved for a report from the Public Works Department; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. City Manager Ferraro promised a preliminary report from Building and Safety, with a copy to the affected residents. If necessary, a consultant will be called in. There was no objection.

37. Mr. Wm. McDonough, 510 North Cahuenga Boulevard, referred to a condition which exists at the Capital Building, 23228 Hawthorne Boulevard owned by Ted Koletos, which he claims is a public hazard which should not be ignored. He has not been able to get any results by complaining at City Hall because the Building and Safety Superintendent has been absent because of illness.

Mayor Isen asked that this be presented in the proper fashion following procedure which is listed on the first page of the Council agendas.

Mr. David Breiholz who was present from the Building Department said this building is being added to with a proper permit issued. The problem is with Mr. Koletos, really, not the City. Mayor Isen suggested that a City building inspector be at the scene and enforce the regulations against Mr. Koletos. Mr. McDonough will talk with City Manager Ferraro about this.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8 p.m.

Vernon W. Coil  
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APPROVED:

Albert Isen  
Mayor of the City of Torrance