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Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 1970, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz (out of town - business).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, YMCA Mustang John Flores led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Hillyer, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 1970 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

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 was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Berkwitz absent).

3. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Noted.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. National Engineers' Week - February 22 to February 28, 1970.  
 11. Proclaimed by Mayor Isen.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Presentation of City Logo Tile for four Bomberos, Guests of City of Torrance, Torrance Fire Department.

Introduction of these friendly neighbors was made by Battalion Chief Alberto Salcido, with formal presentation of the Tile by Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council and the City of Torrance.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

11. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$472.50 to Associated Truck for one only International Truck rear end assembly (exchange) as requested by the City Garage as a replacement unit.

2. \$350.00 to Cash Electronics (formerly part of Griffey Wholesale Electric) for one lot of miscellaneous heater and air conditioning valves, thermostats, sensors and parts which are continually used by the Building Maintenance Department. These items are being purchased on a one-lot closeout sale offered to the City and their regular discounted price to the City is valued at \$600.00 for the lot.

3. \$340.26 to J.O. Dircks for 15 pounds of pistol black powder and 50,000 pistol primers as requested by the Police Department for reloading of ammunition.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS:

1. \$3650.28 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 25 adult and 936 juvenile titles.

2. \$564.26 to Harper & Row for 106 assorted titles.

ACTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation for approval of the above purchases. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

12. VARIANCE 70-4, Foy E. Price (Shortcut Variance Procedure)  
Variance to allow 33 parking spaces instead of 39 parking  
spaces as required by the City Code on property located at  
18405 Ashley Avenue.

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

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the  
public hearing on Variance 70-4.

The proponent, Mr. Foy Price, 27922 Long Hill Drive, Palos  
Verdes, reviewed the needed relief of six parking spaces, stating  
that no congestion will result; further, he has acquired an  
authorized lease from a lawyer (which the City Attorney has) for  
five spaces at 18436 that is good until November 1970; using that  
would relieve the six spaces now needed.

The subject property, Mr. Price continued, is adjacent to the  
medical building, behind which he has acquired a lot for parking there,  
and as soon as the zoning is permitted a parking lot will go there.  
On Ashley Avenue there are now four P-1 zoned lots, as well as four  
pieces of rental property on Ashley owned by commercial people and which  
will eventually be commercial.

In conclusion, Mr. Price stated that there are approximately 17  
houses on Ashley Avenue, and it is the hope that the block will  
eventually be rezoned to P-1 -- the Council's consideration was  
requested by Mr. Price; he is at a standstill with his contractor;  
and faced with many problems and in need of temporary help until the  
zoning can be obtained in the back.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman  
Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded  
by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

It was the comment of Councilman Beasley that this situation  
came about largely as a result of a fire which occurred after the  
original building was built -- it is his opinion that the Council  
should grant Mr. Price permission for the variance for the six  
parking spaces, and to request that Mr. Price keep up his efforts  
to acquire property in the rear. Councilman Beasley thereupon  
MOVED to approve V 70-4, subject to Staff conditions #1, 2, and 3.  
The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

There was further discussion regarding the parking arrangements  
vs. what is required and the hardship thereof. It was the recommendation  
of Planning Director Shartle that, in the event of approval of the

variance partially on the basis of the applicant's desire to move the medical building to the north and possible use of the parking area, that a condition of approval be removal of the chain link fence which separates the two parcels. Mr. Price responded, stating that he is the owner of two pieces of property at this location and cannot see them as one; he would be willing to comply with the requirements regarding the parking lot, indicating as well his desire to have an alley at the appropriate time.

Councilman Miller stated that he felt somewhat sympathetic in this case inasmuch as the proponent did make an attempt to purchase adjacent land although without success.

It was the opinion of Councilman Wilson that approval of this request would permit congestion -- it would be unreasonable if this be granted, that one of the conditions be that it be for a limited time with the expectation that some arrangements could be worked out for buying additional property at fair value. Councilman Beasley declined to so amend his motion.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, DeMarretta,  
and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wilson.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson at the time of his "yes" vote that it is his hope the proponent will continue to take necessary measures to give the adjacent residents maximum protection from the parking lot.

Mayor Isen stated that he cannot see congestion at all at this location -- the elimination of the complete eyesore in the burned out building will benefit the whole community.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS.

##### 13 White Front Landscaping Plan.

Mr. Harry Gorman was present on this matter, and explained that their landscape architect was at work on the landscaping plans. Planning Director Shartle elaborated on the "gentleman's agreement" with White Front approximately one year ago. He requested extension, with the matter being held in abeyance to give White Front an opportunity to get started.

MOTION: Mayor Isen moved that Item #13 be continued, and that the matter be restored with a recommendation from the Planning Director that the matter be deemed closed upon the receipt by the Planning Director, and satisfactory to him, of the landscaping plan and water system plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

It was clarified that this be referred to Staff to work diligently with White Front, at the request of Mr. Shartle -- it being understood that it would be subject to his approval of the

of the landscaping and water system plan. Should any problems develop, it would be brought back to Council.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

- 14. RESOLUTION approving Modification of Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of one additional unit to an apartment building on the west side of Anza Avenue between 238th Street and Pacific Coast Highway - CUP 69-5, J.F. & B. Development Company.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MODIFICATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF ONE ADDITIONAL UNIT TO AN APARTMENT BUILDING ON THE WEST SIDE OF ANZA AVENUE BETWEEN 238TH STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.  
 (CUP 69-5 - J.F. & B. Development Company - Art Valdez.)

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-34. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 15. Civil Service Commission with regard to (a) psychiatric and medical examinations for Police Chief eligibles; and (b) request for personnel session between City Council as a whole and Civil Service Commission.

It was noted by Mayor Isen that the verbatim transcript regarding this matter, prepared by the Civil Service Commission, was delivered to the Council right at meeting time last Tuesday -- there was no intent to bypass the matter, but it simply could not be considered as a walk-in item. It was the Mayor's further thinking that this should be a regular agenda item, and considered in open meeting, rather than by way of a personnel session.

It was agreed to hold this matter for a full Council, and the date selected was March 3, 1970, it being agreed to adjourn to 5:00 P.M. on that date. Councilman Sciarrotta MOVED that the Council convene at 5:00 P.M. on March 3, 1970 for its regular meeting, with item #15 to be considered during that meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Wilson,  
 and Mayor Isen.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz.

16. RESOLUTION amending Section 4, "Longevity Pay" of Resolution No. 69-183 to exclude therefrom certain exempt employees

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 "LONGEVITY PAY" OF RESOLUTION NO. 69-183 TO EXCLUDE THEREFROM CERTAIN EXEMPT EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-35. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).  
 \*\*\* (Further discussion below.)

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

17. ORDINANCE amending Section 75.1.4 of the Code requiring tree planting on public property and amending the tree planting provisions of Section 74.3.2 relating to construction of street improvements.

Concern relative to homeowners presently residing on the premises who are not developers in the sense of building for resale, and the necessity of their complying with the larger planting and the water system was expressed by Councilman Johnson. In the case of developers it is brand new construction and the plumbers, etc. are already available, was the further comment of Mr. Johnson.

The cost of the trees and the water system was reviewed as well, as was the fact that the recommended ordinance would apply only to select system street frontage.

Miss Wilma Schreiber, 2550 Pacific Coast Highway, advised that she had been required to put 15-gallon trees in, with double braces -- subsequent to this some 24 pieces of property have been developed within two blocks that have not had to do this. Miss Schreiber feels this inequitable, and, further, that the subject ordinance is incorrectly worded, specifically alluding to the reference "any where a building permit is issued".

There was further discussion, and it was agreed that there should be additional review of the proposed ordinance. Councilman Rowley MOVED that the subject ordinance be referred back to the City Manager, to be returned to the agenda at a later date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

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City Treasurer Rupert referred to agenda item #16 - Longevity Pay for Exempt Employees - noting that there was a period of eight minutes during which those employees now exempted by the adoption of

Resolution No. 70-35 who were, in fact, by the previous resolution authorized that payment, and that some of those persons signed their checks under protest. It was stated by Mayor Isen that it was never the intent of the Council to have such longevity for these employees.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that, from a legal standpoint, the Council has an obligation to pay same; he is not going to request that his be paid. Council intent, Mr. Remelmeyer added, is expressed only in ordinances and resolutions; therefore, if the resolution states it will be paid, it should be paid.

Mayor Isen labelled it an "innocent mistake" by Administration, and Council relied on Administration -- a resolution nullifying this mistake is appropriate. Councilman Wilson was not in agreement.

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SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

18. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Sanitary Sewer in 236th Place - East of Arlington Avenue (Informal Bid).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That Council accept the work; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

19. FLOODING PROBLEM AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND JANET LANE.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the subject Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement with the State of California be adopted.
2. That \$30,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for construction of drainage facilities at the subject location.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA FOR THE INSTALLATION OF  
DRAINAGE FACILITIES AT PACIFIC COAST  
HIGHWAY AND JANET LANE.

Councilman Keller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

REAL PROPERTY

20. SUBSTANDARD-SIZE LOTS - DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

In the absence of a recommendation from the City Manager, it was recommended that the subject report be referred back to management. There were no objections.

21. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest a License Agreement between the City and George M. Corbett, determining that the public welfare will be served thereby, and granting Corbett the right to use a 5-foot strip of Walteria Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND  
ATTEST A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY AND GEORGE M. CORBETT DATED  
AUGUST 1, 1969, AND DETERMINING THAT THE  
PUBLIC WELFARE WILL BE SERVED THEREBY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 70-37. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING

22. ORDINANCE adding Section 61.4.14 to the City Code, recommending adoption of the said ordinance authorizing the City Traffic Engineer to determine and declare prima facie speed limits on city streets.

Mayor Isen commented that there must have been some misunderstanding on the part of the City Traffic Engineer -- he could never agree to the Council giving up its power to set speed limits; the only short-cut procedure desired was on Boulevard stops and routine matters, with the right of appeal to the Council.

The Mayor thereupon moved that the subject ordinance be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and there were no objections.

FISCAL MATTERS:

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 4 only 25-cubic yard refuse packer bodies - Reference Bid #B69-73.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve an award to the Garwood - L.A. Truck Equipment Company for the purchase of 4 only 25-cubic yard rubbish bodies in the amount of \$33,342.36, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

PARK AND RECREATION:

24. Letter from Torrance Beautiful Commission regarding destruction of trees in parkway at 2909 Pacific Coast Highway with City Manager recommendation for a thorough investigation of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this item be referred to Staff for thorough investigation of the matter.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

25. Transportation Contract with Torrance Unified School District - C131-69-70.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUS SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve extension of subject Transportation Contract commencing December 2, 1969 and ending December 1, 1970.

MOTION: Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Bus Supervisor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. ORDINANCE amending the provisions of Section 35.1.5 of the Code concerning Card Rooms and Card Schools. Submitted by License Supervisor and City Attorney.

Revised wording in Section 1. c), as follows, was recommended:  
 "....\$35 per year, payable in advance, provided that the licensed premises are not used more than twice weekly; if used more than twice weekly, then license tax shall be \$200."

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2062

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING PERMIT FEES AND DEPOSITS FOR CARD ROOMS AND CARD SCHOOLS.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2062, as above corrected,, at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2061.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2061

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 9112.70 TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF HOSPITAL, AND; ADDING ARTICLE 38 TO CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL-MEDICAL-MENTAL DISTRICT (H-M-D) AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE LAND USES FOR SUCH DISTRICT.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2061 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Masley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

At 6:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess the City Council and reconvene as Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:32 P.M.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS:

18. Newly appointed Data Processing Manager Gary Sharp, was introduced at this time by City Manager Ferraro.

29. The first annual School Art Fair at the Joslyn Center by the Torrance Elementary Schools was announced by City Manager Ferraro, and all were invited to attend the exhibit.

30. An announcement of great import was made by Councilman Beasley, and his remarks follow:

"About twenty years ago I first became associated with the City of Torrance by becoming a Recreation Commissioner, with a budget at that time of \$14,000; out of that \$14,000 Mr. Carpenter was hired as Recreation Director and paid him \$4500, then a secretary was hired for \$225 per month, and put her in a little office in the old Chamber of Commerce building next to the old City Auditorium. Now, our Recreation budget is approximately a million dollars; I think we pay our Recreation Director a little bit more than \$4500 per year, he now being up pretty close to the \$30,000 mark.

"Then I went to the Planning Commission, serving there for four years. During that time was the greatest development of the City of Torrance; I think all of you remember that enormous development we had during that period 1952-56.

"Then I ran for the Council and was elected. During the first eight years on the Council there is not very much I can brag about, because I am going to be very frank with the people of Torrance and say that on many occasions I kind of looked at the political aspects of a vote before I made my vote. I think I always voted the way I felt I should vote, but at the same time I gave it some consideration as to the political implications of it.

"And four years ago I felt I could no longer serve the City of Torrance, and be honest with myself, if I considered the political implications of any votes which I took at this Council -- and since that time, during the last four years, I have refused to consider the political implications, and even at that time I did not know that I would be saying this speech tonight.

"During the last twenty years I have become somewhat tired -- I am now rapidly approaching the 70 years of age mark -- I sometimes have to drive myself to come to Council meeting, especially if I think I am going to see a bunch of greedy people sitting here in front of me, looking out after their own interests, with no regard for their neighbor or for the City of Torrance. And that little green jealousy that flashes around out through the audience looks like fireflies on a hot Arkansas night.

"These things affect me very deeply as a person because, by nature, I am of a generous disposition, and when I see these things happen, it kind of frustrates me and makes me feel how can you do a good job when you know these things are happening. And besides getting a little stale, and being for 20 years faced with some problem in this aspect, and the last 12 years sitting on this Council and seeing many, many things happen, I think it is time for me to step out of the picture. I don't think I can do a good honest job for the people of the City of Torrance any longer. I feel I have too much back information; I've seen too many things happen; I know too many individuals who are involved -- sometimes I am a little prejudiced when I am sitting up here watching the proceedings, and I strive hard to vote for the City of Torrance and not for any individual.

"But even with that, I have to push myself to come to Council meeting; I have to push myself to come to Committee meetings; and I feel like this staleness and this tiredness is not for the best interest of the people of the City of Torrance. I think that after about twelve years we all should resign -- I think we should get out of the picture and let new blood, new thinking, new activity come in (and that holds true for the Mayor, by the way).

"I'm not trying to give anybody a bad name or a bad time -- I am simply saying that I don't think there's anyone in the entire world who has had a richer experience than I have had in the last twenty years and being with the City of Torrance has contributed a great deal to that. I have seen many things happen in the City of Torrance, and I think, on the whole, we have done an enormously good job -- notwithstanding the jealousy sometimes, notwithstanding the fact that we sometimes look at the political aspects of a vote up here -- but the fact that in our overall thinking we have developed a wonderful city -- I am proud to have been a part of it."

Mayor Isen MOVED that an appropriate pernaplaque resolution be prepared for Councilman Beasley. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and approval was unanimous.

City Treasurer Rupert volunteered as a coordinator for a banquet honoring Councilman Jay Beasley for his long and faithful service to the City; the City owes a great deal to Mr. Beasley, and many, many people in the City would like to pay their respects to him. This met with the approval of the council and the gratitude of Councilman Beasley.

31. Councilman Johnson referred to the recent communication from Los Angeles Councilman Ernie Bernardi relative to road noises, use of modified mufflers, etc. and requested that it be passed on to the City Attorney and Staff to have them pull the Los Angeles ordinances relating to these modified mufflers, etc. to determine whether or not Torrance should adopt something along these lines; it also should be referred to the Noise Committee.

32. It was the comment of Councilman Miller that eight years ago, when he first came on the Council, few people had more opposing views than he and Councilman Beasley -- with clashes time and time again -- but, without explanation, four years ago Councilman Miller found himself in agreement with Councilman Beasley's views and regard for the City, and looking to his stabilizing influence. It is with great regret, Councilman Miller concluded, that we must lose Mr. Beasley, but he certainly has served for a long and passionate twenty years here.

33. True sorrow at Mr. Beasley's departure was expressed by Councilman Sciarrotta, with the comment that there is but one regret: that Mr. Jay Beasley saw fit to give only twenty years of his life to the City of Torrance.

34. Councilman Wilson stated that he has appreciated knowing Councilman Beasley for the past two years -- he has been a real strong advocate of honest government, and Councilman Wilson is most grateful for the association.

35. Recognition of the League of Women Voters survey relative to schools, parks, recreation, pollution by way of a resolution of support was requested by Councilman Wilson, who MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

36. Councilman Wilson referred to the report furnished the Council relative to relocation assistance in cases of public condemnation of property, and requested that this be put into rules and regulations same for use by the City in such cases of hardship; the City Attorney will prepare same.

37. Mayor Isen recollected that one of the specific reasons for amending the Council setup was to make an opening so that Councilman Beasley might be elected -- The Mayor supported him, and added that they have agreed on things and have disagreed on things. A political aroma is apparent, according to Mayor Isen, and "politics makes strange bedfellows".

38. Mrs. Stella Billings reminded the Council of the forthcoming "Brotherhood Dinner" of the Torrance Human Relations group and requested their RSVPs.

39. Mrs. Sharon Allen presented a petition with 18 signatures requesting immediate abatement of a tank nuisance just west of 2278 West 230th Place -- this matter was referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer.

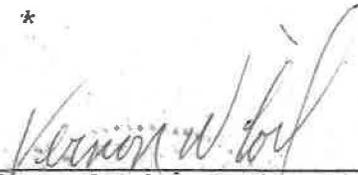
Other problem tanks noted by Mrs. Allen: 236th Street, visible to Crenshaw traffic; an unsound Peckham tank between 234th and 235th at Walnut and Cabrillo.

Further recommended by Mrs. Allen was an overall beautification program for the Southeast Torrance area. Mayor Isen recommended that Mrs. Allen make application for the Torrance Beautiful Commission, some talent in this regard being evident.

Added by Mrs. Allen was the need for temporary sidewalks on Pennsylvania -- this will be checked out by Staff.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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 City Clerk of the City of  
 Torrance, California

APPROVED:

  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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