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Adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, January 14, 1964, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

There is an invitation to GIRL SCOUT TREE PLANTING DAY, January 18, 1964 on the agenda and Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta, a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission, Mrs. Neil Silence, Chairman of the project, and Mrs. H. A. Cloyd, co-chairman were present with Girl Scouts Roxanne Silence, Shelly Cloyd, Cynthia Cloyd, and Cynthia Sciarrotta. At the request of Mayor Isen, Cindy Sciarrotta and Roxanne Silence joined in leading the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Hans Holborn of the Methodist Church in the Riviera section opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 1964 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, 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 was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen noted Kenny Uyeda with several members of the Gardena Valley Gardeners Association and at his request, Mr. Uyeda came forward and introduced the professional men who are donating their services in connection with design of the sunken garden to be installed in the Civic Center, as a project of Torrance Beautiful Commission. He described the organization with its 430 membership. Those introduced were the new President, Vice-President, Public Relations Chairman, the Chairman of the Torrance Civic Center beautification project which will continue over a period of years, the Educational Chairman, the Assistant to all the other officers, and in turn, his assistant. 1193

The President of the organization responded and Mayor Isen thanked him and the others for their great donation of services.

Mayor Isen asked for comment from Mrs. Sciarrotta on the GIRL SCOUT TREE PLANTING ceremonies and Mrs. Sciarrotta told of the plan and the tremendous amount of work done by Mrs. Silence and Mrs. Cloyd, as well as the girls of the thirty troops represented in this project.

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Present in the audience was Mr. Raphael Londres, President of the Estate Development Company, and his father, Raphael Londres, Sr., a former mayor of a Philippine city, who is visiting on the main land for the first time. The younger Mr. Londres introduced his father and told some of his activities during the war years, and following, when in 1946 he was one of the 20 men who took over the government of the new republic as Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Londres, Senior, also talked to the Council, expressing gratitude, loyalty and friendship of himself and his people to the United States. He was especially proud to be able to tell the Torrance City Council that the English language has been adopted as the official language of the Philippine Islands.

Mr. John Peterson of the Torrance Press was also introduced, this being his first meeting.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of those in the audience who are not familiar with its mode of operation and asked that Item 33 first be considered. This is listed on the agenda as follows:

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SCHOOL  
CROSSINGS

Item 33. Mrs. Anita Mitchell, Casimir P.T.A. Safety Chairman, submitting petition for crossing guard at 171st Street and Van Ness Avenue, signed by 151 residents.

Mrs. Mitchell was not present, but Mrs. Gail Roeder of 17032 Haas Avenue told of attempts to get a crossing guard for several years, with poor results. She said she had been told that if a crossing guard were placed on this corner, he would be killed on this dangerous corner. This is a four way stop, but cars do not comply with the stop sign and she said she has been denied even a sign to indicate a school crossing.

However, this is the first time this matter has come before the Council. Lt. Nash said they have received calls on this, but several studies have not shown that a guard is warranted. Mrs. Roeder said this is because the studies have been made at the wrong time of day.

Mr. R. J. Bailey of 17043 Haas Avenue said Lt. Nash had advised that the PTA ladies circulate the petition which has been presented tonight. He asked that it be made a matter of record that this corner of 171st and Van Ness is the only corner that is not covered by a guard but which has access to a school. Councilman Drale explained in detail from his familiarity with the neighborhood as did Mr. Bailey (whose telephone number is DA 31401) who promised any help and cooperation the residents of the neighborhood can do.

Councilman Miller suggested appointing two or three of the group to meet with the Traffic Commission toward a recommendation at the next Council meeting, and Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. Councilman Vico seconded and there being no objection, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Mitchell and Fred Roeder (DA 97041) were appointed as members for the purpose of the meeting and recommendation.

City Manager Peebles stated there is a Traffic Commission meeting this Thursday at 9 a.m.

Councilman Drale moved to place a crossing guard at this location as a temporary measure in the meantime and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,  
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mrs. Louise Skelley of 17116 Van Ness Avenue said she feels this corner is as entitled to protection as two others in the area.

Considering the temporary solution to be made here, Mayor Isen suggested perhaps the report could come at a later time if more time is needed. It may be that two weeks will be required.

Mrs. Joan Blair of 17128 Van Ness said requests had been made of the School board, but Mayor Isen explained the School system does not have jurisdiction of crossing guards; this is a City function, under State law.

#### HEARING:

9. CASE NO. 63-95 - Precise Plan - Torrance City Council. Formal hearing on precise plan of development for additional residential purposes on the south side of 230th Street west of Crenshaw in Land Use Zone R-1. Recommended for denial. <sup>1033</sup> # 63-95-

Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of addendum to Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated December 4, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated December 4, 1963, and location sketch. Petition containing 116 signatures in opposition to the case and letters of protest.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication on Case No. 63-95 and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak, and Mr. William Johnson of 2608 West 230th Street, spoke representing a group of 28 property owners, whom he said had purchased their property under the understanding that it was zoned for multiple dwellings, who asked for clarification of their property rights, which they feared might be taken from them. He said they understand the reason for other persons wishing this to be zoned R-1, but did not sympathize with it. He described the physical factors involved and requested a plan that would not be prohibitive of R-3 development. He exhibited plans which were presented and later altered so as to become prohibitive, and told what modifications he felt are now necessary.

Councilman Drale outlined the problems brought into being by the plan which the owners want at this time, including too many units on a lot, access, alley easement, etc.

Mr. Joe Russell of 2633 West 230th Street, directly across the street, said he represents the opposition and said many more names could have been added to the petition which now contains 116 names. He stated the position of those who object in that their property would be devalued.

Councilman Miller explained the original zoning of this property as a buffer to the industrial property. The industrial property has now been destroyed as such and the buffer has become a problem.

Mr. Arnold Katz of 22803 Fern Avenue, one of the signers of the petition, said Fern Avenue is the dividing boundary between two tracts and he was not aware of the R-3 zoning. He is in the Watt tract and the lots in question are in the Wilson tract. His concern was with the traffic and its effect on the children going to school. He did not think the people who moved into the Watt tract were aware of the R-3; he and his wife thought it was R-1 and M-1 all through the area.

Mayor Isen said he had talked with one of the residents who does not want multiple dwellings and would sell out and move if they were put in and wondered if some of the others might not feel the same among the owners of the lots being considered.

Mr. Cameron Burns of 2518 West 230th Street, the owner of one of the first seven lots on 230th Street from Crenshaw, not one of the long lots, said his property could not be developed with any units.

Mayor Isen said his question with respect to the case was as to the unanimity of opinion, or otherwise of the owners of the lots listed therein.

Mr. Burns objected to the taking of 20 feet of his property for use as an alley for the benefit of someone else.

No one else appearing to speak, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale expressed the opinion that the people have "gone completely overboard" in their attempt to put in something which would not be acceptable and moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny Case No. 63-95. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Miller agreed as to denial, but thought there should be some consideration given the property owners who may have been encouraged by previous action of the Council and Mayor Isen said he believed the decision should be made in consideration of the best interests of the majority.

Roll call on Councilman Drale's motion was unanimously favorable to denial, in concurrence with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

PLANNING MATTERS:

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# 28230  
10. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 28230 - Don Wilson. 210 lots south of 230th Street, west of Crenshaw Boulevard, Zones R-1 and R-3. Recommended for approval, with supporting correspondence.

City Manager Peebles announced the builder has asked that this case be withdrawn from the agenda and there was no objection. The papers will be held.

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# 63-50  
11. WAIVER NO. 63-50, Robert A. Noone, requesting use of more than required one-third rear yard at 2755 Sonoma Street in R-1 zone. Recommended for denial (erroneously listed as for approval on the agenda).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation which is noted to be without prejudice. However, the error was noted in the listing and the motion was changed to concurrence in approval as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilman

Department.

Vico so moved and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. JEFFERSON, INC. presenting preliminary schematic plans of proposed Crenshaw Building for Council approval, with plan attached. <sup>1010</sup> C-53

City Manager Peebles remarked that this matter has not yet been before the Airport Commission and Councilman Benstead moved to refer it back to the City Manager for processing through the Airport Commission and regular channels. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

13. Communication from The American National Red Cross requesting permission for a Red Cross flag to fly from the Torrance City Hall during March, official Red Cross month. <sup>1062</sup>

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

14. Communication from Charles T. Rippy regarding Planning Commission Case No. 782, Resolution No. 62-198. <sup>1031</sup> #782

Councilman Miller asked if this matter was discussed at the time when Mr. Rippy gave the land to the City and Councilman Drale answered affirmatively and explained the situation and Councilman Sciarrotta agreed, stating he did not feel Mr. Rippy should be held to any time limit under the circumstances as they exist and as set forth in his communication.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the 18 month extension as requested and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

15. Claim submitted by Everett E. Demler, Attorney for Ada C. Harris, for alleged damages sustained on or about November 2, 1963, as the result of bus accident at Pacific Coast Highway near Canal Street in the City of Long Beach. <sup>1174</sup> HARRIS

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

16. Claim submitted by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kast for alleged damages sustained on December 25, 1963 when car hit electric power pole near Anza and Del Amo Boulevard. <sup>1174</sup> KAST

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

17. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CLERK - Re City seal, and transmitting reproduction of City Seal as prepared by J. S. Hughes, an employee of the Fire Department. <sup>1159</sup>

It was acknowledged that even the reproduction is not an accurate portrayal of the seal as it originally existed although it is as close as it is possible to do so.

Councilman Benstead moved to authorize use of the seal as

reproduced, or redesigned by the employee of the Fire Department from the imprints of the old seal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

17A. COMMUNICATION FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT - Fire Department Change Order for Training Tower - total cost \$624.00.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation which is to authorize the transfer of \$624 from the unused salary surplus of the current Fire Department budget to the training facilities portion, Job No. 63024, to cover cost of back-fill and ground work for net frame. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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A recess was declared at 8:10 and the Council reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

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Mayor Isen called attention to Item B on the Informational portion of the agenda and City Manager mentioned that there is another letter signed by other members of the Police Department bearing on the subject. Mr. Peebles recommended the matter be referred to the Council Committee on Police and Fire Departments for a recommendation. Councilman Benstead said there would be a meeting of that committee on Thursday morning at ten o'clock in the Council Chamber and this particular matter could probably be heard at about 10:30. The mode of procedure and any possible limitation of number permitted to speak will be decided by thatg Committee in connection with the City Manager's office.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

18. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Installation of sanitary sewers in 234th Street and 235th Place between Cabrillo and Haas Avenues. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending contract be awarded to S and S Construction Co. in the amount of \$12,832.68.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and to reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

19. Expenditure from Sewer Revolving Fund and Drainage Improvement Fund. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending appropriations be made from subject funds for storm drain and sewer construction.

The specific recommendation is that \$14,500 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund as a loan to Drainage District 7G for storm drain construction in Sepulveda Boulevard from Maple Avenue to 700 feet + easterly; and that \$28,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sanitary sewers in Sepulveda Boulevard from 150 feet easterly of Madrona Avenue to 1100 feet easterly of Maple Avenue.

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TRAINING  
TOWER

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POLICE &  
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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was favorable as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,  
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen,

20. Expenditure from Sewer Revolving Fund. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending \$5,500 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sanitary sewers in Maricopa Street, with location sketch attached. /338

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation that \$5,500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sewers in Maricopa Street from Avis Avenue to 700 feet westerly, as shown on the sketch.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,  
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

21. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract No. 26676, George Chacksfield Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to release Bond No. 302043 covering subdivision improvements. Memo from Park Superintendent and location sketch was attached. /101

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Improvement of Border Avenue from Santa Fe Street to railroad right of way - Hadd Contracting Co. The recommendation is to accept the work according to memorandum from City Engineer Nollac, concurred in by the City Manager. /335.15

Councilman Drale asked what project this covers and was told it is the remodeling of the street preparatory to the crossing of the railroad track north of the new Alpha Beta Market, a drainage problem that had to be solved and the amount is between \$5,000 and \$6,000. This was ordered by the Council previously.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following two easements:

1. Street easement deed dated January 3, 1964 for the widening of Redondo Beach Boulevard over a portion of Lot 62, McDonald Tract, given by William M. Jow.
2. Street easement deed dated December 24, 1963 for the widening of 170th Street over portions of Lots 46 and 47, McDonald Tract and that portion of Lot 56, La Fresa Tract, given by Robert Charles and Janet L. Bell. /177

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it carried, there being no objections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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24. City Attorney Remelmeyer's memorandum regarding purchase of Lomita Borrow Pit Site.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to make the offer to purchase the property from the State Division of Highways for \$124,675 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

There followed a long discussion of zoning, economical feasibility of the purchase, possibility of selling or trading the property once acquired and objections from property owners as to the proposed park in Victoria Knolls. Negotiations have been initiated by Mr. Remelmeyer with Mr. Fred Lincoln, the owner of Lot 120, Tract No. 20873 facing Crest Road, as an ingress-egress route thereto.

Councilman Vico stated he is to meet with Mr. Chandler soon and saw no urgency to decide this matter at this meeting. No one knew what the zoning of the borrow pit is and Councilman Vico recommended waiting and finding out. Many conditions have been expressed by Mr. Chandler, Councilman Drale said, that the Council does not feel it can allow.

Mayor Isen disapproved of the statement that the State would not give any representation of title and the City would have to investigate that factor. Even so, Councilman Sciarrotta said it would be a good buy and certainly could be used to the advantage of the City one way or another.

Councilman Vico said he had been appointed to look into this; that he plans to see Mr. Chandler; that it could wait one week; and that it seems ridiculous to buy it without any assurance that the City can get marketable title.

Councilman Benstead did not like the increase in the price which would amount to about 25%. The cost of the Lincoln home would have to be added to that, also.

Councilman Miller asked if the plan is to sell the property - to whom? or to trade, for what?, and where? Councilman Drale and Councilman Beasley answered the plan would be to buy something else in the area that is available. The right of eminent domain was also mentioned as a possibility but Councilman Beasley said it is not possible to condemn state property. Councilman Drale added if it became necessary to do so, the sale of the dirt alone would probably pay for the property.

A motion was made earlier in discussion of the item and Councilman Miller called for the question. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Drale mentioned the possibility of using the property in question for a park and thus eliminating the necessity of sale or trade.

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SALARY

25. SENIOR DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval at first reading, ordinance thereon.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1455

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1399 TO ADD THE POSITION OF SENIOR DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, WITH ITS SALARY RANGE, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1455 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS' EXAMINATIONS, with proposed resolution submitted by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

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CHARTER  
AMEND

Mayor Isen stated he believed there are several things which should first be resolved and if this goes on the ballot it should be for a charter amendment and so moved. Councilman Benstead seconded his motion.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved a substitute, in that there is sufficient time left, and some possibility that there may be an agreement on the original ordinance. Mayor Isen stated his motion would be as to policy only. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Vico, Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Sciarrotta.

Mayor Isen stated to the City Attorney that so far this makes it so that whatever is approved or disapproved is to be by a charter amendment, and not as an advisory ballot. Mayor Isen also called attention to a correction which should be made in the proposed resolution in that the present wording would eliminate the Fire Chief or the Police Chief from eligibility (from other cities of California) and that was not the intention. City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged that to be true and will make the necessary changes and the necessary wording was discussed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 1964, AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 7 TO SAID ARTICLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-3 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Drale.

The interlineation to be made in order to correct the situation regarding outside Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs would be:

". . . who holds the rank of Chief or one of the next three lower ranks"

with the same change as to both Police and Fire Chief.

Councilman Drale, before voting, asked several questions regarding the reason for changing. He said the City has always advanced its assistant chief to chief and cited instances. He pointed out the money and time invested in training the present Assistant Chief, FBI school, etc., and asked why now it seems so urgent to change. There is also the probationary six months within which a new chief has to prove himself. He repeated that he is in favor of the local man taking the examination and not going outside the City of Torrance and asked that his statement be made a part of the record.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he is not afraid for this to go before the people; that Torrance needs the best. He said within a week or so he may change his vote on the original ordinance and if he does so, it will not be because he feels "we should go outside, but because I feel that it is silly for seven men to refer things that we should take care of ourselves and we are dumping this responsibility upon the people."

Councilman Vico expressed as his opinion that it should be kept local, but if there is to be a difference in the handling of this as between the two departments, that should not be. The two departments should be treated the same, even though they are two different organizations.

Councilman Beasley said he was perfectly willing to drop it the three ranks, keep it within the town and let it apply to both departments.

As to why the Council can't decide it, Mayor Isen reminded the meeting that it was not a plain majority vote needed, but five out of seven. If a five-sevenths majority is not available, the only alternative is to let the people decide. If there are any differences in thinking, he reminded the Council February 20th is the deadline.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the two departments are not identical as to eligibility for elevation to the two top jobs. Councilman Miller remarked that everything from a philosophical standpoint regarding the two departments is taken care of not by separate commissions, but by one Police and Fire Commission.

In view of Councilman Vico's statement, Councilman Drale moved to keep it local, reduce down three ranks in both Police and Fire and remove it from the ballot. Councilman Beasley seconded. However there was no vote on this motion and it was understood to be withdrawn by Councilman Drale with the consent of Councilman Beasley.

1034 27. Businesses in Residences, with proposed ordinance thereon submitted by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Mayor Isen said he feels this ordinance is now in proper form but Councilman Drale said he did not agree. City Attorney Remelmeyer and Mayor Isen explained it to his satisfaction.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1456

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 and 10 OF, AND  
ADDING SECTION 15 R TO, APPENDIX 1 (LAND USE

ORDINANCE) TO PROHIBIT THE CARRHING ON OF BUSINESS IN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES LOGATED IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2 WHICH ARE OCCUPIED OR USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES UNLESS A USE PERMIT AND A BUSINESS LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED THEREFOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1456 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Drale commented he would vote "Yes" at least at this first reading.

RESOLUTIONS:

28. Re. Municipal Election April 14, 1964.

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GEN.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 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 14, 1964.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-4. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

29. Engineering services for Drainage District 8-A. City Manager <sup>1321</sup> Peebles submitting for approval and adoption resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest an agreement between the City and Koebig & Koebig Inc. for engineering services for Drainage District 8-A.

Councilman Drale asked why it is necessary to hire these people at the present time because the necessary land for the sump has not been acquired. City Manager Peebles answered that part of the land has been acquired and a deadline is approaching. This will be a means of expediting action. If the engineers do not perform the services, they will not have to be paid. However, in that there is some question regarding possibility of acquisition of the land Mayor Isen said there should be something in the agreement covering that eventuality. Mr. Remelmeyer said until the City Manager through the instructions of the City Council designates the location of the sump the engineers will not perform the services. Councilman Drale said the engineers' fee would to some extent depend on the size of the sump and Mayor Isen recommended that the resolution be adopted and then a motion that the agreement not be presented for signature until such time as the land has been acquired. Koebig & Koebig's services are necessary to some extent with respect to the choice of location, City Manager Peebles said in answer to a question by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 20, 1964, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND KOEBIG & KOEBIG, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-A.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-5. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

In compliance with the suggestion made by Mayor Isen, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Mayor and City Clerk not be presented the contract for signature until all land is acquired. City Engineer Nollac asked rather that the motion read "until the sump's location and size is designated". City Manager Peebles agreed that would be desirable and Councilman Sciarrotta amended his motion to so read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. There was no objection and the motion carried.

1039 30. Request for authorization of Assistant City Managers' attendance at Spring meeting in Palm Springs, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

31. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

1041 METERS 1. \$678.08 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 8" Detector check for the Water Department, to be used on Smith Bros. Fish Shanty Fire Service, a budget item.

2. \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one Dectector check for the water Department, to be used on Wilcap Fire Service, a budget item.

1041 VEHICLES: AUTOS 3. \$341.33 to Vel's Ford Company for repairs to Police Unit No. 58.

Mayor Isen questioned Items 1 and 2. City Manager Peebles explained the Water Department purchases these and there is a charge made and reimbursement for these special type water meters. However, Mayor Isen asked for a report and they will be held for that purpose.

As to Item 3, only, then Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

32. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed January 14 to February 14, 1964 as ANTI-OBSCENITY MONTH and called attention to the Town meeting January 22, 1964 at 7:30 p.m. at Torrance High School auditorium. Mrs. Cleora Jordan, a member of the Youth Welfare Commission read the formal invitation to the Council, Mayor and Press in the absence of the Chairman of that Commission. She thanked City Hall and all who had cooperated in the efforts of the Commission, and particularly Mayor Isen, City Manager Peebles, and City Attorney Remelmeyer. 1057

33. City Clerk Coil read a letter just received from Mrs. Bessie Slonecker, Secretary of the Walteria Civic organization, stating a committee has been named to represent that organization at all Council meetings. 1193

34. Mayor Isen asked that the Council now proceed with its nomination of members to fill vacancies on the various commissions, some of which have occurred by reason of resignation, and some by expiration of term. He announced the following nominations:

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| Civil Defense and Disaster Commission: | Gertrude E. Tooker      | 1022 |
| Civil Service Commission,              | Clifford J. Peterson    | 1023 |
| Library Commission,                    | Mrs Winthrop L. Saville | 1024 |
| Park and Recreation Commission,        | Bernard Dougan          | 1024 |
|  | Naomi McVey             |      |
| Planning Commission,                   | John Haidenger          | 1026 |
|  | George Brewster         |      |
|  | Richard Pyle            |      |
|  | Edw. Talbert            |      |
| Torrance Beautiful                     | Mrs. V. E. Benstead     | 1147 |
|  | Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta   |      |
| Traffic Safety Council                 | Frank Burke             | 1027 |
| Water Commission                       | Albert M. Dumont        | 1028 |
| Youth Welfare Commission               | Nancy Drysdale          | 1029 |
|  | C. K. Norman            |      |

Councilman Miller said he understands Mrs. Drysdale is moving from the City and there are further changes by reason of appointment of persons who are already serving on a Commission.

A poll of the Council was unanimously favorable to the above listed nominations.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Councilman Drale asked if the City is now cooperating with the Attorney General's office regarding the police. City Manager Peebles stated the Assistant Police Chief has been asked to contact the Police Chief who is ill, and ask that those duties be deferred to him. He has answered that memo and the City Attorney will make a ruling tomorrow morning. 1144

Assistant Chief Porter said as far as the request of the Attorney General ordering any police officer to take a polygraph examination, that is no longer necessary. The two officers in question have voluntarily appeared and cleared up the record. One has already and the other will do so on Thursday.

Councilman Drale asked for a progress report on this matter as it goes along, from the City Attorney and City Manager. These two gentlemen answered that they would do so.

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36. Councilman Miller stated he had asked prior to Christmas regarding inspection of sewers. Councilman Drale said a meeting is being arranged of the committee next week and City Manager Peebles said the report is in his hands, awaiting that meeting. The members of the committee are Councilmen Drale, Sciarrotta and Beasley.

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37. Councilman Sciarrotta asked City Manager Peebles what, if anything has been done about the sewer problem of Mr. and Mrs. Rozas. Due to the long delay, the cost has increased and Mr. Sciarrotta received a phone call from them stating they are having more trouble and asking him to please look into this.

City Engineer Nollac said this is where the sewer line to the house was cut by the County Flood Control District and there was damage of some \$200 or \$300. The council had decided the claim should be made to the County Flood Control District and the City would do what it could within its power to help. The claim was referred to the County and City Manager Peebles will investigate and report next week. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that Mr. and Mrs. Rozas be contacted and given this information.

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38. Councilman Vico said he has been talking with the Mayor of Redondo Beach and learned that they have a Master Plan and perhaps Torrance should have one also. Even though it would be expensive, he said the State participates.

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39. Councilman Vico asked the City Engineer regarding the streets that have been completed, and particularly on 190th Street, are all the materials there that were supposed to be put there by the low bidder? He referred to total thickness of paving and screen analysis of the material. If a core test were made, would its result come up to the specifications? City Engineer Nollac said it is not that simple, really, but if the Council wishes, a core test can be made.

Councilman Vico said he does not feel any additional payment should be made to a contractor unless the City has asked for the additional work involved. He mentioned the poor paving on Sepulveda Boulevard and the quicksand problem on 190th Street.

A core test on 190th Street would cost about \$100 and Councilman Miller moved that this be done - it would take about six drillings to reach a representative result. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale said he believes there should be a City inspector on these jobs all the time and asked the City Engineer to investigate regarding the drainage culvert and the shoulder of the street along east of Standard Brands Paint Company.

Councilman Miller asked the City Attorney for a definition of the phrase "low bidder" and Mr. Remelmeyer said the problem is the definition of "responsible bidder", but he will look into it.

Roll call vote on authorizing the core test was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,  
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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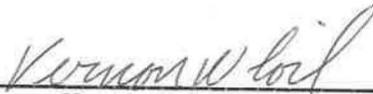
40. Mr. David Scott of 1825 Lomita Boulevard brought up a matter which had been presented too late to get on this agenda, having to do with Tentative Tract Map No. 29400 which had been processed as a lot split prior to rescinding the lot split ordinance, he said.

A time element entered into this matter as he wanted to bring it before the Planning Commission for approval of the final on Wednesday evening of this week. The Planning Commission has recommended concurrence in approval of the Tentative and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation, with all conditions. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and roll call follows:

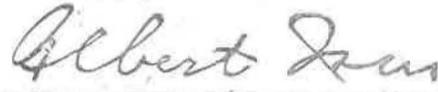
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

There being no further oral communications, the Council meeting was duly adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance