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Torrance, California
March 31, 1964

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, March 31, 1964, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, who conducted the meeting, Mr. Bruce Jones led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Robert Coburn of First Baptist Church 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 March 24, 1964 were approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Mayor Isen absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

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 Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor pro tem Vico gave a brief outline of council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

City Clerk Coil announced the opening of bids on the Water Department Building in downtown Torrance is scheduled for this time. No bids were received in written form and Mayor pro tem Vico asked if anyone wished to make an oral bid.

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Mr. J. Walker Owens, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, called attention to Item 17 on this agenda, a letter from the President of the Chamber of Commerce inviting negotiation for an occupancy agreement.

Councilman Beasley moved this matter be referred to the Finance Committee of the Council and to Management. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

HEARINGS:

1031 #64-6 8. CASE NO. 64-6 - VARIANCE - CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY. Formal hearing on variance to construct additional water storage tank at Calle de Arboles between Calle de Andalucia and Via Alameda. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.

This being a public hearing, Mayor pro tem Vico asked if anyone wished to be heard.

City Clerk Coil read in full a letter received from M. L. Carpenter of 430 Calle de Arboles, protesting.

Councilman Drale and Mr. John Haidinger, President of the Riviera Homeowners Association, told of a meeting held at Mr. Haidinger's home and the fact that the whole plan was ironed out to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Haidinger had originally instigated the protests but is now in favor of the variance.

Councilman Beasley asked to hear from Mr. Carlson of the California Water Service Company. Mr. Carlson said he would agree that complete soundproofing as possible would be accomplished and the grounds would be landscaped.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and his motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department to approve, with two stipulations: 1. concerning landscaping of the area, and 2. Sound proofing the operation as completely as possible from an engineering standpoint. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

1031 #64-13 9. CASE NO. 64-13 - VARIANCE - SELLAN/WILLENS. Formal hearing on variance for relief from ordinance requiring garage doors for construction of apartment building on property located at 238th Street and Ocean Avenue. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.

Mayor pro tem Vico asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried as follows:

Councilman Benstead was not able to obtain an answer to his question as to the statement of the applicant that garage doors are dangerous.

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

10. CASE NO. 64-14 - VARIANCE - SELLAN/WILLENS. Formal hearing on variance for relief from ordinance requiring garage doors for construction of apartment building on property located at 4200 Artesia Boulevard. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department. 1031
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Affidavit of Publication for Items numbered 8, 9 and 10 was presented by City Clerk Coil and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor pro tem Vico asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 64-14; there was no response.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval as recommended by the Planning Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Benstead questioned the statement by the applicant that "garage doors are a hazard to tenants" but received no answer. Roll call vote was:

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29101 - SUNNYGLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. 10 lots located on easterly side of Cabrillo Avenue between 235th Place and 236th Street. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department. 1121
29101

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. A question by Councilman Benstead, revealed the fact that the lots are not all 6,000 square feet although City Engineer Nolk said they are standard for the area.

Roll call vote was:

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

12. TRANSMITTAL OF AVIGATION EASEMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE BY CITY COUNCIL. 1184

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the avigation easement required as a condition of approval of Tract No. 29101. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

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 1155.1 13. Communication from Planning Director and City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, regarding Tentative Tract Map No. 29103 and Final Tract Maps No. 28575 and 28576.

- A. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 29103 - Dan E. Butcher, resubmitted. 11 lots located at north side of Spencer Street between Amie and Madrona Avenues. Recommended for denial by Planning Commission and Planning Department.
- B. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28575 - Jewell Land Co. 127 lots located between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street at Madison Avenue. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.
- C. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28576 - Jewell Land Co. 25 lots located at north side of Spencer at Osage Avenue. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.

First as to 13A, City Engineer Nollac stated the recommendation of the Planning Commission is to deny for two reasons: 1. because at the time the original tentative was submitted, the lots did not conform as much as possible and 2. the applicant for this tentative map has not yet filed for a change of zone and it is Council's policy and procedure that such change of zone application shall accompany the map. The recommendation is to refer A. the Tentative Tract Map 29103, back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration and that it be accompanied by application for change of zone.

Councilman Drale asked to see a map because of a small piece of land located between the subdivisions of Mr. Cake and Mr. Butcher, 50 x 200 which has been affected by the shifting of the cul de sac south. Instead of being able to have two lots, this individual owner will have only one, Mr. Drale said. Mr. Nollac said that would not be true; there has been a recommendation that Mr. Butcher acquire additional portion of that land. Also, Mr. Butcher owns a five foot strip along the westerly side of the Metcalf parcel.

City Attorney Remelmeyer also said there is need for a condition that the tract be served by Torrance Water Department.

The map was furnished and studied with identification of each of the tracts and the Metcalf property. Councilman Drale said the Metcalf property should be divided into two lots; it is a private ownership of neither Butcher nor Cake. The owner should be compensated for whatever extension is made into his land by the cul de sac and it appears the 200 feet length will be reduced to 175 which will not make two lots according to regulations. City Engineer Nollac explained normally under these conditions the subdivider would attempt to purchase the property. If he cannot, he posts the required amount of money with the city which uses its power of eminent domain to condemn for the public right of way and the property owner is paid through the courts.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested to Mr. Butcher the possibility of trading the additional land taken by the cul de sac for the land needed from the Metcalfs, but Mr. Butcher said he had tried to buy and the owner would not sell. Councilman Miller felt the matters should be held one week in order to make sure the Metcalfs who own the 50 x 200 piece of land, are fully aware of all the possibilities and circumstances.

Councilman Beasley asked why there has been any revision in what was agreed upon between Mr. Butcher and Mr. Cake about two months ago and Mr. Nollac said the Council approved what they had agreed upon, but later they fell out of agreement. In a meeting between the City Engineer, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Cake, Mr. Ferraro, an agreement was reached and it is that agreement which is now before the Council. The question now, Councilmen Miller and Drale, reminded the council is whether or not Mr. Metcalf knows or has agreed. Assuming that Mr. Metcalf does not know, Councilman Miller moved to hold this whole matter one week; that Mr. Metcalf be advised to appear before the Council at that time. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion and City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the consent of the subdividers must be obtained.

Mr. Butcher thereupon gave his consent.

Mr. Cake of No. 1 Pine Tree Land, Rolling Hills, said he would like to have his tract map approved tonight. He maintained the Metcalfs do know and they have no objection as long as they can get their two lots, one of which would have to be undersize.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated he recommends rejection of Mr. Cake's map because it does not conform to the tentative. There is an express condition that it be served by the Torrance Municipal Water Department and Dominguez Water Company has not signed off. They have both the right and the intention to serve. Mayor pro tem Vico asked the City Attorney what he recommends and was told the recommendation is denial and that the matter be referred to the Water Commission and a committee of the Council to consider the matter further.

Mr. Cake contended he had been assured he would not be held up on this question of who serves water; he said he would put in the line and either could connect to it. Dominguez has easements over the land and until they sign off, or some other agreement is reached, there should be no approval of the tract map.

Mr. Cake reminded the Council that he is spending over \$400,000 and is dedicating to the City over \$500,000 worth of drainage and he feels any fight as to who serves the water should be the responsibility of the city, not himself. City Attorney Remelmeyer described the litigation caused by a similar situation on the other side of Hawthorne. The arrangements must be made before the final tract map is approved and the only way it can be handled is to have Dominguez sign off its rights on the tract map. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if the City's chance of serving the tract would be less if approval is granted now and Mr. Remelmeyer stated they would be substantially less; Dominguez is well represented by counsel and makes few mistakes in the tremendous legal ramifications of this situation.

Councilman Drale spoke in favor of the motion above stated, that these three matters be held for one week.

Mr. Cake told of the immense cost to him of this holding over; he said there is no problem as to the land and he feels the water situation should be settled tonight.

Councilman Benstead asked a question about increasing Osage Avenue sixty feet which was not answered.

Councilman Drale acknowledged that Mr. Cake has given four acres of land for a sump and recommended that he consent to a little delay in order to come to some agreement with Mr. Metcalf

as well as Dominguez Water Company.

Mr. Cake consented to one week's delay but he repeated that he had been assured he would not be held up by this decision as to who serves the tract with water.

Councilman Beasley inquired if the City could condemn the easement rights and City Attorney Remelmeyer said yes, it could be done and should be studied, but it will cost considerable money and the decision should not be made until the cost is known.

Roll call vote on one week's postponement was:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

- 14) These two items are contingent upon the items listed in
) 13 above and Councilman Sciarrotta moved they be considered
 15.) in one week. His motion was seconded by Councilman
 Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of
 those present (Mayor Isen absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1080 16. Notice of Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Division.
 League of California Cities, meeting.

The councilmen took note of this meeting on April 2, 1964.

- 1002 17. Communication from Chamber of Commerce re City property at
 1510 Cravens Avenue.

This matter was considered at the first part of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

- 1338 18. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND FOR INSTALLATION OF
 SANITARY SEWERS IN LOS CODONA AVENUE. Communication from City
 Engineer with concurrence of City Manager recommending \$9,000 be
 appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the installation
 of the subject sewers.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation
 stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried
 by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

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

- 1338 19. INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN MARICOPA STREET FROM
 AVIS AVENUE TO 700 FEET WESTERLY. Communication from City
 Engineer with concurrence of City Manager, recommending that
 City Council approve extra work.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation and
 his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous
 roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

20. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the following four
 easements as recommended by the City Engineer and approved by
 City Attorney and City Manager:

1. Street easement deed dated March 11, 1964, for the widening of Spencer Street and Earl Avenue over portions of Lot 40, Tract No. 3218, given by Genevieve and V. T. Vanderpool. 1177
2. Street easement deed dated March 16, 1964 for the widening of an alley over a portion of Lot 34, Tract No. 7955, given by Larry and Sharon R. Prestininzi. 1177
3. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated March 20, 1964 for the construction of a sanitary sewer over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 21390, given by William Woelp, et al. 1185
4. Avigation easement deed dated March 4, 1964 over a portion of Lot 22, Block 16, Walteria Tract, given by Charles A. Montgomery. 1184

Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

21. EASEMENT DEED TO PACIFIC TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH FROM CITY OF TORRANCE, with proposed resolution thereon. 1181

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES TO PROVIDE GENERAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-58. His motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM INSTALLATION OF CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK - FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, CARSON & FLOWER STREETS. Recommendation of denial from Engineering, Planning and Traffic & Lighting Departments, recommendation of approval from Planning Commission. 1342

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

City Manager Ferraro asked that there be added a hold harmless clause in consideration of public property. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he believes this is a license permitting them to use City property, rather than a variance. However, City Engineer Nollac said this is a waiver of requirements for curbs, gutter and sidewalks and permission to continue use of that area of the street for parking purposes as they have been doing since 1952.

Mr. Stanley Le Bon, representing the Church, stated they are using part of the Church property for parking. If they install the curb it would make the street narrower and if they removed the asphalt and put in a curb this would eliminate 20 parking spaces for the church and make the street narrower. If they lost the parking on Flower they would have to use their lot on Carson which

is a very heavily traveled street. An application has been made for another building, a new Christian Sunday school building, and this matter came up at that time.

Councilman Miller added to his motion, the "hold harmless" clause and it was accepted by his second. This could be effected by making the City an additional insured in the Church's liability insurance.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the Council consider a written agreement similar to that entered into with Bolenbacher & Kalton where the right granted is revocable at the pleasure of the council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to further amend the motion to include the provision that the right would be revocable at the pleasure of the Council and Councilman Beasley seconded. Councilman Miller included that provision also in his motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

COMMUNICATION FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1009 TRAINING TOWER
23. TRAINING TOWER AND TEST PIT ON AIRPORT SITE: Recommendation of Building Inspection Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that the Council accept the construction as of March 1964.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept as recommended and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

1055 24. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 6.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER DATED MAY 31, 1962, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 62-113, DATED JUNE 6, 1962, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-6-62 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 6, FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE FOUR YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS.

(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 5)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-59 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

25. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 7.

At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: 1055

RESOLUTION NO. 64-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER, DATED JUNE 25, 1963, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 63-141, DATED JUNE 25, 1963, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-7-63 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 7), FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS. (Street Lighting Assessment District No. 7).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-60 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

26. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 8

At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: 1055

RESOLUTION NO. 64-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC., ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 8.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-61 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

27. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 9.

At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: 1055

RESOLUTION NO. 64-62

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC., ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 9.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-62 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

1050 28. AWARD OF CONTRACT ON IMPROVEMENT OF INTERSECTION OF PALOS
 SIGNAL VERDES BOULEVARD AND CATALINA AVENUE. Recommendation of Traffic
 and Lighting Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that
 P.V./CATALINA contract be awarded to C. E. Seymour, in the amount of \$10,888.25.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in so awarding the contract and rejecting all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
 Sciarrotta, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1041 29. REQUEST TO PURCHASE COMCO 278, direct from factory at cost
 RADIO of \$453.62.

The recommendation is to increase the original authorization of \$364 to a new amount of \$436.62 plus \$17 tax, or a total of \$453.62 and that the purchase be made direct from the Comco factory. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur therein and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
 Sciarrotta, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

1010 30. At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned
 WHITTLESEY a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 1964, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND GEORGE H. WHITTLESEY.

City Attorney Remelmeyer remarked that there are a few minor technical changes to be made in this lease at the request of Great Western Savings, as well as a few which have been made and he requested authority to make such minor technical changes as seem advisable to him, with Council's approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt the resolution under the understanding set forth by Mr. Remelmeyer. Councilman Miller stated although the Committee has not met, he had read and approved the lease. Councilman Benstead said he did not want to vote on anything he had not even seen. Mr. Remelmeyer said under that condition, the lease would be as now presented and no further changes would be made.

Councilman Drale seconded Councilman Beasley's motion which carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,
 Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Mayor Isen.

The percentage of return on investment was noted to be 7%.

31. At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-64

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (ROLLING HILLS PLAZA, AIRPORT).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-64 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

32. REQUEST OF 132ND ENGINEER BATTALION, COMPANY E, FOR USE OF CERTAIN TORRANCE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES. Airport Commission President Morgan's recommendation from the Commission for approval.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the requested permission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

33. REQUEST OF W.A.S. DOUGLAS TO LEASE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation of approval.

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DOUGLAS

Councilman Drale did not understand why Mr. Douglas would want additional land when the first plot has not been developed. Mr. Douglas was not present to explain and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the matter to the Airport Committee of the Council. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and there was no objection.

A recess was declared at 6:40 and the Council reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION:

34. Re. First Annual Report, with comments from City Manager.

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The recommendation is made that the City Council take action to create a joint industry-government committee to study the effect of automation on youth employment in the Torrance area and to make recommendations leading to the potential solution of the problem.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. However, Councilman Drale said he believes there is some State activity in this field and suggested the City Manager's office compile the pertinent data for the Council's information and he so moved, as a substitute. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded that motion and there was no objection. The information thus gained will be referred to the proper Committee, Mr. Sciarrotta said. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

35. Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission re South Coast Botanic Garden.

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The recommendation contained in this communication is that a resolution be written supporting the adoption of a new Agricultural District No. 53.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the item to the City Attorney for preparation of such a resolution and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. There was no objection.

- 1063 36. Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission requesting that American Legion sign across from California Bank be relocated.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to coordinate this request. His motion was seconded by Mayor pro tem Vico and carried, there being no objection.

- 1116 37. Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission re location of Japanese Garden on Civic Center site, with comments of City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the matter be referred to the City Manager for study, it being understood the Council approves in principle. Councilman Beasley so moved and his motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Vico, carried, there being no objection. A question by Councilman Drale brought out that the Citizens Committee on Civic Center matters is probably no longer in existence.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

- 1001 38. WALTERIA LAKE PARK SITE (PARCEL NO. 3)

X1301.1 At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT DATED MAY 1, 1963, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DON WILSON BUILDERS TO EXTEND THE CITY'S OPTION TO PURCHASE PARCEL NO. 3 (WALTERIA LAKE PARK SITE)

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-65 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Mayor Isen.

- 1034 39. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING R-H ZONE.

At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number, presented for first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1476

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO ADD THERETO SECTION 4-X, ENTITLED "R-H SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT."

Councilman Drale moved this ordinance be tabled until there is a full council in attendance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

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40. ORDINANCE CREATING TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1477

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE XI TO CHAPTER 2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," CREATING THE TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL AND SETTING FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1477 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

41. WEED ABATEMENT.

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Councilman Drale was in favor of holding this matter for a week until there is a full council, but Councilman Miller moved that the resolution be acted upon at this meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 1, 1964, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND P. I. HADDAN, JR. FOR THE ABATEMENT OF WEEDS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-66. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

42. At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 1474

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 8.13.1 TO CHAPTER 8 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING THAT EMPLOYEES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY MAY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE WITHOUT EXAMINATION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1474 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Roll call vote was:

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

1209 43. At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1475

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 32.15, 32.16 and 32.17 TO CHAPTER 32 ENTITLED "OCEAN BEACHES" TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO OIL POLLUTION, INDIRECT POLLUTION, AND OTHER POLLUTION OF CITY BEACHES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1475 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1004 44. Re. Revised Class Specifications - Police Series.
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Attached were proposed revised class specifications for the police series and Councilman Beasley moved to refer them to the Civil Service Commission and City Manager. Assistant Police Chief stated the request is that it be referred to the Council Committee.

Councilman Drale said he believes the majority of these classifications were promotional within the department and objects to the examinations being open.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the item to the proper Committee of the Council and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

1115 45. At the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-67 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

1278 46. Communication re Annual Salary and Wages Survey Basis.

City Manager Ferraro explained the Council has expressed themselves as permitting the office of City Manager to survey only four cities. Over a period of years this has proved inadequate and as a result there is a built-in conflict over acceptance of the surveys. He asked freedom to survey other governmental

jurisdictions more reflective of equality.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the City Manager the extra prerogative as requested and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

47. Auditorium Report.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the Auditorium Report to the proper committee for study and recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there were no objections.

48. Bids for Public Address System - Joseph Center.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to use alternative No. 1: Declare the previous bidding closed and instruct this office to go back to formal bid utilizing a somewhat longer installation time by the successful bidder to complete the job. Councilman Drale moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

49. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. \$446.89 to Interstate Trophy Company for 86 employee service award pins and tie tacs, a budget item.
2. \$859.20 to J. L. Hooker Company for labor, equipment and material to repair roof on water tank at 1001 Elm Avenue for Water Department, a budget item.

City Manager Ferraro asked that Item 1 immediately preceding be withdrawn as there is another firm which wants to make a bid. On Item 2, therefore, only, Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor pro tem Vico proclaimed the following:

50. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK IN TORRANCE, April 5 - 11, 1964
51. CANCER CONTROL MONTH - April, 1964
52. PAN AMERICAN DAY - Tuesday, April 14, 1964 and PAN AMERICAN WEEK, April 12 through 18, 1964.

52A. Mr. John Bramhall, 20436 Wayne Avenue, submitted a copy of resolution, the body of which he read aloud, and at the request of Mayor pro tem Vico, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROCLAIMING 1964 AS BUILD OUR YMCA YEAR AND DESIGNATING APRIL AS TORRANCE YMCA NEW BUILDING FUND MONTH.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-68 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

1272.1 53. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ALL FEES FOR USE OF RECREATION CENTER. Mrs. Joyce Mar, Torrance Educational Committee on Human Relations requesting waiver of custodial and set-up charges for use of the Recreation Center on April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 1964.

The recommendation is to waive the charges as requested and Councilman Beasley moved to concur. Councilman Vico seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale did not speak against the organization requesting at this time, but he did believe there should be a basic structure to organizations who wish to use these facilities and that they should be certified or qualified organizations. If it is a nonprofit organization, that should be stated and also whether they have regularly elected or appointed officers. He asked serious thought be given to establishing such a policy.

As to this specific request, roll call vote was unanimously favorable to granting (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

54. City Manager Ferraro announced that John Peters who has been working with the Torrance Press and covering the Council meetings, would be leaving to work for the Merced Sun Star.

1329.5 55. City Manager Ferraro announced groundbreaking for North Torrance Library April 4th at 11 a.m., intersection of Artesia and Yukon Avenue. Letters have been sent out.

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CREN. 56. Dedication of Redondo Beach Boulevard improvement at Crenshaw Monday, April 6, 1964 at 11 a.m., with Supervisor Hahn attending.

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JOSLYN 57. Dedication of Joslyn Center, Saturday, April 11th, 2:30 p.m. to which invitations have been mailed. To all three events just listed the public is invited.

1266 58. City Manager Ferraro said when Mayor Isen called late this afternoon to report he would not be able to attend Council on account of illness, he asked that the following telegram be read:

ANCHORAGE WAS CO-WINNER FOR ALL AMERICA CITY
AWARD YEAR YOUR CITY WON. HAVE RECEIVED SUGGESTION
WINNERS THAT YEAR OFFER ANCHORAGE ASSISTANCE IN
RECONSTRUCTION. LETTER FOLLOWS.

/s/ WM. BOYD
NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

Mayor Isen asked consideration of the following:

1. That permission be granted to conduct a drive for money to assist Anchorage in the form of a monetary gift in the name of our city and to request citizens to contribute to this particular cause as an act of mercy drive.

2. That authority be requested of the Board of Education for their assistance in conducting said mercy drive in the school system.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to comply with the two requests and that they be implemented in whatever way is necessary. Councilman Vico seconded. Councilman Drale reminded the Council that an organization would have to be formed. Councilman Sciarrotta suggested Management make the arrangements for organization of such a drive through a citizens group and liaison with the school authorities and the Chamber of Commerce and other service organizations. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

59. City Manager Ferraro told of another situation on which he asked Council consideration, with respect to Joslyn Center and asked City Engineer to explain in detail. It is necessary to have sanitation facilities at Joslyn Center for the dedication ceremonies. Informal bids to install the sewer exceed the \$2,000 so it is planned to build only what can be for that amount and put in the balance by City forces. The lowest bid was \$2792. Councilman Drale moved to award the work to the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$2792 for the whole thing, up to the building. This purchase is an emergency and of urgent necessity. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Mayor Isen.

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60. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested authorization, pursuant to permission granted at the last Council meeting, to hire John Larson, an attorney skilled in the field, to represent the City at the hearings of Lt. Hamilton and Lt. Cook. Mr. Larson has done this type of work for the County and is well recommended. His fee is \$35 per hour which is par for attorneys in this field. Councilman Beasley moved to grant approval and Councilman Drale seconded the motion. The hearings are to be postponed, probably until around the last of the month.

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Roll call vote was: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Mayor Isen.

61. City Attorney Remelmeyer called attention to his opinion 64-9 on the release of the Attorney General's reports and explained briefly the contents of his opinion for the benefit of the audience. As a result of a very recent New York case, Mr. Remelmeyer believes the two attorney general's reports may be made public without fear of a libel action being brought successfully against either the City or the Councilmen in their individual capacities.

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Councilman Drale moved that reports numbered 1 and 2 of the Attorney General's office be made a part of the records of the City of Torrance. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen absent).

The copies of reports will be available at City Hall. There is a nominal charge required by ordinance.

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GEN 62. City Clerk Coil informed the audience that on the night of April 14th when the election returns are brought in, they will be shown on a side screen here in Council Chambers and there will be coffee and donuts. He asked that people please stay out of the lower hall so that returns may be handled expeditiously. The press headquarters will be in the law library.

1080 63. Councilman Beasley stated he was made a member of the League of California Cities Storm Drain Deficiency Committee. A short time ago the County Board of Supervisors asked for a recommendation by April 15th so that it may be on the November ballot. There will be a meeting at City Hall Council Chambers tomorrow night at 7:30 with reference to this subject, in Inglewood.

1289 64. Councilman Draie mentioned with regret the passing of Arthur Moore, a long time employee of the City and asked that flowers be sent.

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GEN 65. Councilman Draie asked Airport Manager about the report on the log of number of jet aircraft from the Airport. Mr. Egan said he did not have it in writing, but will have it by next Council meeting.

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MADRONA 66. Councilman Draie asked Traffic Engineer Whitmer about the progress of the signals at Sepulveda and Madrona and at Carson and Madrona. Mr. Whitmer said these are both awaiting the railroad signals and the delay will probably be about three to four weeks.

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GEN 67. Councilman Draie asked about the widening of Carson between Crenshaw and Maple and City Engineer Nollac stated the City does not have all the right of way and there is no funding available. The widening can be accomplished with the development of some of the property, but not on the little properties which are not R-3. Councilman Draie said when Del Amo Shopping Center was put in, the City agreed to improve some of the major streets and Carson carries a tremendous amount of that traffic.

1308 68. Councilman Draie asked Recreation Director Van Bellehem about progress on the shuffleboard courts for which money was donated by the Sportsmen's Club. Mr. Van Bellehem said this project is in Engineering for detailed drawings and when they are available, Building Maintenance will take care of the installation, possibly by summer. As to the possibility of repainting the shuffleboard courts at the Adult Center, Mr. Van Bellehem said the council had granted approval of regrooving them last spring.

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SEP 69. Councilman Miller asked City Manager Ferraro, or Traffic Engineer Whitmer about the pole in the street at the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda. Mr. Whitmer explained this is a temporary measure only, holding up the present signal system at this intersection, and he believes can be out of there by the middle of next week.

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GEN 70. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if a letter of appreciation had been sent to the people who installed the fence near the corner of Madrona and Sepulveda and was told "Yes".

71. Councilman Sciarrotta invited John Peters, who is leaving the Torrance Press to have dinner with him following this meeting.

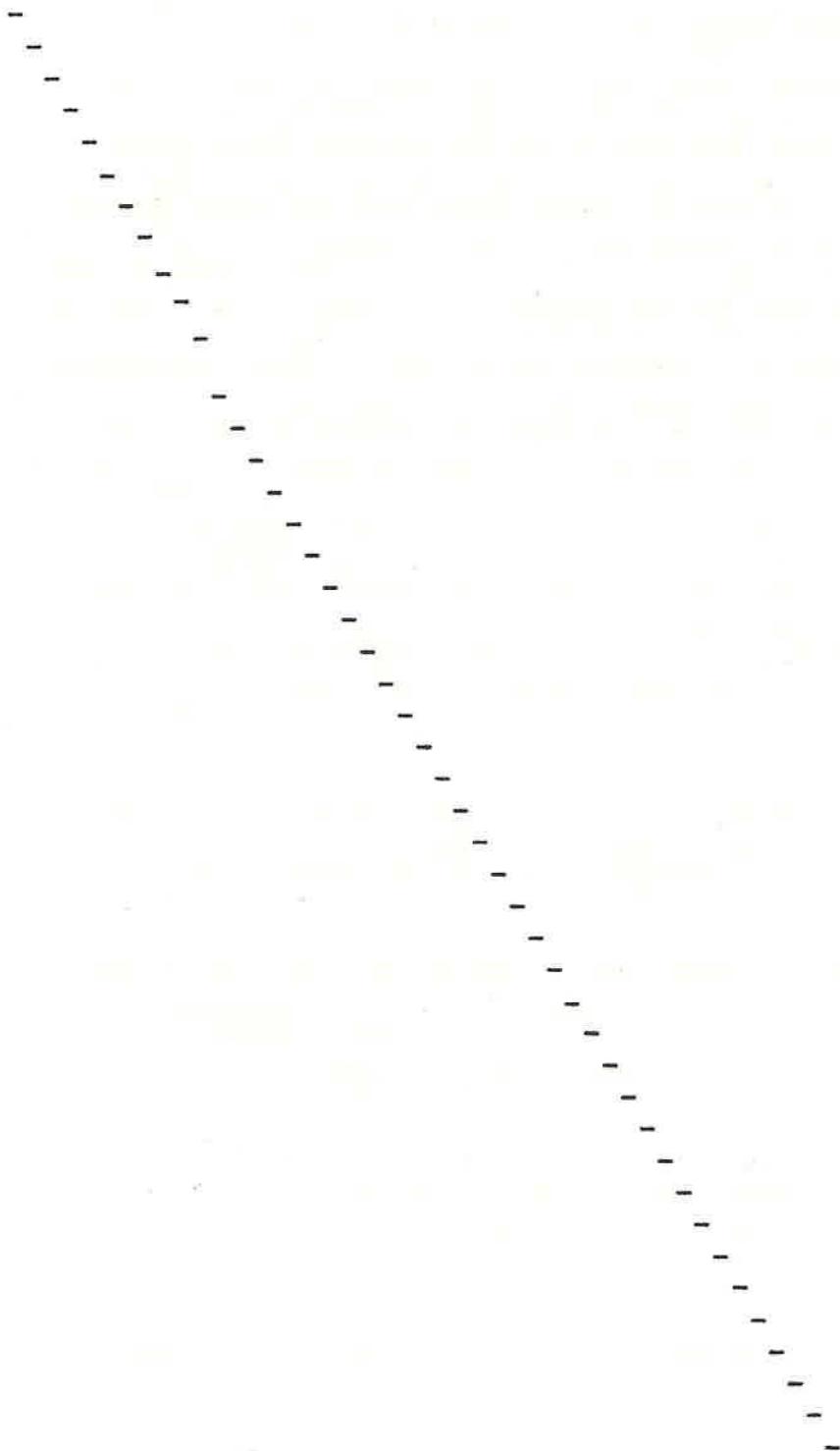
1230 72. Councilman Draie said now that there is no question that the State College is going to Palos Verdes, he thought a letter should be written to Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway thanking them

for their cooperation and interest in the City of Torrance by agreeing to make land available for the college site if Torrance had been successful. He felt they should be advised of the final decision so that they could make other use of the land if they wish.

FROM THE AUDIENCE:

73. Mr. William Uerkwitz said Torrance has been very fortunate in having one of the finest Fire Chiefs in the State. Recently he was honored by naming a training tower for him. Rather than a small bronze plaque, Mr. Uerkwitz said he would like to see the tower identified by its name BENNER in large enough letters to be observed from a distance, so that the whole city will know this tower is named for one of the finest Fire Chiefs anywhere. He asked consideration of a proper sign, or appropriate size.

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(The portions of this set of minutes dealing with Mr. Forsythe's remarks and Mr. Mulvihill's remarks are taken from the tape recording of the meeting and appear here verbatim.)

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Investigation

MR. FORSYTHE: I am very sorry to see the Mayor's not here this evening because I have the recall papers to give him. Also sorry to see that Mr. Benstead is not here. Actually, my reason for being here is the answer to Mr. Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller to name names and come forward. This is my answer as requested on March 24, 1964. We have three councilmen here who have been assigned to look into police matters and are obligated to report to the rest of the council any deficiencies or irregularities of functions of our Police Department. This is called the Council Police Commission. These councilmen are George Vico, Victor Benstead and Ken Miller. If they made any effort to look into our Police Department they would have found these facts: the lack of leadership due to our Police Chief not being on the job more than three to four hours per week; dissension in our Police Department and lack of delegation of authority to top level officers in our Police Department; the lack of supervision to top level officers in our Police Department; brutality cases brought before the City Council where there was a conflict as to witnesses appeared before the Council in this matter and no record of what actually transpired at this meeting could be found. Why? Not inquiring into the needs of our Police Department to make it more efficient. No inquiry into the top morale of our Police Department. Neglect in making recommendations to your fellow councilmen when you knew there was a great neglect in your Police Department. Not taking proper action when it was reported that brutality existed in our Police Department. Not taking quicker action when you were informed the Police Department was used for personal vendetta against a former councilman. Not supporting outside help to our Police Department to clean up vice activities in Torrance. Allowing police officers to remain on duty when they have beaten a youth in our community. Not supporting the prosecuting attorney in seeing that evidence was properly guarded so that he could prosecute a case efficiently. Not visiting our Police Department in a body to see that it is properly administered. Not checking to see that the City Manager was doing his job diligently and honestly. Not taking part in the job that you were elected to do. You have neglected the people who elected you and what is most important the youth of our community is exposed to bad government. They are watching us now to see what action we will take.

Do you leave the bad apples in to spoil the whole lot or do you remove them? Do we condone this council, or do we condemn this council? Do we keep our corruption or do we remove it?

Chief Bennett's own statements that our police vehicles were used at least a half a dozen times and it could be more to transport Mayor Albert Isen in an intoxicated condition by police officers of Torrance on duty prior to November 14, 1963. Assistant Chief Porter stated that it came to his attention the year immediately prior to December 5, 1963, the date of his testimony, that the Torrance Police Department had been contacted because the Mayor needed transportation due to his excessive drinking. At least a half a dozen times the Assistant Chief Porter stated that the Mayor seldom, if ever, made these calls himself, but the people who run the place of business desperately calling, saying "Come and get him out of here."

The constant missing physical evidence, liquor, blood samples and narcotics and so forth, of Los Angeles police officers, District

Attorney's office and Vice Squad on September 6, 1963, eleven persons were charged with various bookmaking felonies. All eleven have been convicted. Where were the Torrance police?

City councilmen and members of this commission who are making junkets to other cities for business who could have taken any station wagon by lesser paid employees than the police officer and not in black and white police cars for their prestige. Handing out police badges to a select few private citizens. A young police officer called with respect to certain procedure stated our manual procedure is another poor element of our administration. I have a copy of it at home. It is a loose leaf notebook. It is about, I don't know how old. I glanced through it. The officer was asked if it had been helpful. He stated, not really. This officer had no manual and the Council had not recommended any funds to procure same.

As it is stated in the Attorney General's report, page 12, on March 2, 1964, the detrimental effects on a police department which is called upon to transport the titular head of our city from a bar because he is under the influence is clear and unmistakable. The situation demonstrated above is one which obviously should be eliminated at once.

We did not get the State College in Torrance while our Mayor was representing us at San Jose as a committee to locate the State College in Torrance. He was placed in jail and the mayor of that city was called out of a meeting to retrieve him from jail so that he could attend the meeting. It is no wonder that the State college was not located here. We had very poor representation.

At the State Highway Commission meeting in Sacramento our good mayor put on a display for us there also. This was a very exclusive club known as the Sutter Club. He made a bad display at the Governor's table and was helped into the hall and upon the Governor's leaving, vomitted on the floor. He also introduced a woman accompanying him, as a councilwoman from Southern California, although she was not a councilwoman. This was done so she could enter the Sutter Club. The porter was paid \$10 to clean up the Mayor's mess.

I could go on and say more and enlighten the people of Torrance more and I also put the blame of most of the horrible situation that now existed and still exists, on the City Council. The ones I point out most are Mr. Benstead, as chairman of our Police Commission, Mr. Vico of the Police Commission, and Mr. Miller, of our Police Commission, and Mayor Albert Isen.

I believe that Councilman Ross Sciarrotta, Councilman Nick Drale and Councilman Jay Beasley are trying to do an honest and sincere dedicated job. I also commend Hank Porter and Captain Maestri in doing a fine job they have done in the past with very little support. I believe it is at all unnecessary to go outside of this city for police chief or a fire chief. I believe that we have a fine caliber of men here in our departments. I believe there should be no action on this issue until after the elections of April 14th.

This is my answer to your question of March 24th. Councilman Sciarrotta, this is the guts you asked for and I leave it to you to determine if you can call it corruption, misuse of office, dereliction of duty to the people of Torrance. I hope and pray this council will take a vote to make the Attorney General's report available, which they did this evening. This is so that

they might see as I have when you sit on the sidelines, see what is happening to our local city government. Now what will this lead to for youth of tomorrow. How will they be able to decide right from wrong. At thistime I thank God for our democratic government and our right to vote. I hope at least four members here have the guts to make this attorney general's report, which they did this evening and I appreciate it very much and this was prepared for me by my attorney, Harold Gethin (?) with his approval, at 403 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, BRadshaw 24365, and I also, as I relate again, I am very sorry that the Mayor wasn't here this evening because I do have the papers to serve him for the recall and I will see that they are sent to him by registered mail tomorrow. I think under these circumstances, I'd be sick myself.

(Councilman Miller and City Attorney Remelmeyer spoke in here about the jurisdiction, or lack thereof, of the Council over employees)

JOHN MULVIHILL: My name is John Mulvihill and I'd like to read this report which was sent out to the papers today:

Council Candidates John Barton and John Mulvihill today challenged incumbent councilman Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller to debate the issue of whether there is corruption in Torrance City government. A public debate fully covered by the press certainly would clarify the issue and substantiate our conviction that there is corruption in Torrance city government. A debate at the auditorium at Torrance High School on Monday, April 6th, would give the voters enough time to determine the facts for themselves before the April 14th election. Now this was issued due to the impassioned pleas of Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller at the last Council meeting. We will be absolutely specific as we have been. We will be as specific as the Attorney General's report. Of course, a lot of that was covered tonight and I think it's a real sorry situation that has to be faced by every voter in the City of Torrance. So I hope you gentlemen will accept our challenge and I hope that the citizens will come and listen to this debate and see whether or not, and judge whether or not there is corruption in Torrance City government. Thank you.

MR. SCIARROTTA: May I say something? I think Mr. Mulvihill wants some cheap publicity - that's what he wants. I will debate you and Mr. Barton alone on the 15th of April. I'm not a candidate - you wouldn't be defeating me, but I would like to debate you on the 15th - you and Mr. Barton together - alone - I don't want Mr. Miller to help me at all. I'd like to debate you people alone.

MR. BEASLEY: I move we adjourn.

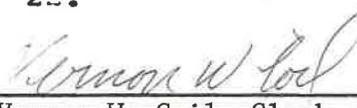
MR. DRALE: Is there any other order of business? From the audience (No response)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance