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Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Torrance, California
August 18, 1964

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, August 18, 1964, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Charles R. Osler led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend James P. Lowen, Foursquare Gospel Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

A very distinguished visitor to Torrance was the Honorable Faruk Sukan, representative of Konya Turkey, in the Grand National Assembly and his companion and interpreter, Mr. Ahmet Dudas, State Department interpreter. Mrs. Naomi McVey, formerly president of the Sister City Program Committee and Councilman Sciarrotta had met the visitors and they and Mayor Isen had escorted them to places of interest during the day. Following this meeting there will be a dinner at the Jump'n Jack in their honor.

Councilman Sciarrotta introduced the two men and each spoke briefly of their visit and appreciation of the welcome they have received.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BOND EXISTING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF KONYA, TURKEY, AND THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE AND WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DR. FARUK SUKAN TO TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-164 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. The resolution which was prepared in formal style, and a key to the City were presented to Dr. Sukan by Mayor Isen, with appropriate remarks, through the interpreter, and Dr. Sukan responded.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 11, 1964 as written. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
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 Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 64-64 - VARIANCE - SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD, 17615 Yukon Avenue. Formal hearing on a variance to permit a day nursery within existing facilities at 17615 Yukon Avenue in Zone R-3. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 64-66 - VARIANCE - CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2706 West 182nd Street. Formal hearing on a variance to construct new sanctuary with building height of 50 feet and free-standing tower 100 feet in height at 2706 West 182nd Street in Zone R-2 and A-1. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Department.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Olson, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. CASE NO. 64-67 - VARIANCE - ANDRE MARTIN, 1736 Flower Avenue.

City Manager Ferraro announced this matter has been withdrawn and the problem solved through other means.

11. CASE NO. 64-68 - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - PAUL O'KAIN, 217 Palos Verdes Boulevard. Formal hearing a conditional use permit for pet grooming shop at 217 Palos Verdes Boulevard in Zone C-1. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Approval includes conditions as set forth in the Planning Commission's recommendation.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication on Items on which hearings were held and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 29713 - ADCO DEVELOPMENT CO. J. THOMPSON. 57 lots located on north side of 190th Street easterly of Wilton Place, westerly of San Diego Freeway off-ramp, zoned A-1. Recommended for denial.

Mr. Edward J. Till of Whittier of Kemmerer Engineering Co., spoke on behalf of the owners of the property, Adco Development Co. He said this has been before the City for many months and he felt all the requirements of the Code have been met, and that the Planning Commission has erred in recommending denial. He stressed that zoning is not involved in this question.

At the request of Mayor Isen, David Cleveland, Assistant Planning Director, stated the Council had denied a change of zone on this property to R-3 for planned development condominium and recommended the Planning Commission hold hearings to determine the zoning. Those hearings are now being held, as to change from A-1 to M-1 and P-1.

City Manager Ferraro advised the Council to ask the City Attorney's opinion and Mr. Remelmeyer stated if the Council wishes to preserve its rights with regard to zoning, he would recommend denial. Under the Subdivision Act, he said there is no choice.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. CASE NO. 64-63 - MANUEL L. ROCHA, 17827 Van Ness. Letter from Acting Planning Director, requested by Council August 4, 1964 explaining matters discussed by Mrs. Elrod in connection with this case.

Mayor Isen asked if there was any further comment on this case and there appeared to be none. He moved to deny the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to denial.

14. ORDINANCE - CASE NO. 64-19, SANTA FE RAILROAD. Planning Director submitting for approval at first reading ordinance reclassifying certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 64-19, Santa Fe Railway.

Councilman Miller moved that the two year alternate ordinance

be considered, changing the one word "one" to "two" in the last line of section 4, page 2. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

City Manager Ferraro stated a concern that the two years provision would set a precedent because there are no current regulations on when a precise plan has to be filed, so that the precise plan would become removed from the persons who originally filed application. This might cause property to remain dormant or vacant. Mayor Isen said the whole frontage there was R-3 and under the present case there will be development without density. Otherwise he feared there might be tenement type development and he did not believe any precedent would be set which would be undesirable.

First, a vote was taken on the amendment stated above and it carried unanimously. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1521

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791,) RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-19. (Santa Fe Railroad).

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1521 at this its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. ITEM WITHDRAWN.

16. OFFER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY TO DEDICATE RIGHT OF WAY FOR DOTY AND FLORWOOD AVENUES. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that offer, with conditions, be accepted.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

17. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 53. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject sewer reimbursement district with sewer connection fees therein be established.

18. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 54. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject district with sewer connection fees therein be established, as shown in letter of transmittal.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations as to both Item 17 and 18 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

19. Request of Bob Mimura for Building Permit in moratorium area. Property located at 23860 Los Codonas Street.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the permit as requested and Mayor Isen seconded, with the stipulation that he believed only one garage should be required because the application on the second apartment building was before the deadline. Councilman Beasley accepted that provision.

Councilman Olson moved a substitute that the building permit be issued as stated but that the second building comply with the new law of 1½ to 1 ratio on garages.

Councilman Beasley stated the plans were already drawn at the time of the new ordinance and it would mean a redesign of the entire project. Building Superintendent McKinnon stated the second building is identical to the first. Councilman Sciarrotta's objection would be as to building in this area on which a moratorium is in effect; also he asked if there is any possibility the City would have to buy this property for the Airport zone. Airport Manager thought it unlikely, although "there are no rules to the game".

There was no second to the substitute motion and roll call vote on the original was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

The permit was granted under the old ratio.

20. AUDITORIUM REPORT - resubmitted. Council Public Buildings Committee submitting report re Civic Center Auditorium, with recommendations.

A revised proposal has offered the services of Economics Research Associates for \$3,000 less than originally quoted, resulting in a figure \$4,700 less than that of Stanford Research Institute. The two organizations are considered to be equally capable and reliable.

The President of ERA, Mr. Harrison Price, was present and outlined the features which his group would incorporate into their report.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Public Buildings Committee to accept the proposal of Economics Research Associates outlined in letter of May 6, 1964, amended by letter of July 20, 1964, total price \$15,000; \$8,000 of which is for Phase 1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and roll call vote follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

21. OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS: Proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Isen asked to whom the reference is made in the first paragraph of the City Attorney's letter and was told that the Fox Market in downtown Torrance has been out of business for many months. Its parking lot is being operated as a pay lot. City Manager Ferraro asked what would happen in the event the market

was sold and again operated with the need for incidental parking. If the proposed ordinance will close the loophole which permits such a situation, it certainly should be adopted, Mayor Isen said and at his request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1522

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 15 I OF APPENDIX I (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH REGULATES OFF-STREET PARKING, BY ADDING THERETO PARAGRAPH 6 TO PROVIDE THAT ALL REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING SHALL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE USERS THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1522 at its first reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

22. AIRPORT MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION RE RAY VANE LEASING ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. Airport Commission President's submittal of recommendation that further negotiations are unnecessary.

There appearing no objection, this communication was ordered filed.

23. AIRPORT MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS RE CATERING SERVICE AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. Recommendation to grant contract to Hi-Grade Food Distributors.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. Communication from City Manager regarding holidays - Election Day.

Officer Oates of Police Officers Association came forward and Mayor Isen reminded him his arguments have been heard by the council at a prior time. Officer Oates called attention to the negotiations with the City Manager which resulted in Resolution No. 62-130. Mayor Isen said there are eleven paid holidays and every leniency in respect to them. Everytime the City closes for a day, it costs between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Ron Beckman, representing Miscellaneous City Hall Employees, said his group was not consulted although they are primarily concerned. They are against the recommendation of the City Manager, as is the Civil Service Commission.

John Kirkpatrick, an employee of Engineering, quoted from resolution No. 62-130 "and such other holidays as the Council may direct". Mayor Isen said no one would get the election days off, in order to be fair to everyone. Mr. Kirkpatrick said disruption on an election day is only when it is a municipal election. He asked that City Hall be kept open on election days.

Ed Enrietta, representing Local 1135, Municipal City Employees favored the status quo, because when one loses something, all do likewise. Councilman Sciarrotta answered that the Council is trying to give all employees equal treatment. Mr. Enrietta did not feel equal treatment should be acquired by taking from a group

in order to bring them to the level of another group. Mayor Isen repeated that it is a matter of equalization and at his request City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 62-130) BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF RULE XIII RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-165 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

A recess was declared at 6:35 and the Council reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

25. CITY TREASURER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY TREASURER FOR ALL NECESSARY AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED ON CITY BUSINESS NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS PER MONTH.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-166 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. REVISION OF OVERTIME RULE. Communication from Civil Service Commission recommending that proposed revision re compensatory time be rejected.

City Manager Ferraro said he would like to talk on this subject saying that the Civil Service Commission had voted that the present rule should be retained, that hours worked in excess of 40 per week be paid for at the rate of one and one-half. He stated this does not work out well and the informality which has accumulated causes problems which the Council should be made aware of. Many employees prefer to have compensatory time off to being paid the overtime rate. This accumulated compensatory time and one-half would now have to be paid for in cash and would cause a financial burden. The revised proposal now before the Council is that overtime be paid for if money is available at one-and one-half times the rate, or if there is no money available in the department budget and the employee wants the time, that he be given time off at the overtime rate, to a maximum of 60 hours. It is also important that the time off be taken at the convenience of the department and with the approval of the department head. At present some employees take it when they wish and without prior notice or approval. This causes serious inconvenience to the department's workload in many cases.

Councilman Olson asked for clarification and Mr. Ferraro explained that it is not merely a case of paying, or not paying in cash depending on the state of the department's budget - it is

whether or not the employee would prefer time off to cash payment. In case there is no money available and the employee does not want time off, it is necessary to come back and get a supplemental appropriation of money for the department's budget.

Councilman Vico asked how much money is involved and Mr. Ferraro said it is difficult to say - except, for instance, the Police Department alone has expended \$90,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30th because of the CORE demonstrations.

The feature of this proposal which differs from the previous one, is that if the employee wants to take time off, it must be with the department's approval and can be accumulated only to sixty hours. Also that time off would be time and one-half, in all cases. There are times when it is vital to the City that certain employees work overtime.

Mr. Olson described the method by which these eventualities are handled in private industry - the employees are paid time and one-half and if they wish time off, they take it, but without pay.

Officer Oates spoke for the Police Association members and reminded the council of the increase in workload on those members who continue to work while those who wish to do so take their compensatory time off. He favored pay for overtime and concurred in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Paul Slonecker, a member of the Machinists' Union, stated their contracts are negotiated on a basis of overtime as a penalty to the employer; they only want to work eight hours a day. His contention is that "moonlighting" cuts into the work which should be getting done at the garage, as well as in all other departments. He agreed with Officer Oates - nothing but overtime, and in cash.

Mr. Ed Enrietta from Local 1135, also agreed with Officer Oates that the simple solution is to pay time and one-half and let the employee take time off at his own expense.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and reject any proposed revision. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission does not follow the motion made by Mayor Isen, so Mayor Isen rephrased his motion: that the policy be that an employee be paid in cash for overtime worked. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion as reworded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Olson inquired if it would now be necessary to make up the time coming to some employees, in cash at time and one-half, or that it be added to their vacation periods. Mayor Isen said the purpose of his motion and the intent was that it be effective as of now and not be retroactive in any respect. The councilmen agreed that to be their understanding also.

27. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS - FIRE SERIES. Civil Service Commission submitting for Council approval revised class specifications in the fire series.

Mayor Isen said something has been left out and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council had stricken the experience and education requirements.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to hold the Fire Series two weeks and Councilman Beasley seconded. Mayor Isen added to refer it to

the Police and Fire Committee of the Council to work with Administration as to the educational and experience factors. There was no objection. The Fire Series will be back on the agenda in two weeks.

28. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approving class specifications for Senior Buyer, Arts and Crafts Leader, Data Processing Supervisor, Tabulating Equipment Operator, and Assistant Plan Check Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY MANAGER RE ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in full with the recommendations set forth by the City Manager in his communication dated July 28, 1964. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. REQUEST OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION, with concurrence of City Manager, to attend National Recreation Congress in Miami, Florida, October 4-9, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY SIGNS. Recommendation of Acting Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that annual contract for reflectorized aluminum highway signs be awarded to Prismo Safety Corp., in amount not to exceed \$4,000.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to so award the contract and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

32. LEGAL SERVICES FOR SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4. City Attorney transmitting for Council approval statement for legal services of O'Melveny & Myers, in the total amount of \$6,517.09, including cash disbursements of \$19.25.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to approve the payment as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

33. PERMIT FEE REFUND. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that request of Lloyd Maughan for refund of permit fee in the amount of \$44.40 be approved (80% of amount paid).

Councilman Lyman moved to refund 100% rather than 80% as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. However, Building Superintendent McKinnon said the person volunteered the second payment and there is expense involved in processing it.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute that the \$44.40 only be refunded and Councilman Vico seconded. The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

34. CITY MANAGER SUBMITTING FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

\$656.67 to Dieterich-Post Company for 3 Hamilton Drafting tables; 3 Hamilton Aux. drawer units; and 3 Royal Stools with back rests for Engineering Department.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the expenditure and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

35. REQUEST FOR FREE CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT RECREATION CENTER FROM AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE. Request and recommendation that free custodial services be granted for the Bloodmobile September 28, 1964.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. FREE USE OF RECREATION BUILDING. City Attorney submitting for approval and adoption resolution modifying provisions of Resolution No. 63-56 regulating use of the recreation center to establish bases for granting free use of the center.

Mayor Isen asked if this question has been before the Park and Recreation Commission and City Manager Ferraro answered that it has not - it is an administrative matter. The Chairman of the Commission was present, Mrs. McVey, and she believed this should be a Council decision. Councilman Olson thought it should be removed from the possibility of political influence.

City Manager Ferraro said the Council should never be precluded from making the final decision in any matter; also the council vote should be a majority of five rather than a mere majority. Councilman Lyman maintained that in any event, the Council still makes the ultimate decision. Councilman Miller said he believed it should become a determination of the appeal board rather than the Council. City Manager Ferraro asked that this item be withdrawn for revision.

Mayor Isen had a few additional remarks: the word "cultural" should be in as well as "charitable"; there should be a small service charge to include janitorial costs and electricity; and a limit to the number of meetings by any one group to obviate an organization taking over the hall for the entire 52 weeks. This was not the intent.

Considerable discussion followed, concluding in a motion by Councilman Beasley to refer the matter to the Parks & Recreation

for their consideration, to be placed on the Council agenda with the Commission's comments.

Councilman Miller moved a substitute to refer the matter to the City Manager and his staff. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

37. RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF PRESENTATION BY MRS. PONS.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO CELIA PONS FOR PRESENTING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL MONUMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-167 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

38. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REVEREND BEADLES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE REVEREND DAVID O. BEADLES, PASTOR OF THE WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-168 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Authority to perma plaque this resolution was granted by previous Council action.

39. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 21811 (Subdivider, Dan Butcher. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that bond be released.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY, SOCONY MOBIL OIL CO., INC. AND STANDARD OIL CO. FOR RELOCATION OF TWO BUTADIENE LINES ALONG 190th STREET FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO HAWTHORNE AVENUE. Recommendation that subject agreement be approved and accepted.

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

ADDENDA ITEMS:**41. PROPOSED MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AND PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY PLAN THEREFOR.**

The recommendation is that the firm of William P. Bell & Son, golf course architects, be retained to prepare a preliminary architectural plan for the proposed 18 hole golf course along with a tentative construction cost estimate, at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

42. ORDINANCE RE DANCING ON SUNDAYS.

The intent of this proposed ordinance is to extend the legal time for dancing from midnight on Saturdays to 2 a.m. on Sundays. However, the wording of the ordinance is not clear and it was agreed the City Attorney would reconsider the terminology of the draft and report further on it later in this meeting.

Later in the meeting, City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged an error had been made in the wording of the proposed ordinance. He made oral corrections which would permit voting on this ordinance at this time and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1523

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 20.5 ENTITLED "HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION" OF CHAPTER 20 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THERETO RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER TO ALLOW DANCING ON SUNDAY, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1523 at its first and only reading, as an emergency ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Lyman moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance permitting Sunday dancing for next week's Council meeting. Councilman Vico seconded his motion and there was no objection.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

43. City Manager Ferraro asked Recreation Director Van Bellehem to please stand and receive the plaudits of those present for what Mr. Ferraro called "probably one of the most successful independent departmental operations in the City of Torrance's history", referring to the aquacade on Friday and Saturday of this past week. Almost a thousand people attended each night and it was a tremendously successful event.

44. City Manager Ferraro recalled in Item 26 this evening that the Council authorized payment of overtime. He asked that this not apply to Department Heads and that they be permitted to take time off for overtime worked. Mayor Isen said the intent was that it would not apply to department heads, or the City Attorney, or the City Manager.

45. City Manager Ferraro read aloud a letter received from Chief Walter R. Koenig, expressing appreciation for the attendance of the councilmen and many others at his retirement dinner from the Los Angeles Police Force.
46. City Manager Ferraro said the City of Southgate would like to have an idea of how many will attend the Independent Cities dinner at Rodger Young Auditorium. The council members will be contacted tomorrow.
47. City Manager Ferraro reported a succinct statement of what occurred at the initial meeting of the Citizens' Steering Committee on the Proposed Golf Course. If anything is to go on the November ballot, action would have to be taken by September 4th and it was the meeting's feeling that because of the short time, it should not be put on the November election ballot. The Committee wished this information be given to the Council.
48. Councilman Lyman recalled action taken on a sign for Mr. Ortale and his Rambler agency on Hawthorne Avenue. After looking the sign over, he said it does not come up to what he had expected. Inasmuch as it seems every action creates a precedent, Mr. Lyman said he does not intend to permit this sign to be a precedent, as he does not like its appearance.
49. Councilman Olson felt in handling the very long and busy agenda last week, the acquiring of the barrow pit for a park site had been rushed over too hurriedly. He wanted to congratulate and commend Councilman Beasley and City Attorney Remelmeyer for their efforts in negotiating with the State Highway Commission.
50. Councilman Sciarrotta said he too wished to thank those responsible for the parksite acquisition. Also he asked that a study be made of the Johnson poverty bill to see what impact it might have on cities and if there is any way it might involve Torrance.
51. Councilman Sciarrotta read an original acronym inspired by attendance at Chief Koenig's retirement dinner and presented it to the Chief.
52. Councilman Beasley said there is a little additional land that the State Highway Division owns within the City of Torrance and there is a possibility of leasing it for \$1 per year for a long period for playground purposes. He is making preliminary negotiations but no action will be taken without Council approval.
53. Mayor Isen asked that his remarks which will follow be set forth in considerable detail.
- "The very crowded council chambers last week, an intense issue with much emotion and, I am sure, good faith on all sides, was decided. Since then we do get some sort of repercussions. I am sure everybody saw the Daily Breeze regarding the development being put partially on the Redondo Beach side. In commenting on this, I certainly would not like to see this, where Torrance would have the burdens without any of the benefits. As far as I am concerned, this issue is over. There is a broader issue which I should like to bring up at this time. I voted the way I did vote; my vote was not necessary; the measure had already lost, but I did so as to one particular piece of property realizing the fact that it is a problem portion of realty that was also located in Redondo Beach and was more or less an anchor site insofar as setting up the entire high rise in Redondo Beach and swinging it around and it was merely a fluke that the larger area here was in the City of Torrance, where it could have been in the City of Redondo Beach.

had the boundary line been straightened out the least little bit. However, this is neither here nor there. As far as I am concerned, seeing the number of people who were here and hearing the sentiments expressed and the pictures of the contemplated bogey of high rise I feel impelled to make my position clear and I hope to get approval of the council here of a motion. However, if I don't, I want to make the situation and my thinking here extremely clear. I repeat myself, this one was a problem lot and I thought the best solution for it and a very good use, particularly if it were possible to get the beach land in front for open beach that all the people could use, rather than the possibility of its being fenced off.

"The comments were made and I don't think it went as far as a motion, that the city is now in process of master planning the entire area of the city, including the Riviera and as far as I am concerned the demonstration made here of the feeling of the people that live in the Riviera it would be mandatory on me. However, I felt the same way as they did. I don't believe that any other spot should be a proper place for high rise in the Riviera area of Torrance and to allay any feeling along that line and, secondly, to prevent the expense of hearings and the Planning Commission and Planning Department's problems and going through, you might say, lost motion, as far as I am concerned this was a public hearing on that particular point and I am going to move an instruction by the way of policy to the Planning Commission and Planning Department that in connection with any master plan they make of the Riviera area that there be no areas there, no land, earmarked for high rise, and I so move."

Councilman Lyman seconded.

Mayor Isen added that it could come in by variance, but he hated to think if the Planning Department said a lot on Palos Verdes should go high rise - he knows how the people feel, and he has never been in favor of high rise there - and it can be decided right now, after the hearing last week, rather than six or nine months from now.

Councilman Beasley said he believes basically it is very poor policy on the part of the Council to instruct the Planning Commission to do anything. The Council can turn it down when the time comes, if need be.

Councilman Miller said in effect Mayor Isen would be saying let's spend \$65,000 on a master plan and yet not follow that plan. Mayor Isen said that is not his intent. An individual could always come in on variance or change of zone.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked the City Attorney if the Council is in a position to tell the Planning Commission what it can and cannot do. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council can pass a motion which tells the Planning Commission its general views on the subject of high rise but the Council cannot foreclose people from coming in with an application for an application for high rise. Also, Mr. Remelmeyer said the Council can direct the Planning Commission not to institute any such proceedings and it can direct the City Manager or Planning Commission, or Planning Director to bring in a master plan without high rise.

Councilman Lyman said evidently Mayor Isen gained the same impression as he did. The best possible plan could be brought in by any number of experts, but if the community will not accept it, it would be a waste of effort and money. No matter what expert opinions are brought in, if it is not what is wanted, it would be a waste of time and money and effort. He agreed there should be

no further waste of time and experts along this line. Councilman Miller thought that would be pre-supposing too far into the future.

Councilman Olson said he also voted against this because he felt it was wrong and agreed with the homeowners in the area that the real concern is with the building and with the seventeen lots on that street. If the building is built in Redondo that, of course, will be the end of it as far as going up the street. A month ago the Council unanimously voted to spend \$65,000 for a master plan and he would like to have an indication from Management as to whether this is consistent with what is normally expected in connection with a three-year study.

City Manager Ferraro said he does not like to see the Council dictate or direct the elements of a master plan. There is a big problem in projecting a master plan for twenty or thirty years into the future and of necessity there will be some kind of control of population density. Whether or not there will be high rise zoning in that particular location or anywhere else, it precludes giving a very valuable tool toward the development of the City.

Mayor Isen said there could always be a change of zone.

Councilman Miller called for the question and roll call vote defeated the motion, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he has no intention of tying the hands of the Planning Commission and Councilman Olson said he is sure the people who make the master plan will remember what happened last week.

54. Mr. John Johnson of 309 Avenida Atezada, said in the effort against high rise, the citizens acquired over one thousand signatures requesting that the State purchase the property in question as a park. He suggested that the Council adopt a resolution to go to the County Board of Supervisors requesting the State to buy this property as a park. Mayor Isen moved such a resolution be prepared for consideration and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable and the resolution will be on next week's agenda.

Councilman Lyman remarked that every time there is a problem about zoning, the suggestion is made to buy it for a park. Mayor Isen said he is pessimistic about its being accomplished although City Attorney Rem elmeyer said the County has asked the State to purchase this as a park and the resolution would be in good order. He will indicate in it the agencies to whom it should be sent.

55. Mr. Moss, Advertising Manager for Leonards' stores, requested approval for a parking lot sale at the Torrance Store, Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway, August 27, 28, 29 and 30. He said last year's sale was very successful although there were some problems. This year there will be no attractions, only bargains.

City Manager Ferraro said the sale last year may have been successful from the standpoint of Leonards', but not for the City of Torrance; it confiscated 80% of the parking lot, caused numerous congestive traffic and parking problems, with the 20 x 40 tent and the lions show. People parked across Crenshaw and streamed across the street, causing so much traffic and congestion that the City came very close to closing down the entire operation.

Councilman Vico asked that Leonards pay for any additional police officers they may need to direct traffic.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman.

City Manager Ferraro asked that if the requested is granted that there be in addition to the usual insurance and conditions required by department heads, a \$500 cash deposit from which would be subtracted any additional expenses which may be caused.

Building Superintendent McKinnon stated he is opposed to holding retail sales in a tent. Mr. Moss said there is no tent involved this year. He has submitted a plot plan to the City Manager and he said there will be no violation. He agreed to posting the cash deposit in a reasonable amount to assure that the plot plan as submitted will not be violated. Mr. Moss has directed the store manager to employ off duty Torrance policemen who will be paid their regular rate to control any excess traffic.

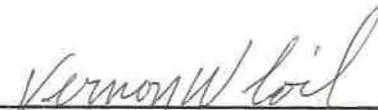
Mayor Isen moved a substitute to permit the sale, provided Leonards can comply with such conditions as are set up by the City Manager and Staff and Police and Fire Departments. Councilman Miller seconded that motion. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman and Vico.

Mayor Isen cautioned Mr. Moss that this motion gives him a chance only. He must be able to satisfy the demands of the City Manager and department heads as mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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