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Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, September 15, 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, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also attending were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John Johnson led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Wallace Kornegay, of First Church of the Nazarene, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. Approval of minutes of the September 8th meeting will be held to September 22nd, because of the intervening holiday.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, all bills regularly audited were ordered paid by the following roll call vote:

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.

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Mayor Isen read a note from the City Clerk relaying a request from the Legal Department to consider Item 17 of this agenda first.

17. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OF GARAGE SERVICEMAN. City Attorney submitting Notice of Findings of Fact, Verdict and Judgment; Findings of Fact, Verdict and Judgment; Opinion 64-27 re jurisdiction of Civil Service Commission 20 days after request for written charges; transcript of Milton K. Conn hearing.

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Mr. Conn's attorney, Milton L. Most, stated this item would probably take half an hour and Mr. Remelmeyer said the City's presentation would consume half an hour. Mayor Isen said this request might set a precedent and he believed a policy should be set by which such a matter such as this would first come to the Council for setting a date.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Catterlin would probably be late in arriving at this meeting. Mayor Isen felt all concerned would be better accommodated if the matter were set for next Council meeting. If there is no objection, the Council will review this entire matter on Tuesday, September 22, 1964, at 6:45 p.m., and Mr. Most acknowledged that this mention will serve as notice to his client and waived any further notice thereof. At the conclusion of this meeting, the motion to adjourn will be to that time.

Mr. Knickerbocker of Legal Department, stated there is a possibility of the City's owing another week's pay, depending on what decision is made, but the councilmen said they are aware of this.

Councilman Lyman mentioned a dissenting opinion which he had understood would be coming from Commissioner Peterson and was told if Mr. Peterson wishes to file such an opinion, it should be done by Friday of this week, with copies to pertinent parties, including Mr. Most.

Mayor Isen asked that a policy be established that in the future such matters be transmitted from the Civil Service Board to the Council for setting a hearing date. He moved that this policy be set for future reviews of Civil Service matters and referred the matter to City Manager Ferraro for a memorandum of policy.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. RESOLUTION ON CASE NO. 64-64, South Bay Church of God.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6, APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-64 - SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-188 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. RESOLUTION ON CASE NO. 64-66, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS

OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE  
CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS  
APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE  
64-66 - CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-189 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. ORDINANCE RE CASE NO. 64-60, JACK KETTLER.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for first reading,

ORDINANCE NO. 1533

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. 64-60. (Jack Kettler).

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1533 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. Letter from Joe Waddingham requesting a rehearing on application.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the letter would be ordered filed, but he had some comments to make on the subject. The time for considering the motion again has passed and the Council has no jurisdiction, Mayor Isen said, but if any compromise were made the Council would have jurisdiction to instruct the Planning Commission to institute change of zone proceedings. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that statement.

However, if Torrance does not have this high rise, Redondo Beach will - to the tune of a 22 story building, with all the objectionable features on Torrance property. Torrance would have all the burdens and none of the economic benefits. As a result there is a great responsibility on the Council, as well as on the people who objected to the high rise to arrive at some constructive solution. First, it should be determined if it can go in Redondo. If so, there should be an informal meeting of concerned parties and a committee to consist of two members of the Council (Lyman and Olson), two members of Planning (Halstead and Salisbury) five members of the Riviera Homeowners Association (to be chosen by that group) and such personnel of Sovereign Development Co. as would wish to participate; also City Manager Ferraro. The whole thought, Mayor Isen said, is to leave the door open and the Committee may, or may not act, as it sees fit, but the responsibility would be theirs. If they brought in an affirmative report, there would be time enough to make a motion for reconsideration.

City Manager Ferraro stated he had spoken to several councilmen with the thought of having his office determine the intensity of feeling. He also talked with the Sovereign people, the City of Redondo Beach officials and Mr. Stanley Dunn, spokesman for the property owners and tentatively arranged for a meeting at 3:30 tomorrow, Wednesday, September 16th. A letter has been received from R. D. Keillor of Sovereign asking certain decisions regarding parking within the City of Torrance. He asked Mayor Isen if that meeting would be compatible with his suggestions.

Councilman Vico did not like Mayor Isen's suggestions and intimated that his reason for pushing the matter involved ulterior motives; that any time a vote did not go to suit the Mayor, he made some excuse to bring it back for reconsideration. Mayor Isen resented these statements and a verbal clash ensued with Councilman Miller, Councilman Beasley and Councilman Lyman joining in the fray.

Councilman Lyman boiled the dispute down to the point of now being a closed issue until such time as the people want to present some proposal in the future. What has happened, he said, may not be for the best interests of the whole community but the vote has been taken. The next move is that of the people, not the Council.

Councilman Olson called to the attention of the meeting that if the high rise goes in on the Torrance side, it will open the gates for those property owners of the seventeen lots, to also build high rise. Councilman Vico repeated that he will abide by his "No" vote - if it is a mistaken one, he is willing to bear the brunt of his mistake.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he had talked with homeowners who would be affected and had asked them if there would be any objection to probing to determine if the construction would actually materialize. He considered Mayor Isen's suggestion very fair and equitable to both sides of the controversy.

Councilman Lyman said the duty of the councilmen is to represent the people, not to conduct a popularity contest. Based on the fact that the Council had more information than any of the other groups, a vote was taken. The problem has been dealt with and he saw no reason to belabor it further. Councilman Miller stated an actual conversation with an owner of an adjacent apartment house who said he would demolish and build high rise if it becomes possible to do so.

Councilman Beasley moved the next order of business.

Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

Mrs. Stanley Dunn of 505 Via la Silva said her husband had expected to be here but had not yet arrived so she told of their attending a Redondo Beach Council meeting last night. So far Redondo Beach has received no plans and the council there promised to hear what the Dunns have to say.

City Manager Ferraro said he does not plan to become involved in any negotiations which do not meet with Council endorsement. He has talked with Mr. Dunn and there is a plan to hold that meeting mentioned, on Wednesday, with the City Engineer and Planning Staff in attendance. He asked guidance or instruction from the Council. Councilman Beasley moved to endorse the City Manager's proposed action, and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

In answer to questions by Councilman Olson, Mr. Dunn stated his group is willing to do whatever they can to further the best interests of the City of Torrance and of the Riviera, as a whole. Through whatever means possible, the lines of communication should be kept open to this city and to Redondo Beach.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked for the question.

Mrs. E. D. Jones of 342 Paseo de la Playa said the Torrance Beach Improvement Association is being ignored and Mayor Isen explained again the purpose of the informal committee he had suggested.

Roll call vote on the motion to authorize the action mentioned by City Manager Ferraro was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

**BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:**

**12. REQUEST FOR OVERSIZE SIGN AT 2909 Pacific Coast Highway.**

City Manager Ferraro stated this matter has been disposed of and the item was removed from the agenda.

**13. REQUEST FOR OVERSIZE SIGN AT 18189 Western Avenue. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager that request be granted.**

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by no objection.

City Manager Ferraro asked the Council to consider the possibility of handling oversize signs in a similar manner to that previously established for handling certain waivers, refunds and easement transmittals, without including them in the Council agenda items. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the City Manager would be instructed to return a suggested policy along these lines. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager about the billboards - pointing out the large signs down near the Airport - there have been billboards on top of billboards. Mr. Ferraro stated there is now a freeze and a recommendation will come in for handling of billboards.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked what would be the policy of the City as to uniform signs used by big companies, similar to those used by the oil companies at service stations. Mr. Ferraro said if they do not conform, the recommendation would be against them.

Other phases of signs were discussed and Building Superintendent said there is no limitation as to height. Councilman McKinnon called attention to the Branch Office sign on Torrance Boulevard which was within bounds, but has been put on a pole high in the air.

**14. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET. Proposed resolution.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 32, TRACT NO. 28277 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED STREET SAMUEL STREET AND ALLEY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-190 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. AMENDMENT TO STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT CONTRACT - SURVIVORS BENEFITS. Proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-191 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. HOURS OF WORK - POLICE DEPARTMENT. Proposed ordinance.

City Manager Ferraro said the inclusion of this item on this agenda was in error - should go to the Civil Service Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the matter to the Civil Service Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

17. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OF GARAGE SERVICEMAN. This item was considered earlier in the evening and postponed to next Council meeting.

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. TRAVEL REQUEST. Chief of Police, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission for a five man Police Pistol Team to attend the Sixth Annual California State Practical Pistol Course Championship, to be held in Tracey, California, September 25 to 28, 1964.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the authorization, with expenses paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. Submittal of expenses over \$300 for Council approval.

\$3,207.88 to Bell & Howell Company for one two-station MG-2 inserter and stand for the Finance Department, a budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve this item of expense and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

## AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. MASTER SPECIALTIES COMPANY NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE OF ASSIGNMENT. Airport Commission President submitting Airport Commission's recommendation matter be filed.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this communication would be filed; there was none.

## PARK AND RECREATION:

21. Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting Council concur in acceptance of master plan for standard community recreation building.

Recreation Director Van Bellehem displayed a colored sketch of the building and explained the features which would make it practical to vary the design for different locations.

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

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

22. PROCLAMATION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK - September 13 - 19, 1964.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

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Attorney Wm. J. McCabe was granted the opportunity to speak at this time. He read the contents of a letter which had been delivered to the City Manager on behalf of Stanley Ray Martin and John Paul Brady in connection with their recent letter of resignation from the Torrance Police Department. In effect, the letter was a notice of rescission of the resignation because the Grand Jury had not returned an indictment against the two men, on information furnished by the District Attorney's office. Mr. McCabe read pertinent sections of the Police Manual, or the gist thereof, which would indicate ten days' suspension without pay for first offense; 30 days' for the second and dismissal in case of the third and stated the resignation was tendered under threat of criminal prosecution and duress.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Bowler could have made a complaint without presentation to the grand jury and the action he took was a grand stand play for headlines and publicity having to do with his candidacy. Mr. McCabe felt if this incident had been at any other time, there would probably be a reprimand of the men and no required resignation. Evidently there is no prescribed procedure for rescinding a resignation and there is a question of jurisdiction of the Council over this situation.

City Manager Ferraro stated Mr. McCabe's presentation to the Council is improper - the letter was addressed to the City Manager and now the appeal is to the City Council, which has no jurisdiction over hiring and firing. That is a management function and Mr. Ferraro said the ruling should come from his office.

Mr. McCabe said he had inquired of the City Attorney and learned there was no procedure, so he selected his own procedure. City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged that he would have to make a determination on that score.

Mayor Isen said after resignation, the men are no longer employees and so Management has lost jurisdiction nor has the Council. However, under the claim that there was duress connected with obtaining the resignation, the City Attorney should be instructed to furnish a ruling on the question.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the matter to the City Attorney for a ruling to be furnished at the next Council meeting as to whether this is an administrative matter or a policy matter. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and there was no objection. The ruling will be given to Mr. McCabe, Management and the Council as to the rights of the two clients.

23. NOTICE of the first meeting of the City Selection Committee of the Southern California Rapid Transit District to be held September 23, 1964.

In this same connection, Item 25 on the addenda was considered.  
25. Review of California Rapid Transit Board of Directors appointment - Councilman Lyman.

Councilman Lyman reported on the progress of the Southern California Rapid Transit District, first thanking the Council for allowing him to represent Torrance in this program which he said was very educational and enjoyable. He has visited the sixteen cities making up this corridor and met councilmen from each and expressed gratitude toward the cities who supported our community.

The Board of Directors will consist of eleven men: two appointed by Mayor Yorty, five by the Board of Supervisors and four by the corridor cities of which Torrance is a member of Corridor B. There are several important duties - one is to take over the MTA bus lines and manage that operation. The Board is also empowered to establish some type of rapid transit system, other than buses, and seek some method of financing. There are two theories: one to serve an area of already existing density and, another, that by running the transit system through certain areas, new areas of density can be created. Mr. Lyman stated Torrance received the support of Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, and, if course, Torrance.

A problem is posed by the fact that the problems of Beverly Hills and Santa Monica bear no relation to those of Torrance. The total vote was 90 for the Mayor of Beverly Hills; 57 for Mr. Lyman and 18 for Mayor Wedworth of Hawthorne. Mr. Lyman analyzed the communities from which the votes came.

He stated the cities which supported Beverly Hills have a combined population of 255,887; those which supported Torrance 276,536; and those which supported Hawthorne, 105,000. Thus the South Bay area has a population of 381,000, excluding El Segundo and yet has no representation on the Board, while the other area, with 255,000 population has three representatives. He listed the decisions which the Board will eventually make - and with no representation from this area - although this area will be asked to help bear the burden of supporting the lines, clearly a situation of taxation without representation. He recommended that even though our area does not have representation on the Board, that its voice be heard. It is true a type of rapid transit could be immensely advantageous to this area, but also, some types could be an enormous burden.

Councilman Miller suggested some communication be written regarding the lack of representation from the cities of the South Bay area, to be joined in by the other cities affected by this great inequity. Councilman Sciarrotta recommended that the communication be in form of a resolution listing the population, and other pertinent factors. Councilman Beasley suggested copies of the letter or resolution be sent to the members of the Board of Supervisors, the League of California Cities, the Independent Cities, and Senator Rees.

Mayor Isen commended Mr. Lyman for his efforts and recalled the situation of the MTA with its expensive manager who voted to tax everyone for a monorail system which would go from El Segundo to downtown Los Angeles. A large hue and cry headed by Torrance squelched this effort. Mayor Isen listed a number of questions. He said Mr. Lyman and City Manager Ferraro should get together and send to the cities who voted for Torrance copies of the communication. The communication should go to the same persons and organizations to whom the original resolution was sent. The first meeting is called for September 23rd and time is short. Councilman Beasley said a nomination could be made from the floor at that September 23rd meeting and the 73 delegates could nominate someone other than the Beverly Hills representative.

Mr. Lyman will attend that meeting. If there is no objection, Mayor Isen stated Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Lyman would frame the proper letter. Population should be considered as well as assessed valuation, or some compromise between the two, in naming representatives.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

24. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 28240. Subdivider, Sunnyglen Construction Co., Inc. Bond No. 0672/63, \$16,070. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released.

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

25. This item was considered in connection with No. 23.

26. Communication from Miss Kathy Gaul requesting permission to use White Court for a tract get-together on September 19th from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m.

City Manager Ferraro asked that if this is approved, it be subject to all Staff conditions, and with that addition, Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the approval is granted.

27. PROCLAMATION OF M. R. WEEK - November 20, 1964.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed and urged all who could do so to attend the help support this very worthwhile effort. He asked also for the newspapers to give it the attention and publicity it deserves.

28. Confirmation of date for Ministerial Breakfast. October 7, 1964, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Joslyn Center.

29. City Manager Ferraro called attention to Item C For Information Only, the financial statement of the Municipal Airport.

30. City Manager Ferraro introduced Mr. Stanley Swarts who will be working with Mr. Shartle on Advanced Planning and he was welcomed to the City's staff.

31. Councilman Lyman said he would like to talk about something which has been of concern to him. One of the local papers carried an article on Federal aid as to the proposed municipal golf course. The article did not favor this federal assistance and Mr. Lyman quoted therefrom and disagreed with the statement that Torrance "cannot afford the questionable benefit of having Federal funds made available for the project." Mr. Lyman wondered what they might have meant by questionable benefit and said he feels if a project is sound it is perfectly proper to use Federal funds especially in Torrance which must accept population which comes from all over the United States demanding services and facilities. Torrance Airport, Redondo Beach Harbor, Redondo Urban Redevelopment, Los Angeles Harbor, Vincent Thomas Bridge and a great deal of the San Diego Freeway were built with Federal money and the Little Company of Mary is conducting heart research with a federal grant to mention only part of the Southern California projects who were thus financed. In consideration of the large income tax all of the citizens pay, we should take advantage of federal funds wherever possible, providing it is for a proper project.

32. Councilman Olson said last week a group of homeowners and members of the Council met with commissioners from the Airport and the Planning Commission to discuss the proposed rezoning of the land at the end of the airport runway along Hawthorne Avenue. As a result of good progress, four of the six areas have been resolved and will be on the agenda September 22nd for Council consideration along with the proposed ordinance thereon. He was pleased to see the way in which City Staff, commissioners and homeowners worked together toward a sensible solution.

33. In the same connection, City Attorney Remelmeyer asked Council permission to hire two appraisers: Howard Martin and George Fisher to appraise the area between Madison and Park, 236th and 238th, the C-2 property. The land up to the alley between Park and Hawthorne, 238th and 240th should be included. No amount has been set by the appraisers, but Mr. Remelmeyer would like to get them started on the appraisal with an estimate for ratification to be on next week's council agenda. There are about 100 parcels to be appraised and the figure tentatively mentioned was \$1750 for approximately two weeks work.

Councilman Beasley moved to authorize the City Attorney to contact the two appraisers to engage them to start the appraisal of the land between 238th and 240th Streets and report back next week on the price. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. Councilman Sciarrotta refuted the statements made by Mr. Lyman as to Federal aid. He mentioned the Rotary Club's gift of the building at El Retiro Park, the gifts from the Ladies of Victor Precinct as to their park, Joslyn Center and other improvements which have gone forward without Federal government help. He feels that when the Government gives something they want to control it and eventually there will be no local rule left. Even so, the money they distribute so freely is the money which belongs to the people themselves. Federal aid could very well be accomplished by simply leaving some of the money taken by income tax in the community.

35. Councilman Sciarrotta said the people of the City of Torrance have 450 acres of land valued at approximately \$16,000,000 most of which consists of school sites -34 elementary schools and 4 high schools scattered throughout the city. These sites are not used to their fullest extent. There has been a great deal of reciprocity between City Government and the School system and sixteen of the schools are being used for organized activities. He would like to see the other 22 schools also so used and suggested that parents take part in supervision of this recreation program. Our City is growing fast; open space is limited and it is necessary to make a study of how to make use of the schools to the fullest extent. He suggested this project be turned over to the Youth Welfare Commission to make a study and report to the City Council after consulting with the Recreation Department and the School system officials. They should find out if there are interested parents in each school neighborhood who are capable and interested in taking part in youth activities after school hours; they should find out about the liability of the City and/or schools in event of such a program; and after study, list all the pros and cons. A trip to Long Beach would assist by familiarizing themselves with what is being done there.

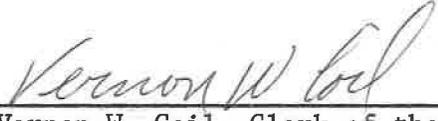
City Manager Ferraro will respond to these suggestions by a report for next Council meeting.

36. Councilman Vico asked what is being done about the speeding in the Riviera section near Via la Circula and Avenida Atezada. Mr. Kovach of Traffic Engineering will look into it.

37. Mr. David Elliott of 21005 Reynolds Drive asked if and when the Police towing will be put out for bid. He had been told, he said by several different persons, that it would be done before now.

City Manager Ferraro said he is not prepared to answer the question at this particular time. The towing contract procedures have evolved over a long period of time and it is difficult to change procedures that have been going on for sixteen years or so and move into new ones. The exact method of procedure has not been decided on but is being studied and a report will go to the Council when a conclusion is reached. He would like to have at least ninety days to study and evaluate the matter and will advise Mr. Elliott when the study is completed.

38. On motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned to 6:45 p.m., on September 22, 1964, by unanimous roll call vote.

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

APPROVED:  
  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary