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Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
 MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY
 COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, September 22, 1964, at 6:45 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, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Miller arrived a few minutes later. Also in attendance were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Charles F. Catterlin 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:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meetings held September 8 and September 15, 1964 were approved as written, there being no objection thereto.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all demands 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.

Mayor Isen apologized to the meeting for the manner in which the agenda listed the item which was to have been heard at 6:45, the normal agenda to start at 8:00. For this reason, he suggested that the presentations be taken care of at this time to permit the children to leave the meeting.

Mrs. Eva Bisou was introduced by Mayor Isen as President of the Torrance Safety Council and she in turn explained the poster contest and presented Certificates of Merit to the winners: Annette Brown, Frank Dooney, Lee Downs, Vicki Shigekuni, Michael Macy and Isabelle Korn. Appreciation was expressed of the work of Erika Muhl who instructed the children. On behalf of the Council Mayor Isen congratulated all the children.

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25. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OF GARAGE SERVICE MAN - resubmitted. City Attorney submitting Notice of Findings of Fact, etc., re jurisdiction of Civil Service Commission 20 days after request for written charges.

Mayor Isen announced the Council would now sit as a review board on this matter and invited the attorney for the appellant to speak.

Attorney Milton L. Most of 1680 Vine Street, Hollywood, spoke for his client, Milton K. Conn. He stated Mr. Conn was discharged from his position on April 20, 1964 and on April 24th appealed his discharge to the Civil Service Commission. He was not granted a hearing within the prescribed 20 days, but on the contrary was granted a hearing on August 24, 1964, more than four months from the time of his discharge. Scheduled hearings were cancelled on June 10 and June 17. On July 8th, no quorum of the commission was present and the matter was not heard although the subject employee and his attorney were present and ready to proceed.

On July 29th the Commission met for the purpose of deciding whether or not it had jurisdiction; decided it did have jurisdiction and finally on August 24th heard the matter and by 3 to 1 vote sustained the discharge of Mr. Conn. He stated the record is one of delay and laxity on the part of the Civil Service Commission in scheduling the hearing and in violation of the City ordinance which requires the hearing take place within 20 days. Mr. Most did not believe that the opinion of the City Attorney that the failure to proceed within 20 days did not terminate jurisdiction was correct. He believed Mr. Remelmeyer's advice to the Commission was erroneous and he did not agree with his interpretation and quotations from the Steen case cited by the City Attorney. He pointed out in detail the distinguishing features of difference between the case at hand and the case quoted. The factual question, he said, is whether or not the four months delay was an unreasonable delay and he believes it was. He believed under the circumstances and the law he cited, the employee should be reinstated.

Another case quoted was Pearson vs. the County of Los Angeles, 49 Cal. 2d 523, a subsequent case which repeated the language of the Steen case and Mr. Most pointed out the distinctions here from the subject case, in which there was no delay or laxity on the part of the employee in connection with scheduling the hearing.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Most to confine his presentation to the case, rather than the jurisdiction. City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged some good law in favor of Mr. Most and his client, but stated complete research has led him to believe that the conclusion of Mr. Most is not correct. This is a technical matter disputed by experts in the field and Mr. Remelmeyer thought it well for laymen to suspend judgment. This is a matter of decision by a court of law and the Council should accept the City Attorney's view of the jurisdictional question.

City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested a motion be made to the effect that the Council has assumed jurisdiction, or that the Civil Service Commission had jurisdiction and therefore the Council has jurisdiction on appeal, based on the City Attorney's opinion. Councilman Beasley so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen stated if Mr. Most is not successful before this body he has the right of appeal, including the jurisdiction question, before the courts. The question now before the Council is whether or not the action of the Civil Service Commission was proper and what the Council wishes to do.

Mr. Most stated his opinion differs from that of the City Attorney and he feels a lawsuit is probable. He spoke at length on the facts of the case, dealing with the amount of absence from the job of the employee as a result of work injuries and the reasons therefor during the six and one-half years of his employment. Comparisons were made with the records and duties of other garage servicemen.

The principal objection is to the lack of hearing within the prescribed time and the resulting hardship to Mr. Conn. On July 20th because of this bad situation and delay, a stipulation between Mr. Most and Mr. Catterlin and the City Manager, returned Mr. Conn to work without prejudice to either side. He asked that the Council consider what this does to the morale of City employees and to the general policy of the City of Torrance to find employment for employees who are injured in line of duty.

Under all the circumstances, Mr. Most asked that the City reinstate Mr. Conn to his position as Garage Serviceman.

The councilmen asked Mr. Most various questions regarding the facts of the case which he answered, referring to the transcript of testimony.

Charles F. Catterlin, representing the City of Torrance presented the City's case. He stated Mr. Conn received compensation from the Compensation Fund of the State for 72 days of lost time not including the time he was off after having been fired, and explained the method of figuring time off. He quoted verbatim portions of the testimony in comparing the record of Mr. Conn with that of other employees. He stated Mr. Conn's accident record was 674.92 for six and one-half years as compared with the 1963 average of the entire city employees of 17, using a set formula of the safety council which is standard in industry. He stated Mr. Conn had a chronic ability to propel himself into situations of accidents and lost time, failing to pay any attention to standards of the department, or safety rules.

Councilman Lyman expressed some doubt as to the jurisdictional question involved.

Councilman Beasley asked if the Council had any power to force the meeting of the Civil Service Commission. One member of the Commission was on excused absence in Europe, leaving four members to draw upon. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the only power the Council would have would be to replace the members of the commission. The only purpose of putting Mr. Conn back to work was to mitigate any damages which he was claiming because of not having a speedy hearing. Councilman Lyman felt it might indicate there was some validity in the contention that there was too long a delay.

Mayor Isen outlined the various conditions which would warrant discharge under the ordinance: 1. misconduct, 2. incompetency, 3. inefficiency, 4. failure to perform duties, and 5. failure to obey rules and regulations of the department. He asked for testimony from the transcript as to each of the five specifications, and Mr. Catterlin pointed out what he considered to be violations of each. He has been moved from job to job and has been unable to perform any of them because of his many back injuries.

Mr. Catterlin offered to exhibit to the Council a yellow page which he said was an attempt to get people to attend and boo at the hearing on Mr. Conn's case. Mr. Most objected to its being shown and Mayor Isen remarked that the decision was in favor of Mr. Catterlin's client in any event.

Mr. Most presented his rebuttal and referred to a previous Civil Service Commission hearing involving discrimination against Mr. Conn. It was satisfactorily resolved. That was several years ago and did not refer to any injuries. He felt the percentages and ratio figures magnified the situation beyond reason. Most mechanics in the garage treat their own injuries from the first aid kit although the rule is to report to the nurse and that is what Mr. Conn did. Mr. Most again recounted the various injuries and whether or not any time was lost thereby. He did not feel Mr. Conn had a bad record.

The time necessary for a lawsuit will cause further hardship to Mr. Conn and his family as well as expense and uncertainty to the City of Torrance and should not be taken lightly. In conclusion Mr. Most asked for special consideration for an employee who was injured on the job and that he be reinstated to his job.

Councilman Beasley moved for a ten minute recess and there was no objection. The Council recessed at 7:54 and returned to session at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Isen stated the Council having heard the arguments of counsel should now express its pleasure as a board of review. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the verdict that appellant is guilty of the offenses alleged in Counts I through IV of the statement of charges as set forth in the Findings of Fact and that the discharge effected by Ken McRae, Garage Superintendent, Theodore E. Donovan, Personnel Director, and Edward J. Ferraro, City Manager, be sustained. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote, except for Mayor Isen who said he could find no grounds and stated he believes Mr. Conn will be back after a Court hearing.

Councilman Lyman stated he believes the record spoke for itself and what took place was justified. However, he did not like the delay in holding the hearing and thought there might be merit in the argument that Mr. Conn did not receive the treatment he was entitled to. He said it was unfortunate that the delay clouded the issues and steps should be taken to insure that hearings are held in a timely fashion and if that proves impossible that steps be taken to comply with the requirements. Without that particular problem, he said there would appear to be not much controversy in this case.

Mayor Isen noted Officer Jackson and the winners of the 11th Annual Youth Safety Run. Officer Jackson and Pat Barber and Chuck McCutcheon of Pharoah's Pacers came forward. Pat and Chuck took third place in their class, driving a 1964 Dodge from Tom Rody Dodge Agency in Gardena. A perma plaque resolution was presented by Mayor Isen into the keeping of Officer Jackson for repose at some future time on the walls of a clubhouse.

Officer Jackson requested seven copies of this resolution, just the paper variety, but with original signatures. Tidewater Oil Company is very interested in becoming cosponsor to the tune of \$10,000. A copy of the resolution sent to the New York advertising agency for Tidewater will help that cause immeasurably.

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Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedures for the benefit of the audience and the Council launched into the long regular agenda for the evening.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. CASE NO. 64-69 - CHANGE OF ZONE - TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to M-1 and P-1 on property described as a portion of Lots 69 and 70, McDonald tract. Recommended for approval. Letter of protest from Bruce H. Wade.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication as to Items 9, 10, 11 and 13 and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the conditions outlined in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the recommendation for approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. CASE NO. 64-72 - CHANGE OF ZONE - CATHERINE LABOURE CHURCH. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to R-3 on property described as a portion of Lot 24, McDonald Tract. Recommended for approval. Letter of approval from Peter A. and Elizabeth Taylor.

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

11. CASE NO. 64-73 - CHANGE OF ZONE - GULF OIL CORP. OF CALIFORNIA (Jim Cochrane) Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to C-3 on property described as a portion of Lot 10, McDonald Tract located on west side of Hawthorne, south side of 186th St. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this case and there was no response. Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. CASE NO. 64-53 - CHANGE OF ZONE - TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION (Resubmitted) Change of zone from R-1, A-1 and C-2 to R-1 (controlled C-5) C-5, M-1 and R-3. Area generally bounded by Ocean Avenue, Madison Avenue, Lomita Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, being a portion of Meadow Park Tract. Recommended for approval. (hearing continued from the September 8th meeting). Letter from Ludvik E. and Agnes Padrnos regarding this case in protest.

Councilman Olson reported the results of the meeting held on Friday, September 11th, between the Airport Committee of the Council, certain property owners, the City Manager, City Attorney Planning Director and President of the Planning Commission. The group believe certain of the areas are capable of solution immediately and others must be held until such time as it is determined whether city funds or Airport funds are available to purchase the property of those homeowners who wish to move from the area. It is practical to lift the building moratorium in certain of the sections, such as the vacant land. Those areas are designated as B, C and D and have been so referred to in these hearings.

Mr. Ted Koletos's concern is with the area designated as A and he insists the moratorium be lifted tonight. Mr. J. B. Mosley of 23846 Ward, represents the property owners in the area designated as E.

City Manager Ferraro said Councilman Olson's synopsis is accurate and explained Exhibit B attached to the agenda is the result of the meeting, by which areas A and E would be continued in the moratorium (including the property extending up to the alley between Hawthorne and Park Street. All the remainder would be recommended for rezoning in conformance with the Planning Commission's recommendations. There is, however, one further change. He asked the Council to consider, in addition to other controls, that an avigation easement be required in addition to the dedication of the alley within six months.

Mayor Isen accordingly moved that the requirement for avigation easement be included as to that particular part of Area B, as shown by Exhibit B. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

The property owners have allowed the city a little "breathing space" or time to allow the City to investigate ways and means of acquiring the particular area. Mr. Ferraro described the results of the meeting as rewarding.

Mr. Mosley said there is a small misunderstanding in that he has represented the property owners in the 23800 block on Park, Madison and Ward and when the areas were divided into A, B, C, D and E, the line was drawn down the middle of Park Street, putting the west side of Park Street in another area and in the committee meeting he asked if that line could be moved to the alleyway between Park and Hawthorne and it has been so moved. Mr. Mosley was shown that it goes only to 234th, not to Lomita Boulevard as he had understood. There is no problem in this respect and Mr. Mosley acknowledged it.

Mr. Mosley said the only difference between himself and Mr. Koletos' wishes is that Mr. Koletos wants the line to go back as originally planned and he would like to have it stay at the alley in the 23800 block.

Mr. Koletos said he had worked 15 years toward the degree of agreement reached tonight. His area of interest is 238th to 234th, Hawthorne to Madison, Hawthorne to west of Park, and 240th to 234th.

City Manager Ferraro requested on behalf of the staff that there be no deletion of any portion of the property lying east of the alley between Hawthorne and Park Street because all this property is equally distant from the Airport perimeter fence. Councilman Olson informed Mr. Koletos the moratorium was scheduled to go a full sixty days more. The three areas of non-controversial property need not be held up. The property of Mr. Koletos is vacant but some of the property is not and thus is controversial. As chairman of the Committee, moved to lift the moratorium in the non-controversial areas. Mr. Koletos wants M-1 and C-5, he said, and tonight. Mr. Beasley stated A and E are to be held in the moratorium and the other areas not be rezoned until such time as the financial situation is determined.

City Clerk Coil read a letter of protest from John R. Collins.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Shartle what motions would produce the desired effect and Mr. Shartle said to leave Areas A and E as indicated on Exhibit B until a study is completed, and to zone Areas B, C and D in accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, except that the westerly side of Hawthorne Avenue from 238th to Lomita Boulevard would be placed in C-3 zone if the property owners in the area dedicate an alley in accordance with the exhibit and grant an avigation easement. Those property owners who do not so dedicate and grant within six months would have their property placed in the A-1 controlled C-3 zone and the balance of the property rezoned C-3.

Airport Manager Egan asked that the property known as the Yamiguchi property which extends easterly of the alley between Ward and Park Street down to the highway be also included in the moratorium for study and recommendation. Councilman Beasley did not agree.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Director as set forth in the paragraph second above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Ferraro said there is some validity to the concern of the Airport Manager and asked if the Council would consider the area Mr. Egan spoke of (half approximately of the part marked "B" fronting on Pacific Coast Highway and Madison to the east), the Yamiguchi property as also being held to C-5 for avigation easement and necessary protection to the City (C-5 controlled). He said he would talk with the Yamiguchi people and if they are amenable to the avigation easement, their property could be removed from the moratorium.

Councilman Miller moved in accordance with Mr. Ferraro's suggestion and Councilman Beasley seconded.

Planning Director Shartle called to the attention of the Council that it will be a month and a half or two months before the ordinance which will effect the change can be processed and effective. During that time objectionable construction could occur.

His recommendation would be to lift the moratorium at such time as the zoning becomes effective. There is a little conflict in the previous motion and the statement by Mr. Ferraro in that respect. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Shartle to watch this situation at the time the ordinance comes back.

Under these circumstances, Councilman Beasley moved that the Yamiguchi property be excluded from the lifting of the moratorium until such time as the City Manager and the Planning Director direct that it is property for it to be included. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and Councilman Miller withdrew his previous motion.

Roll call vote on Mr. Beasley's motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

City Attorney Remelmeyer made a statement on this matter to the effect that the moratorium will not be lifted until the Council considers the ordinance repealing the previous ordinance and the rezoning will not be in effect for about six weeks. In four weeks there will be presented the ordinance rezoning in accordance with the vote tonight and at that time the ordinance lifting the moratorium should be presented so they will take effect simultaneously. He said the hearing should be continued to a time certain in order that the Council not lose jurisdiction. Within that sixty days the City Manager can also determine the financial questions: the possible source of funds which could be available which are not available now and/or any other participating programs the City could utilize in order to acquire this property.

Mr. Ed Feister who is a property owner in the area complained about the moratorium continuing for another sixty days, but was told it is the same sixty days - they will run concurrently.

Councilman Beasley moved to continue this hearing until October 27, 1964, at 8:00 p.m. and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A recess was declared at 9:00 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 9:15.

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Mayor Isen said there is a delegation present with respect to traffic problems at Anza Avenue and 226th Street and if there is no objection, this matter would be heard at this time.

Phyllis Cloyd of 22410 Anza Avenue said she represents the Victoria Terrace Homeowners Association and asked for a crossing guard at 226th and Anza. She presented a letter from the principal of the new Joseph Arnold School to the City Clerk and he read it later. The request is for a crossing guard immediately and a committee of Council, Traffic Commission and parents to make this a permanent guard. She said a survey from 8:30 to 9:15 had shown the same number of cars at this corner and at Halison and Anza where there is a guard. She thanked whoever was responsible for bringing in police protection immediately on Monday morning.

Principal Hall's letter was read aloud by City Clerk Coil, and it contained the same request.

City Manager Ferraro said this has been to the Traffic Commission and it has been determined it does not set the standard set for warranting crossing guards. It is being studied and about ten days necessary for completion of study was requested.

Councilman Beasley moved to put a temporary crossing guard at the corner of 226th and Anza until the study is completed. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. The adjacent school is a new one and a different situation exists than that which was in effect a few months ago. The other matters of concern should go to the Traffic Commission.

City Manager Ferraro stated this is the first time there has been a direct request from an individual school principal; normally the schools process their requests through the Administrative office of the Unified School District and they are relayed from there to the City. It will not be advisable to deal directly with each of the 37 schools in the City.

Councilman Miller was glad to recall that STOP signs had been placed at this corner some time back.

Roll call vote on the motion to authorize a temporary crossing guard until such time as the study is completed and a permanent recommendation made was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked that the citizens take up the other problems by writing to the Traffic Commission and that the temporary crossing guard be put on the corner as soon as possible.

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13. CASE NO. 64-⁷⁴~~75~~ - VARIANCE - LEONA BASHORE, 1741 Border Avenue. Formal hearing on a variance to convert portion of existing church into living quarters in M-1 zone. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and for denial by Planning Department.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this case and Mr. Floyd Miller spoke for Mrs. Bashore who is the minister of the church and wishes to bring the living quarters up to good condition for her own use. She owns the building and has brought it up to meet the Fire code requirements. It would never be rented out and a condition of the approval would be that it be used only for the minister's residence.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 23065, James S. Bower, Subdivider, South Bay Engineering Corp., Engineers. 13 lots located northerly of Pacific Coast Highway between Ocean Avenue and Los Codona. C-2 zone. Recommended for approval.

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

15. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28230, DON WILSON, Subdivider; Engineering Service Corp., engineers. 210 lots located westerly of Crenshaw and northerly of 235th Street in Zones R-1 and R-3. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approving Final Tract Map No. 28230. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson (because it is the only piece of property which would not grant an avigation easement)

Councilman Olson's remark was answered by City Attorney Remel-meyer with the thought that although it is not a condition of the tract map, an effort should be made to obtain such easement. On the small center portion only, the avigation easement has been had but City Manager Ferraro will try on the balance of the tract also. However, this final tract map conforms to the tentative and is therefore approved.

16. REVISIONS TO THE RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT (R-P) Proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1534

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 7-X TO APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT (R-P) AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE LAND USES FOR SUCH ZONE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1534 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. PRECISE PLAN ORDINANCE.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1535

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954 (THE OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE) BY ADDING SECTION 21X THERETO TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR PRECISE PLANNING.

Councilman Olson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1535 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE RE PIGEONS AND DOVES.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to alternate designated as "B":

ORDINANCE NO. 1536

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF PIGEONS AND DOVES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1536 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

19. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREETS; Resolution re Tract No. 27811.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES LOTS 165, 166, 167, 168, and 169, TRACT NO. 27811 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED LOTS 232ND STREET, 232ND STREET, 231st STREET, 231st STREET, AND 230th PLACE, RESPECTIVELY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-192 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. ORDINANCE ON ACCEPTANCE OF CASH IN LIEU OF CONSTRUCTION.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1537

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 25.34 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONS REQUIRING CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENT AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 25.34 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER AND PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING OF A CASH DEPOSIT OR BOND AS A CONDITION OF THE SUSPENSION OF SUCH PROVISIONS.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1537 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

21. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND: Proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1538

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 34.59 OF CHAPTER 34 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND PROVIDING A DEFERRED PAYMENT METHOD ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND FEES FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1538 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

22. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS: Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Maine Construction Co. for an extension of time for temporary billboards be approved.

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

23. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION - ROLLING HILLS PLAZA. Recommendation to deny request.

Jim Bower, one of the partners in Rolling Hills Plaza, 32 Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes, stated he and Al Levitt are requesting an extension of the building permit time limit and he described the proposed building which would contain 71 apartment units, primarily one bedroom, singles and bachelor apartments. They have been working on the project for two years; the plans were in before the deadline on the parking space ordinance and there was no intention to circumvent the ordinance. There is now invested in plans, loan deposit and engineering about \$26,300 and another ninety days are necessary to obtain the loan and start construction. For these reasons, Mr. Bower asked extension of the building permit time.

City Manager Ferraro recalled the time given for applications to come in and the flood of requests before the deadline. The Council instructed at that time that the permits would have to be clean - that is, not subject to variance, zone changes, or waivers. Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of denial but there was no second.

Councilman Miller asked the Building Superintendent how much hardship is involved and Mr. McKinnon explained why he does not feel it is fair to extend the time. Councilman Miller thought it is a financial problem only and both Councilman Beasley and Mayor Isen believed relief should be given. Councilman Beasley moved that the time be extended to January 10, 1965 and Mayor Isen seconded the motion. Each case, he said, must be considered on its own merits. Councilman Vico did not agree and asked the councilmen to remember this when another man comes and asks for an extension.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

24. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE OF TRAILER. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Francis P. Torino for temporary use of trailer, be denied.

No plans have been filed for this site; the trailer would be placed on the site next to the Associated Service Station at 226th and Hawthorne.

Councilman Beasley moved to file the communication until such time as plans are submitted. Once plans are filed, no request would be necessary. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and there was no objection.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OF GARAGE SERVICEMAN. This item was considered earlier in this meeting.

26. NEW POSITIONS: Resolution amending salary and range resolution No. 64-122 to add certain new positions with their salaries.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-122 TO ADD CERTAIN NEW POSITIONS, WITH THEIR SALARY RANGES, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-193 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT - IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO MADRONA AVENUE (Project No. SS-108) Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract in the amount of \$53,010.91, be awarded to Ken H. Jones & Co.

28. AWARD OF CONTRACTS (1) Sanitary Sewers in Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue, (2) Sanitary sewers in Border Avenue at Santa Fe Ry. North of Sepulveda Boulevard. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that J. E. Popovich be awarded contracts, in amounts of \$12,345.08 and \$2,312.80 respectively.

Mayor Isen moved that the recommendations of the City Engineer be concurred in and all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

29. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$8,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sanitary sewers in future Maricopa Street easterly of Earl Street.

30. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND. Recommendation from City Engineer with concurrence of City Manager, that \$2,500 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sanitary sewers in the 1st alley east of Hawthorne Avenue north of 186th Street.

31. TRAVEL REQUEST: Chief of Police, with concurrence of City Manager requesting permission for Detective James E. Davis to attend the 15th Annual Western States Safe Burglary Investigators' Conference in San Diego from September 23 through 25, 1964, with appropriate expenses, a budget item.

32. City Manager submitting for approval expenditures of over \$300.

1. \$1,156.45 to Duncan Hunter for one twin post lift, Weaver EC-102, including installation charge, for the City Garage, a budget item.

As to Items 29, 30, 31, 32, Mayor Isen moved to approve the requests for approval contained in each. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

33. KAY ISHIBASHI TRANSFER OF FARMING AGREEMENTS TO TOM T. ISHIBASHI. Airport Commission President Doss' recommendation of consent.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN KAY ISHIBASHI AND TOM T. ISHIBASHI AND AMENDMENT TO FARMING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOM T. ISHIBASHI AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR LAND ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-194 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. Ishibashi if the City wanted part of this land to erect a building, maybe, would he quitclaim or release that land from the lease and remove his crop. City Attorney Remel-meyer answered that the lease is cancellable and the lessee has no rights beyond thirty days. Roll call vote on the motion to adopt was unanimously favorable.

34. ROBERT MARKS REQUEST TO LEASE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN STAFF FOR NEGOTIATION. Airport Commission President submitting Commission's recommendation matter be filed as matter of record.

There being no objection, the communication was ordered filed.

35. LARUE C. THOMAS REQUEST FOR LEASE TO BUILD T-HANGARS IS IN STAFF FOR NEGOTIATION: Recommendation of Commission to file as matter of record.

City Manager Ferraro made a statement regarding the T-hangar situation, substantially as follows: On the recent zoning case at the west end of the airport property and discussion of additional revenue, the City's policy is that the airport should be self-supporting. At a recent meeting of the Airport Committee of the Council, a projection of the impact of this west end zoning would be on the airport revenue structure. It appears to be getting to the point where there will be no more renting out of t-hangars or allowing them to be built by other persons; that the City will have to get into the T-hangar business in order to bring in revenue. He asked for an expression of the Council on this subject before making any statement which might be misleading to Mr. Larue Thomas

Mayor Isen moved to refer this matter to the Airport Committee of the Council for decision and that Mr. Thomas then be advised.

36. AIRPORT LEASE - E. E. WILSON. City Attorney submitting for approval and adoption resolution authorizing execution of lease between City and Edwin E. and Darlene Wilson dated January 1, 1965.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED JANUARY 1, 1965, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ERWIN E. AND DARLENE WILSON.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-195 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. PARK AND RECREATION: ANNUAL TOUR OF RECREATION AREAS. Request of Chairman of Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, for expenditure of \$75 to cover expenses of the tour, and inviting the City Council to accompany the commissioners on the tour.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to take note and approve the date set, Mayor Isen seconded and it was so ordered.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

38. Communication from City Manager regarding the problem of skunks.

The recommendation is to authorize the City's purchase of 25 animal traps at approximately \$7.50 each, or a total cost of \$187.50. City Manager Ferraro explained the reason for the recommendation. The agreement with the Humane Society is on the basis of registerable animals; this is an additional service for which the City will be responsible.

Mr. Bob Mulford, 3913 Cathann, told of his experiences with the problem and assured the Council he and his neighbors will appreciate anything that can be done toward solving it.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to purchase the 25 traps and operate the program as recommended. Councilman Olson seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

39. BASE FOR JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL. Chairman of Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, commending Salvatore R. Dragotto of the Park Department, for the fine design work on the base for the John F. Kennedy memorial.

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

40. City Clerk's annual reminder of the approach of Junior Citizens' Day, November 24, 1964.

There being no objection, this communication was noted and filed.

41. Recommendation of City Manager that Torrance be represented at the Inter-American Municipal Congress Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 4 - 8, 1964, with appropriate expenses.

Mayor Isen announced this recommendation was made at his request and that his attendance would be valuable to the City because of the information on Sister Cities which could be obtained. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that our City be so represented at this conference and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried as follows:

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

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Going back to Item 40, City Manager Ferraro asked the Council its wishes regarding a chairman of the Junior Citizens' Day arrangements.

Mayor Isen said he would meet with the young people for briefing as he has done in the past and Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the project be handled as previously, with Administration in charge. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

42. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 22468, Subdivider, R. A. Watt. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager that bond No. 036562 in the amount of \$73,750 be released.

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

43. QUITCLAIM OF STREET EASEMENT IN LOT 96, TRACT NO. 2200. City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption resolution authorizing execution of subject quitclaim deed, to correct an error in the legal description of a previously accepted street easement deed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE RECORD OWNERS, JOINTLY OR IN SEVERALTY AS THEIR INTERESTS MAY APPEAR, OF A PORTION OF LOT 96, TRACT 2200.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-196 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

44. No. 1533.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1533 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

45. RECENT SOVEREIGN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY HI-RISE PROPOSAL.

Mayor Isen commented that none of the councilmen had studied this as it just came to them and on his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, it was ordered held for consideration at the next Council meeting.

46. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE BUILDING - SOVEREIGN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

The recommendation is to permit the temporary office building to remain in its present location for sixty days and if plans are not in at that time for the proposed building, that the temporary office building be removed.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the two months extension recommended and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

47. ROBERT JAHN'S APPLICATION TO PRESENT CLAIM, WITH CLAIM, DATED January 30, 1964, against the City of Torrance for alleged damages.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: Mayor Isen (he is named as one against whom the claim would be filed.)

48. ORDINANCE setting forth the hours of work of members of the Police Department.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this would also be held until next week's meeting; there was no objection.

49. City Manager submitting for Council approval additional expenditures of over \$300.

1. \$313.75 to Burnison, Titti and Associates, for an original and one copy of transcript of Milton Conn Discharge hearing.

Councilman Olson asked who ordered this transcript and he pointed out what he considered to be discrepancies in the amount charged on each of three hearings for reporting transcript services, as well as the difference between the way it was handled in each case by the Legal Department. City Attorney Remelmeyer told the Council the decision was not to ask for a transcript in the first hearing; in the second, the Council asked for a transcript and in the third, he had assumed they would need one to perform their function as an appeal tribunal. Mr. Knickerbocker offered the information that Mr. Most would pay \$100 of the amount mentioned and Mayor Isen said the matter would be held until next Council meeting and in the meantime, to see if the \$100 could be collected. City Manager Ferraro reminded the council that part of the \$313.75 was due to the fact that the reporter waited three hours before it was determined there would be no quorum, on July 29th. A policy will be established on this type of cost as a part of the procedure on these employee appeals, asked for by the Council last week.

50. WHITE CANE DAYS - Mayor Isen proclaimed September 28 through October 3, 1964 as WHITE CANE DAYS.

51. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TORRANCE ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-197 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Isen asked that the resolution be ready for signature so that it can be mailed to arrive in time for the anniversary observance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

52. Councilman Vico commented on the attractive appearance of Torrance Beach and expressed appreciation of the efforts of the Torrance Beautiful Commission and the County for planting the palm trees.

53. Mayor Isen mentioned the case involving Mary Margaret Little's injuries and said he had received a telephone call from Philadelphia backed up by a telegram today from the Philadelphia Inquirer offering \$2500 reward for apprehension of the responsible person. He turned the telegram over to Chief Koenig.

54. Attorney William J. McCabe asked if the Council, or the City Manager has an answer to his letter regarding re-employing Stanley Ray Martin and John Paul Brady.

Mayor Isen said Mr. McCabe has a right to exhaust all remedies and asked Mr. Remelmeyer for an opinion. City Attorney Remelmeyer distributed copies of his opinion No. 64-46 to all pertinent persons present and a short recess was declared so the opinion might be studied.

The Council reconvened and City Attorney Remelmeyer orally confirmed that his opinion is that as to Martin and Brady, referral should be made to the Civil Service Commission; as to Watts there could be no Commission jurisdiction in that he was still in a probationary period.

City Manager Ferraro stated he does not believe the Civil Service Commission has jurisdiction and Councilman Lyman moved to hold the matter over for a week. He read from the letter received from Attorney McCabe and stated under the circumstances he believed the relief asked should be before a court of law rather than City administration. Councilman Miller seconded the motion by Councilman Lyman to hold this for a week.

Mr. McCabe asked that the Council take the required amount of time to study this tonight. Councilman Lyman moved the previous question; Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

The previous question was to postpone the matter for a week and roll call vote was:

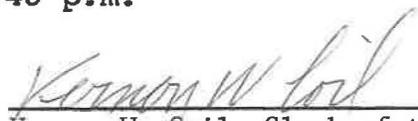
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Just before the Council's adjournment, Councilman Olson asked that his vote be changed to an abstention because of having worked closely with Mr. Martin's brother in law for ten years, as well as having been a fellow employee with Mr. Martin before he came to the City employ.

55. Mr. Ted Koletos attempted to gain the attention of the Council but was unsuccessful.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.


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

APPROVED

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary