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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 1964, 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, and Vico. Mayor Isen was absent on City business. Councilman Sciarrotta acted as Mayor. Also attending were City Manager Ferraro and Mr. Richard Knickerbocker from the Legal Department.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor pro tem Sciarrotta, Miss Caroline Cox, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend William J. Roleder of First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 29, 1964 were approved as written, roll call vote being unanimously favorable (Mayor Isen absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Beasley 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 Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Mayor Isen absent)

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Quite a number of people were present on the matter involving application for a heliport at the Radium Theater location and Mayor pro tem Sciarrotta said if there was no objection, that matter would be heard at this time. There was no objection.

City Manager Ferraro stated that prior to the distribution of the regular agenda, there had been received an application from Donald E. Pearson, Chief, Airspace Utilization Branch of the Federal Aviation Agency, regarding a proposal to locate a helistop at approximately the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Redondo Beach Boulevard. The Cities of Lawndale, Gardena and Torrance were asked to comment on that location. Two recommendations are made by the City Manager: 1. request that the City Council through the Planning Commission deny any application for permission to establish a helistop and 2. simultaneously, that the City Council instruct the Airport Commission and the Planning Commission to study the question of heliport landings within the City of Torrance and make a recommendation.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations just set forth as 1. and 2. and in the letter from the Airport Manager concurred in by the City Manager, as paragraphs A. and B. Councilman Vico seconded the motion. In effect, this would deny the present application and refer to the Airport and Planning Commissions for study of a possible site, if any. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Isen absent).

The audience was informed that public hearings would be held at Planning Commission level.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 64-75 - CHANGE OF ZONE - KARL BAUER, 14100 Cerise Avenue, Hawthorne. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on property located on the south side of 186th Street between Amie and Bailey. Recommended for denial.

Mayor pro tem Sciarrotta asked if anyone wished to be heard, this being a public hearing and Mr. Jack Spahn of 343 Hawthorne Way, Hawthorne, spoke on behalf of Mr. Bauer. He explained the proponent cannot continue the present use of his property as a farm lease because of the great increase in taxes. In 1963 the tax bill was \$1213.63 and he receives only \$400 per year on the lease for farming. He exhibited a sketch of the type of four unit apartment houses which are planned on this four acre parcel, and quoted population increase figures which he said would substantiate the need for apartments.

Councilman Olson feared the granting of this change of zone would set a precedent for any other property in the area. There had been a statement that it would take two or three years to decide on proper zoning for this area under the master plan and Councilman Lyman doubted it would take that long. City Manager Ferraro explained that this is standard for a master plan for the entire city and not for considering one small area at a time. He would not recommend that the area be studied separately. The recommendation of the Planning Director is for M-1.

Councilman Miller reminded Mr. Spahn that the property value has increased, probably even more than the taxes have. He proposed to instruct the Planning Commission to take this under immediate study because of the urgency of the large piece of land, to ascertain guide lines for zoning the particular piece, as being necessary under the circumstances.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the change of zone and Councilman Olson seconded. Mr. Spahn asked if it could not be referred back to the Planning Commission rather than denied and Councilman

Miller rephrased his motion to refer the case back to the Planning Commission for study and that the Planning Commission undertake a study of the entire area from Prairie over to Hawthorne Avenue. Councilman Olson seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta stated his reason to be that the Planning Commission and Planning Department had concurred in the recommendation that a study be made and he would like to see an orderly development of the City of Torrance.

City Manager Ferraro remarked that Mr. Spahn is a recognized authority on condominium developments throughout California.

9. CASE NO. 64-79 - VARIANCE - PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY.
 Formal hearing on a variance of off-street parking ordinance to include construction of a two-story and basement building addition (11,498 square feet) to the rear of existing building at 1301 Cravens Avenue. Recommended for approval.

City Manager Ferraro called attention to some supplemental information which was given to the council members and Councilman Beasley recommended this matter be taken under advisement.

Mayor pro tem Sciarrotta asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mr. H. W. Clark of Pacific Telephone Company came forward. He described the proposed building as being two story with full basement and stated the company seeks variance from the off-street parking ordinance No. 1019 for the reason that the building while classified as commercial, is actually a highly specialized building used for telephone equipment only and has a total payroll of nine employees; eight on the day shift and one at night. There are not in fact eight cars driven as the employees double up on transportation.

Mr. Clark quoted figures having to do with number of employees and cars driven which had been used in a recent condemnation suit on parking lot property at Arlington and Cravens on Torrance Boulevard. The net result he said is an excess of 22 parking spaces.

Councilman Vico did not believe the telephone company had kept their promises regarding parking when the building first went in on Torrance Boulevard and asked for some accurate information this time. Mr. Clark acknowledged that there had been considerable difficulty in getting parking equal to the needs of the company. Now there is a need for 100 parking spaces and under the plans submitted, 122 will be furnished. The maximum total on any given shift for both buildings would be 124 employees.

Councilman Sciarrotta called attention to the fact that much of this proposed space is to be by tandem parking which is not in compliance with Torrance standards. Mr. Cleveland of the Planning Department clarified that the approval is of a variance for off-street parking at Cravens and Engracia. The department does not approve the 93 tandem parking spaces, and suggests that a single layout be used.

Councilman Miller moved to hold this matter until the next Council meeting and Councilman Vico seconded.

Answering questions by Councilman Lyman, Mr. Knickerbocker outlined the past history of the two transactions with the telephone company.

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Vico the hearing was ordered closed by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen being absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to take Case No. 64-79 under advisement until October 20, a 5:30 meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it was so ordered.

Mr. Clark at this point said the telephone company would prefer to withdraw its application for a variance and delivered a letter to City Clerk Coil which he read in full. At the suggestion of the City Manager the letter was delivered to the City Attorney's office for study and reply.

The following is a copy of the letter:

October 6, 1964

"Honorable City Council of the
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, California

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to discussions with the Torrance City Planning Director and the deputy city attorney, Pacific Telephone hereby withdraws its application for a zone variance under City Planning Case No. 64-79.

The building drawings submitted to the Torrance Building Department for plan check covering the proposed Telephone Company building addition at 1307 Cravens Avenue are being revised to provide the 73 required parking spaces to be improved at the newly acquired site situated at Torrance Boulevard and Cravens Avenue.

We understand this procedure will ultimately clear the way for issuance of the necessary building permit after the Building Department is satisfied as to the completeness and compliance of the proposed construction with the regulatory requirements.

Respectfully,

/s/ C. F. Hanson, Building Engineer
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY"

and Mr. Knickerbocker explained the courts have generally held that permission cannot be refused because of failure to comply in another matter. In short, the telephone company would hope to make up in one place for the parking they lack in another.

As Administrative officer of the City of Torrance, Mr. Ferraro objected to what he termed being "pushed around in a legal way" in that the City has cooperated in every possible way and said he would instruct the Building Superintendent to deny any building permits without being ordered to do so by a court of law.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the above quoted letter to the City Attorney and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Clark spoke at some length on the aims and principles of the Telephone Company as related to their Torrance operation and said he feels there has been considerable misunderstanding.

While the company has never claimed it can comply strictly with the parking ordinance, Mr. Clark says it can and will provide sufficient parking for its needs here and in other cities. In many communities, he said this is far in excess of the code, although in Torrance a variance is necessary. If the company has to live with the plan just proposed, it will, but he said it will mean approximately nineteen cars will be parked on the street. On questioning by Councilmen Miller and Lyman, he proceeded to set forth in detail the time schedule by which this matter finally came to Council this evening. Councilman Olson favored holding the matter for two weeks.

Mr. Clark said the suggestion to withdraw came from the Planning Director and Assistant City Attorney, as an alternate plan, in the hope of getting the building permit at an early time. Mr. Knickerbocker acknowledged that they had been advised they could apply for a new variance. He believes the previous variance has been violated. The present transaction is a separate one.

Under this explanation of matters, Councilman Olson and Mayor pro tem Sciarrotta apologized because they had interpreted the letter to be a spite move on the part of Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark promised to revise the plan to show the parking layout using the sketch as a guide, and hoped the permit could be issued as soon as the parking layout is presented to the Building Department.

Councilman Beasley answered that is not within the Council's jurisdiction.

10. WAIVER NO. 64-30 - CHARLES MEARING, 22503 Linda Drive. Requested side yard waiver of 2 feet to permit structure within three feet of side property line. Recommended for denial.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to deny and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson.

Mr. Mearing explained he has a small one car garage and would like to have a two car garage. Mr. Cleveland said it is really not a plan for a two car garage, only a one car garage with extra space. However, there is a way to arrange the space so as to be acceptable without a waiver. Mr. Beasley offered an alternate suggestion but it would involve lighting and ventilation problems. Mr. Cleveland said he is sure Mr. Mearing understands the situation and what can be done with the extra half foot that has been discovered. Before the garage is moved closer to the house, Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon asked that more detailed plans be submitted so there will be no discrepancy in light and ventilation requirements.

Roll call vote tied as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Olson, Sciarrotta

NOES: Lyman, Miller, Vico. ABSENT: Mayor Isen.

At 6:35 a short recess was declared.

11. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 20287 - Prairie Subdividers, Eng. (Kenny Battram) Lanco Engineering, Engineers. 22 lots located at the southeast corner of Victor Street and Garnet Avenue in R-1 zone. Recommended for approval.

City Manager Ferraro stated the City Engineer would like to address the Council. Mr. Nollac referred to the map and pointed out Lots 6 and 7 of which the rear 81 feet belong to Owens Machine Shop. The subdivider must acquire these two pieces of property from Owens Machine Shop and this would be a lot split. The machine shop property is the only property that does not have curb and gutter improvement and sidewalks, nor has it made dedication. He asked that it be made as a condition of approval of the tentative map, that that be done. Councilman Beasley moved that there be included as conditions of the tentative map approval to dedicate and widen, and put in curbs, gutters and sidewalks, in that this is the only parcel along the whole street which has not been improved. Councilman Lyman seconded the motion. Councilman Beasley stated his motion also included approval of the tentative tract map with those conditions and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman.

Mr. Battram related the zoning history of Mr. Owens' property. These conditions being new to Mr. Battram, he said he would ask Mr. Owens if they would be acceptable.

City Engineer Nollac mentioned the possibility of invoking the involuntary provisions of the 1911 Act but said it would be very expensive.

Councilman Lyman asked in general why some of these questions come to the councilmen so late and so unexpected and City Manager Ferraro said they are often the result of the agenda meeting of 3:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Roll call vote on approval with the additional conditions was:

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

12. ORDINANCE ON CASE NO. 64-65, Verne A. Smith. Planning Director submitting for approval at first reading Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 64-65.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1541

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. 64-65. (Vernal A. Smith).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1541 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

13. ORDINANCE ON CASE NO. 64-61, Torrance Planning Commission.

City Manager Ferraro said this ordinance has been withdrawn because one of the conditions of the case has not been met.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

14. OVERSIZE SIGN - HUGHES PAINT COMPANY. Recommendation of approval for oversize sign at 23010 Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the Building and Safety Superintendent. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

15. WAIVER OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence (conditional) of City Manager, that the request for waiver of parking requirements on proposed apartment house at 1912 Plaza Del Amo be approved.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation with the conditions subject to the City Manager's notation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

16. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Hansman & Poulin for extension of time to commence construction be denied.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to deny and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

17. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for extension of time to commence construction by Jack M. Weisskopf, be denied.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in denial and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC. Proposed resolution to add position to Position Classification Plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-122 TO ADD THE POSITION OF MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Resolution No. 64-206 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present and was adopted (Mayor Isen absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. Expenditures of \$300 or over for Council approval.
1. \$683.38 to L. A. Stamp and Stationery Co. for 3,000 aluminum metal vehicle plates for License Department, a budget item.
 2. \$503.41 to Moore Business Forms, Inc., for 35,000 special three part snap-out forms for the Police Department, a budget item.
 3. \$685.88 to California Calculator Company for three Stenorette Dictating Kits and one foot control for the Planning Department, money available in Planning Dept budget.
 4. \$533.52 to Advance Envelope Mfg. Co. for 100,000 special envelopes for the Finance Department, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the above four expenditures and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

Councilman Olson believed these machines would be idle most of the time and could be transferred from one department to another.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. RESIGNATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONER BROWN.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the resignation and write the letter of appreciation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

PARK AND RECREATION:

21. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - IMPROVEMENT OF ENTRADERO AND VICTOR PARKS. (Contractor: Continental Contracting) Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work.

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

22. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 22202, George Steinkamp. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that Bond No. 3231256 in the amount of \$12,000 be released.
23. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 28022, R. A. Watt Construction. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that Bond No. 0991-63 in amount of \$50,000 be released.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to release each of the two bonds listed under items 22 and 23. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

24. NO. 1539.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1539

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV ENTITLED 'RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND' TO CHAPTER 26 ENTITLED 'SUBDIVISIONS' OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954"

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1539 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

25. SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 1540.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1540

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 22.7 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH SETS FORTH THE HOURS OF WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1540 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Mayor Isen absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. City Manager Ferraro reminded the councilmen of the Parks and Recreation facilities tour to leave the City Hall at 10 a.m. on this Saturday, October 10th.

27. City Manager Ferraro announced the joint dinner of Gardena and Torrance on the 7th of October to honor the National Champions of American Amateur Baseball Congress at the Jump'n Jack at 7:30, open to the public at \$3.25 a plate.

28. Late today Mr. Ferraro said he received an announcement of a meeting Friday, October 9th at Palo Alto, with a statewide discussion of underground power facilities. This is a subject of high interest to the council and the Torrance Beautiful Commission. The chairman of the Commission is determining which of its membership can attend and Mr. Ferraro asked an appropriation so that the Superintendent of Building and Safety and a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission might attend, in the amount of \$140.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested appropriation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote;

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Isen.

29. Councilman Beasley said the City is being placed in an embarrassing situation because of the outmoded Civil Service Ordinance under which it operates. He feels the Council owes it to the people, and the employees of the City to adopt a new Civil Service Ordinance. He moved that the Council request the Civil Service Commission to hold the necessary hearings on the proposed new Civil Service Ordinance and get it in the hands of the council within the next sixty days. Councilman Lyman seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Mayor Isen absent).

30. Councilman Lyman commented with respect to the communication from the Mayor of Beverly Hills that the implication was that all the south bay communities are in favor of the route to the Airport. He asked that the Council instruct our staff to make a study and determine out of all the things suggested what would be to the best interests of the Community of Torrance. The consensus of the council was favorable and the expression of the Council was deemed to be sufficient without formal motion.

31. Mayor pro tem Sciarrotta announced a personnel session will be held at 5:00 p.m. immediately prior to the next Council meeting October 20th to consider the matter of attendance at various Commission meetings.

32. Mayor pro tem Sciarrotta told of the progress of the reactivation of the Sister City program, suggesting a sister of the Central America group and the possibility of exchanging cultural ideas and seminars in medicine, sanitation, engineering and construction. He urged public interest be stimulated in the program.

33. Councilman Beasley announced the death of Mrs. Herma Tillum an active civic worker for Torrance and asked that the Council stand in a moment's silence in her memory.

34. On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, the meeting was regularly adjourned to October 20, 1964, at 5:30 p.m., to be preceded by a personnel session at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment of this meeting was at 7:30 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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OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

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Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Vico. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Alter led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend William J. Roleder of First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, there being no objection, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 6, 1964 were approved as written.

6. Approval of demands:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Motion to waive further reading.

Councilman Beasley 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 Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and welcomed several visiting El Camino College students.

City Manager Ferraro requested that Item 40 on the agenda, regarding west end airport property proposed urban renewal be heard as near six o'clock as possible to accommodate persons who expect to attend at that time and he introduced Mr. Rex Vance of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency who would later discuss the project under Item 40.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING:

8. CASE NO. 64-80 - CHANGE OF ZONE - LORING BIGELOW, 24804 Pitcairn Way. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on property located at 3000 Newton Street. Recommended for approval.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

9. Letter from Planning Director requesting Planning Commission Case No. 64-79 Pacific Telephone Company be deferred until next week.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the continuance and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection.

10. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22851, Subdivider, Prairie Subdividers, Inc. Engineer, Lanco Engineering. 93 lots, Zone A-1, proposed R-1 per Case No. 64-53, east side of Ocean Avenue. Recommended for Approval.

City Engineer Nollac stated with respect to subitem 12, that B. Street will have to go back to its original alignment straight into Lomita Boulevard and asked the Council to approve this minor change in conditions. The alignment would be as per map exhibited to the Council at this time.

As a second matter, City Engineer Nollac pointed out that the Planning Commission has changed policy, or adopted a new policy in regard to subdivision maps on adjacent unimproved streets. For years the policy of the Planning Commission and City Council has been that where a subdivision abuts an unimproved street such as Ocean Avenue or Lomita Boulevard that they improve half of the street plus ten feet to permit the other driving lane. Item 8 of the Planning Commission recommendation so states but has now changed and asks only one-half of the street.

President Halstead of the Planning Commission came forward to clarify this item. This case, he said, should be an exception. He felt it unfair to ask this present developer to pay for half plus ten feet because of the failure of the School District to improve that ten feet. Mayor Isen felt the subdivider should bear this expense rather than the City.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Subdivision Map No. 22851 with the provisions set forth by the Planning Commission and City Engineer and the changes as noted herein by the Council and Item C (Planning Department recommendation). The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

11. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 23200, Subdivider, George L. Mallery Co. Engineer, Jennings Engineering Co. 16 lots between Newton and Dalemead Streets and between Loytan and Weston Road in C-2 Zone (proposed R-3 per Planning Commission Case No. 64-80). Recommended for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

12. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29741 - Royal Crest Construction Co., subdivider. Engineer, Denn Engineers. 5 lots located at the southeast corner of 231st Street and Cabrillo Avenue in Zone R-1. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

13. Ordinance in Case No. 63-75, Torrance Planning Commission (South Torrance oilfields)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1542

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. 63-75. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1542 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

14. Ordinance in Case No. 64-22, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1543

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. 64-22. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1543 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico being absent).

15. STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

Beautification of Hawthorne Boulevard. Torrance Beautiful Commission submitting recommendation that the City Manager's office be instructed to explore all avenues possible to find means of obtaining funds to beautify the center divider on Hawthorne Avenue between Sepulveda and Torrance Boulevards, with comments of City Manager.

Councilman Beasley believed the whole length of Hawthorne Avenue from 190th Street to Pacific Coast Highway should be improved with sidewalks, curbs and gutters under an assessment district because within the next five years, he said it will be one of the outstanding streets in the Los Angeles County system. He felt it would be a mistake to try to beautify a small portion of the street as requested here.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Management be instructed to investigate the possibility mentioned by Councilman Beasley. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

16. Sign Ordinance. Proposed ordinance for first reading.

No number was assigned to this proposed ordinance and considerable discussion revealed a need of revision or presentation of alternative ordinances. Mayor Isen suggested this matter be held for a week for preparation of two alternative ordinances or three choices. There was no objection.

17. Oversize Sign at 20627 Hawthorne Avenue. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that request for oversize sign be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

18. Oversize sign at 20410 Hawthorne Avenue. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for oversize sign at 20410 Hawthorne Avenue be approved, with conditions.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation with the conditions as stated by the Superintendent of Building and Safety. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

19. Request to erect sign at 2746 Pacific Coast Highway. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Lee's Bars and Stools for permission to erect a sign along frontage in excess of permitted area be approved with certain conditions.

Building and Safety Superintendent McKinnon explained orally the circumstances set forth in his comments on this item, leading to the recommendation that in order to eliminate competition between tenants in a shopping center, that permission be granted for the erection of this sign provided Stellino's Restaurant, Lee's Bars

and Stools, and a third, yet unknown, tenant sign be assembled in one structure centered to the three tenants.

The persons requesting this sign were notified and it is hoped they will be present before this meeting is adjourned. However, Mayor Isen suggested the request be held for two weeks and Councilman Beasley so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and the motion carried, there being no objection.

20. Building Permit - Jack Weisskopf. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Jack Weisskopf for reconsideration on validity of building permit be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to reconsider this item of business as set forth in the comments of the Superintendent of Building and Safety and rescind the action of October 6th to permit the item to be removed from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

21. Sale of surplus city land. Proposed resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with James H. Webb and Dorothy Ann Webb for the sale of certain real property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES H. WEBB AND DOROTHY ANN WEBB FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-207. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen (Mr. Webb has been a client)
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Vico.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

22. Lease of property for parking in downtown area. Proposed resolution authorizing lease.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND H. L. WEINBERG, A. J. VOLANTE, BLAIR C. FILLER AND RONALD C. WOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN TORRANCE AREA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-208 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

Councilman Miller said he would like to have a report on the downtown parking assessment district that was to have been formed. City Attorney Remelmeyer responded with an oral report that there are three parcels involved; two on Sartori and one on Post and he has signed contracts in his office as to these. Negotiations are now being carried on with a lessee on one of the parcels. Mayor Isen asked for a time table, hoping for Christmas as a deadline and Mr. Remelmeyer agreed but was not sure the lot would be graded by this Christmas, although that is his goal. Condemnations are in process; many hours have been spent in negotiation and a report will be made on or before December 1st.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:** Communication from City Manager recommending appointment of William W. Dundore as Director of Finance of City of Torrance.

24. **DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY:** Recommendation of City Attorney, with concurrence of City Manager, that Richard L. Knickerbocker be appointed Deputy City Attorney.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in both appointments as listed and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

Mr. Ferraro introduced Mr. Dundore to the councilmen and audience.

Mr. Richard Knickerbocker, the newly appointed Deputy City Attorney was also introduced officially although he is no stranger to Council meetings.

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City Manager Ferraro stated the persons interested in Item 40 now are present. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the two-sided recommendation of the City Manager, as follows:

1. Instruct the office of the City Manager, Planning Director and City Attorney to prepare an application for certification under the workable program for community improvement.
2. Direct the City Manager and Director of Planning to prepare a survey and planning application to the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Councilman Lyman seconded and a long discussion followed, the high spots of which were questions and answers between the councilmen Mr. Vance and citizens. Councilman Miller's questions developed that it is possible to call a halt to the program at any time the Council might wish, but not without having incurred financial obligations. Mr. Vance has looked over the area and believes there is no doubt about its suitability for the program; in fact a Planner has qualified the area. It would be a locally planned and locally executed program. The Local Agency could be either the Council itself or a group selected by the Council. In this particular area, Mr. Vance there are programs handled in each of the two different ways. Many details of the program were mentioned and some explained, which do not seem to be applicable to the minutes at this stage.

Mr. J. Mosley told of a meeting of City staff people and some of the property owners at his home on October 8th, all of whom agreed this is a solution to the problem. He quoted from an article in the Los Angeles Times of this date, stating California probably will become ineligible for funds from the federal government if Proposition 14 passes on November 3rd, a statement which was credited to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Mayor Isen described this sort of statement as being "politicking". Councilman Sciarrotta said only on this type of project would he favor accepting Federal assistance. Mr. Mosley said he and his group question the time element which Mr. Vance has advanced.

Mr. Ferraro answered Mr. Mosley that the answer would be as rapidly as the City can proceed with the applications and he too doubted the job could be done within six and one-half months. He believes it will take over a year to complete such a program although it can probably be well started within six and one-half months. On the contrary, Mr. Vance said if the city wished to put up some money they could start to purchase the hardship properties within three months.

Mr. Ferraro read a paragraph from his report, as follows:

"Conversely, even if additional extensions of time are required - - the property owners can be assured that the city has finally adopted a procedure that will culminate in the acquisition of their properties. As it stands now, we impose building moratoriums without an acquisition program."

Experience in other cities has shown that the program can be done within six months, Mr. Vance said.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Vance specifically if the City works actively in submitting applications, it could be assured it would not be bogged down by red tape, etc. Mr. Vance assured Mayor Isen his office would cooperate in every way, as his office is anxious to complete successful programs in a hurry.

Mr. Wood of 23665 Ward Street asked the perimeters and what properties are expressly affected. Specifically, that would be a question to be answered by the Agency, Mr. Ferraro said, but generally it is the property that was a result of that compromise situation immediately east of Hawthorne Avenue extending down to the boundary of the airport perimeter fence and northward.

Mayor Isen asked for roll call vote on the motion and it carried as follows:

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

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A recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council consider Item 42 out of order to accommodate Mrs. Mosley, a member of the Library Commission.

LIBRARY MATTERS:

42. Civic Center Library Committee report on the construction of a city-county library on civic center.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the report of the Library Commission and refer it to the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

Mayor Isen outlined his thoughts on the subject essentially as follows: Everyone would like to have a central library building here on Civic Center and the County has evidently used this desire as a lever to draw Torrance into the regional library district of the county. It would be a tremendous achievement to operate Torrance's own library system when the county contract expires, approximately three years from now. A distribution center for books for the County system is needed as well as a place for repairs and various things necessary to working out a library system. Discussions should be opened with the County Librarian and the two supervisors of this area for a joint building to be used for the county purposes and for the main regional library here on the civic center. The City could pay rent to the County to apply on purchase of the entire system and later the County pay rent to Torrance for maintaining the center of the regional distribution. Mayor Isen said he would like to have the Library Commission and Management consider these remarks and study if there is a possibility of this, or of a lease-back arrangement.

City Manager Ferraro said basically what the Commission wants is to avoid a last minute crash decision.

Mr. N. O. Drale from the audience asked if there was any way of converting the Municipal Court Building to a temporary library after the new courts building is completed. Mayor Isen said that had been considered but there are matters which conflict; he plans a communication on the subject next week.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

41. Communication from City Manager regarding preliminary plan design and preliminary cost estimate for the addition to the Torrance Police station as authorized under the City's contract with Koebig & Koebig, Inc.

City Manager Ferraro exhibited a colored sketch of the new addition and explained its scope. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of Alternate C for the construction of the building and the brick wall for prisoner unloading and that the same be completed at the earliest possible date. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

Mr. Ferraro introduced Mr. Haas Graham, President of Koebig & Koebig, Inc. and member of the Citizens Committee for Proposition C, a third bond issue in the amount of \$275 million for storm drain facilities within the County of Los Angeles connecting to the multi-million dollars worth of flood control channels, largely financed by the Federal government. Torrance is specifically involved in this and Mr. Graham strongly recommended a yes vote. A resolution in favor of this proposition has already been sent in by Torrance.

25. Letter of resignation from L. E. Jenkins - Civil Service Board.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Jenkins and write him a letter of appreciation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

26. New Class Specification for Student Trainee.

Planning Director Donovan explained the program which would in time include Personnel, Engineering, Planning and the City Manager's office. It is an exempt service of less than one-half time with no fringe benefits of regular Civil Service employment.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the specifications and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

27. DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5-E (VICTOR PRECINCT) CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

The recommendation is threefold (1) that \$8,000 be appropriated from Drainage District 5 E Account for Phase I construction per attached sketch; (2) that \$45,000 be appropriated from Drainage District 5 E Account for Phase II construction per attached sketch; and (3) that agreement with Clark Leonard And Associates be modified to reduce lump sum payment for engineering by \$1,500.

Councilman Miller moved to concur therein and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present:

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

28. Award of Contract - Construction of Sanitary Sewers in first alley east of Hawthorne Avenue between 182nd and 186th Streets. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that S and S Construction be awarded contract in amount of \$2,014.

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

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

29. Raising of Sewer Manhole Frame and Covers to Grade - yearly contract. Recommendation of City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, that all bids be rejected and work done by City forces.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

30. 1964-65 Census, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR A POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-209 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

31. Bid on bulk fertilizer and material spreader B64-73. Recommendation of Park Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Kilgore Industries, in the amount of \$2,426.32 be accepted and all other bids rejected.

32. Purchase of Tallescope Upright Scaffold. Recommendation of Head Custodian, with concurrence of City Manager, that one Tallescope be purchased from the Upright Scaffolds Company in the amount of \$443 plus tax.

33. Trailer Rental - Police Dept. Communication from Chief of Police with concurrence of City Manager, requesting rental of a trailer for briefing and training police personnel.

34. Expenses - new bus. Bus Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager, requesting approval of expenses for driving new bus from Pontiac, Michigan to Torrance.

35. Travel request. Assistant Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer, requesting permission to attend Annual Safety Conference and Fall Conference of American Water Works Association in San Diego from October 27 through October 30th.

36. City Manager's expenditures of over \$300 for Council approval.

1. To International Business Machines Corporation for one 17" carriage typewriter for Police Department, \$458.64; one 13" carriage typewriter for Personnel Department, \$413.04, and \$861.12 for two 13" carriage typewriters for Customer Service Division of the Finance Department, all budget items.
2. \$1,097.20 to Harry T. Williams Lumber for 200 posts 4x4x12 and 300 posts 4x4x10 for Traffic and Lighting Department, a budget item.
3. \$406.79 to Charles Bruning Company for three Bruning drafting machines and twelve Bruning scales for the Engineering Department, a budget item.
4. \$475 to R.C.A. for one mobile radio for Garage Superintendent's car, a budget item.
5. \$400.40 to Econolite Corporation for one HLS-1 Loop Detector for the Traffic and Lighting Department.
6. \$665.99 to Joslyn Pacific for nine 400 watt vapor luminaires for the Traffic and Lighting Department, to be used for entrance and parking area lighting at Entradero Park.
7. \$342.50 plus tax to Southwest Printing and Lithograph Co. for 5,000 six-part booking forms for Police Department, a budget item.

8. \$2,031.58 to Southwest Harley Davidson Co. for one three-wheel motorcycle for the Police Department, a budget item.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations set forth in Items 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 and to approve the eight items of expenditure listed in Item 36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Vico.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

37. Approval of plans and specifications for remodeling airport administration building and authorization to advertise for bids. Request from Airport Manager.

Councilman Beasley asked what plans are being made for landscaping and saw no reason why it could not be accomplished by one of the City departments. This project which he first understood would be around \$7,000 or \$8,000 now appears will reach \$15,000. Airport Manager Egan said the landscaping will be around \$250 and Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of plans as presented. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

38. Request for Council authority to retain Twining Laboratories. Airport Manager's letter of October 8, 1964 recommending Twining be retained to perform necessary testing for various capital projects to be constructed at Torrance Municipal Airport during 1964-65 fiscal year at a cost not to exceed \$1,090.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation stated and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Vico.

39. Airport Department request for authority to retain Pierce Engineering for emergency repairs to control tower air conditioner. at a fee not to exceed \$1200 for the emergency repair, the total cost to be reduced by whatever warranty credit is given by the manufacturer of the compressor unit, hopefully the net cost to be somewhere below \$800.

City Manager Ferraro indicated that approximately 95% of the job is completed at a cost of \$417 so the prospect is encouraging. Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested authority and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Vico.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

43. Junior Citizens Day. City Manager submitting for approval and adoption resolution declaring November 24, 1964.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING NOVEMBER 24, 1964, AS JUNIOR CITIZENS DAY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-210 and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

44. Communication from Civil Defense Commission requesting permission to include Civil Defense literature in mailing of water and trash bills.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

45. Permit agreement to Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. with proposed resolution.

City Manager Ferraro asked permission to withdraw this item for reconsideration at a later date. There was no objection.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

46. Ordinance No. 1541.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1541

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. 64-65. (Vernal A. Smith).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1541 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

47. Request of Little Company of Mary Hospital for certain waivers.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out that it was due to oversight in his office that this item was not included in the regular agenda and a promise had been made to the hospital for consideration. He explained the purpose of the request as set forth in the communication and the recommendations are: (1) that the dedication requirements for Earl and Maricopa Streets be waived at this time; (2) that the hospital be given six months to complete its processing of its request for the elimination of these street rights of way; (3) that no new buildings will be constructed in the future right of way of Maricopa and Earl Streets until such time as the street may have been deleted from the City's master plan.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendations as set forth and agreed to by Mr. George Ebert who was in the audience on behalf of the Hospital. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Olson and Vico absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

48. City Manager Ferraro said some instruction is necessary to complete forms in connection with Item F of informational items. Mayor Isen instructed him to complete the Statement of Enforcement with respect to rabies control.
49. City Manager Ferraro stated there is some possibility that Guatemala City may be chosen as a second sister city and there is a Torrance citizens who is shortly leaving for a trip there. He asked if there is any objection to having Mr. Frank Sciarrotta look into pertinent factors of interest. The Council agreed.
50. City Clerk Coil called attention to the fact that November 3, Election Day, is a Tuesday and it was agreed the Council meeting will be held on the following day, November 4th.
51. Airport Manager Egan stated the Federal Aviation Agency has allocated the funds requested for improvement of the Airport. He distributed copies of a communication which the Councilmen will read at their leisure.
52. Airport Manager Egan reported the Federal Airport Tower count for the fiscal year of 1963-64 finds Torrance Municipal Airport ranked 8th in the nation in activities. The airports considered are those which have FAA towers and the movements are either landings or take-offs. Torrance had 296,000 movements.
53. Councilman Beasley mentioned the proposed signal at Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, which he hopes will be there by election time of 1966.
54. Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draft a new ordinance setting up the Civil Service Commission as a seven-member commission, one member to be selected by each member of the City Council and his term to run concurrently and sixty days beyond the term of the councilman who appointed him. Councilman Lyman seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen said he would vote No because this would be doing violence to the system of the Mayor appointing and the Council approving appointments. He had no objection to the expansion of the number to seven, and believed it would be advantageous to add two members in addition to filling one vacancy which now exists. Councilman Lyman felt it was proper for the thinking of the council to be reflected in the commission.

Councilman Beasley stated he is not happy with some of the nominations which have been made in the commissions in respect to absenteeism and even conflict of interest. The only change would be to increase the number to seven and take away the power of the Mayor to make the appointments. The experience of the Commission's members should be retained, Mr. Beasley said but this system would permit a broader viewpoint and the assurance of a quorum which has been difficult to obtain in many cases. Each councilmen should have the responsibility of seeing that there is a responsible and interested commissioner to be present and give strength to the commission.

Councilman Miller asked for roll call on the motion and it was:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Vico.

55. Councilman Lyman called attention to a publication in the Hollywood Riviera, called the Riviera Democrat, in which they have taken a position on the high rise subject and he read from that clipping certain subheadings which he did not approve of. He feels it is highly improper to interject partisan politics into deliberations of this Council which have no bearing on partisan politics. He felt perhaps the motivation was other than that which was before the Council. This type of club does not speak for the official democratic party, for one thing and secondly, he felt there has been an attempt to dictate to members of the Democratic party how they should feel and vote on issues. He called on the Homeowners Group to disassociate themselves from this group. There is no reason to draw a partisan issue into a Council deliberation of this kind, and the Council is no place for a political vendetta of any kind.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked if there was any possibility of negotiating a trade with Redondo Beach in regard to this high rise site, but Mayor Isen said any attempt toward that end had proven to be entirely impractical.

56. Councilman Sciarrotta read an original poem entitled "A State of Confusion" inspired by his disapproval of labeling various beliefs.

57. Mayor Isen noted the resolution for information only, adopted by the City of Monrovia regarding home rule and moved that a resolution along the same lines be prepared for next week's meeting by City Attorney Remelmeyer, as well as a letter to Monrovia indicating our action. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

58. Mayor Isen reported on the Inter-American Municipal Organization Congress which he attended a week or ten days ago. There are about 700 attending, mostly Spanish speaking people who are very interested in the United States. Guatemala City with a population of around 500,000 would be a very cooperative sister-city. Mayor Isen met the Mayor and several members of the City Council of this beautiful city and related the various reasons he believed Guatemala City would be an ideal western hemisphere sister-city. He will make a more full report to the Sister-City Committee when it meets again. Another possibility would be the 200,000 population Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

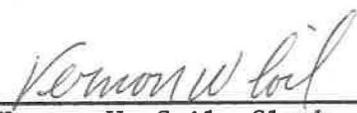
Mrs. Mosley, a member of the Library Commission, was present and remarked that there is a lady in her neighborhood visiting from Guatemala City and it was suggested that she attend a committee meeting with Mr. Sciarrotta and Mrs. Mosley.

59. Mr. Leon Shapiro of Granada Hills asked about the sign item of Lee's Bars and Stools and was told it is being held for two weeks. It developed, however, that Mr. Shapiro's lessor is a subtenant, Shoppers' Market. Mr. McKinnon had talked with Mr. Shapiro at recess and Councilman Beasley moved that Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon work out a satisfactory method of handling this problem with Mr. Shapiro. If this is done, there be no need of bringing the item back on the agenda two weeks from now. There was no objection.

60. Mr. Wm. Uerkwitz of Southwood Riviera Homeowners Group said this association held their election last night and he introduced the new President, Vice President and Secretary, Don McCauley, Don Foyle and Mark Brooks, respectively. He expressed appreciation of the relationship which has existed with the City and particularly the Airport Manager. Mayor Isen invited him to continue to attend Council meetings.

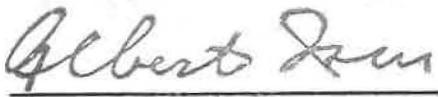
61. Mr. N. O. Drale spoke highly of a recommendation made by the County Assessor, not to exceed taxation in a sum to exceed two percent of the market value; in other words, to put a ceiling on taxes. The Board of Supervisors will recommend certain legislation to put this into effect. If the Council is in agreement with the suggestion, Mr. Drale thought a resolution should be prepared for adoption and mailing to the Board of Supervisors and the County's assemblymen and senators. Mayor Isen asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro analyze and report back with such a resolution to establish a tax ceiling.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.



Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the City of
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APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance