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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING

Prior to the regular meeting of the Torrance City Council, a pre-council meeting was held dealing with the proposed civic auditorium and a presentation by representatives of Economic Research Associates.

Mr. Elliott Lewis presented charts depicting the facts and figures pertinent to a decision on a civic auditorium in Torrance, and suggested that councilmen visit other facilities within the County to determine what would be best for Torrance. Four basic types of facility were described with the events most suitable to each: an exhibit hall, arena, theatre, and multi-purpose. Mr. Lewis compared typical examples of each basic type within the County with the prospective needs and requirements of Torrance. Each of the auditoriums he used as examples operates at a loss, except the Los Angeles Sports Arena which makes a profit and pays its debt service cost.

Phase I of this study did not include any location study although there was some discussion and Mr. Lewis said he did not believe there would be any advantage to locating on Pacific Coast Highway. The conclusion of ERA was that there is a definite need for an auditorium in Torrance; that it would never have a dark night and on most nights there would be at least two facilities in use. A multi-purpose type was recommended and a proprietary attitude so as to reap the maximum revenue. For construction the cost would be around \$2½ million to \$3 million, not considering the cost of land.

Mayor Isen specifically objected to any thought of an auditorium or a hotel on the airport; there should be an auditorium in Torrance and it should be on Civic Center. Councilman Sciarrotta agreed.

Councilman Beasley suggested there be a meeting of the Building Committee of the Council with the ERA people and any one else who wishes to attend to consider various questions and make a recommendation as to the second phase of the study. The Committee consists of Councilmen Beasley, Lyman and Sciarrotta.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved in accordance with Councilman Beasley's suggestion and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

A short recess was declared, to be followed by the regular Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Call meeting to order:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 17, 1964, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

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

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Francis Rath of Seaside Community Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Because of the short work week, the minutes of the November 10 1964 meeting had not been distributed to the councilmen by the City Clerk. They will be considered with next week's agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved all bills regularly audited be paid. 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.

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 Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Assistant City Manager Johnson introduced a group of distinguished public officials from Cairo, Egypt, who are studying at University of Southern California under the exchange program. Also present were several young ladies from a Government study class at El Camino and all were welcomed.

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

RE. STANLEY RAY MARTIN AND JOHN PAUL BRADY:

Mayor Isen called attention to the memorandum from the City Attorney's office stating that the Council has jurisdiction to review the decision of the Civil Service Commission concerning voluntary resignation by the two named officers. It is recommended that a time be set for the hearing and that a transcript be ordered. The necessary time to prepare the transcript makes it mandatory that the date be at least three weeks from now.

Councilman Beasley moved to order the transcript and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

City Manager Ferraro asked if it is planned that the two men participate in the cost of the transcript which it is estimated will be around \$300.

Councilman Lyman moved to rescind the motion just previously carried. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

Councilman Miller moved the City share the cost of the transcript half and half, with the two ex-officers and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Attorney Wm. J. MacCabe, representing the two men, said the Council needs a transcript in order to determine the matter; his clients have been without compensation since August and lack the necessary funds to participate in the cost. He believed six years of service in the Police Department should qualify these men for some consideration.

City Attorney Remelmeyer recalled there was no transcript in the Cook case, but stated the City's chances of success are greater if the transcript is obtained. The City would be in a better position if whatever decision is reached is on the basis of the transcript and not just a summary. He recommended the policy be established in this and future cases that a transcript be obtained.

Councilman Miller withdrew his motion, and asked for a recommendation from the City Manager or the City Attorney. City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the officers pay for the complete transcript cost; if not, that they pay half and the City half, and if not that the City pay the whole cost. He believed it preferable to have the transcript, however.

Mr. MacCabe stated the Council could not do justice to the appeal without a transcript; that unfortunately justice is not always cheap, but should not be measured in dollars. The case involves the top official of the Police Department and should be decided with a transcript.

Councilman Lyman moved to share 50/50 the cost of the transcript with the ex-officers; there was no second.

Councilman Beasley moved to order the transcript at the City's cost and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

There being no objection, the date set was December 15, 1964, at 4:30 in the City Council Chambers and at the previous Council meeting, adjournment will be to that date and time.

8. CASE NO. 64-87 - VARIANCE - HERBERT HERALD, 4236 West 182nd Street, resubmitted. Formal hearing on a variance to permit the retention of existing house at 4236 West 182nd Street. Recommended for approval by Planning Director and Superintendent of Building Inspection, based upon revised plans.

An amended cover letter on this item was distributed modifying the recommendation somewhat and stating if it is the Council's desire to grant the variance the revised plans are satisfactory, but calling attention to the precedent which would be set in RR-3 zoning.

Mayor Isen believed there must be an inherent weakness in the RR-3 zoning ordinance. His understanding was that the buildings would be razed, but replaced by apartment houses, not a single family dwelling. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the buildings must be removed, but they may be replaced by any of the several R zones.

City Manager Ferraro explained the revised cover letter is a result of the instructions from his office to report back to the Council, not make a specific recommendation, as that is beyond the authority vested in the departments who were asked to take a look at the situation.

Councilman Sciarrotta did not believe any precedent would be set; it would always be up to the Council to consider each request separately on its merits. Mayor Isen repeated his contention that there is something wrong with the ordinance and is not what was intended by the Council. In the present case, Mrs. Herald could apply for a permit and build a single family residence in front with apartments to the rear. Councilman Miller recalled the location which started the RR-3 as being the old part of town near Arlington, Gramercy, etc. where there are 50 year old houses. Could this area also do a little remodeling and put up apartment houses behind 50 year old homes?

Mr. Robert White of 3242 Torrance Boulevard has friends in the immediate area being considered and said the neighbors are not happy with what is being done in several respects. His friends had understood they would be notified and also that there would be a sixty day delay and the house would be removed. Mayor Isen said probably what they do not like is the fact that the RR-3 zoning has been put in. Mr. White feels there is a lack of communication.

Granted that there should be something done about the RR-3 zone ordinance, Councilman Miller said there is the immediate problem of what to do with this particular case. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the ordinance can be amended and so as to apply to this case.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the variance in the case of Herbert Herald, No. 64-87. There was no second.

Mrs. Herald said she was sure the notices were received by the neighbors.

Mayor Isen had viewed the location and said there is nothing which would prevent new single family residences in front and duplexes in the rear, making congestion and yet, no apartment house district.

City Engineer Nollac outlined his understanding of the RR-3 ordinance, the principal aim of which was to clear off the land and then anything which would conform to the standard R-3 could be put on. There are factors which deal with compatibility, fire regulations, building code as to what a single family house is and what a duplex requires.

City Manager Ferraro said the main concern is the future, not now.

Councilman Beasley again moved to grant the variance requested in Case No. 64-87 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Mayor Isen.

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

The motion lost. Before voting, Mayor Isen discussed the matter at length with the City Manager and Planning Assistant Cleveland who was representing Planning Director Shartle at this meeting. Mr. Cleveland said the Planning Department would not have granted a permit to leave the house on even temporarily if it had been apparent she was going to apply for a variance. It was only to have remained until completion of the three unit apartments.

Considering the weaknesses, Mayor Isen asked that the Planning Commission and Staff and Planning Department re-analyze RR-3.

Recess was declared at 6:35 and the Council reconvened at 6:45.

Mayor Isen referred back to the case heard just before recess No. 64-87 and said if the intent was that there be multiple dwellings in front, Staff and Legal should prepare some sort of ordinance, possibly an emergency ordinance for next week's agenda. Mr. Ferraro asked for a little longer time and Councilman Beasley moved to study and bring back when possible a recommendation to remedy the situation. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30035, HARRY KISSEL, Subdivider - E. L. Pearson & Associates, Engineers, resubmitted. 16 lots along the easterly prolongation of Via El Chico between Tracts 18249 and 22024. Recommended for approval by Planning and Engineering Departments, and for denial by the Fire Department.

Councilman Beasley asked about ingress and egress and whether there is a possibility of a street ever going on through. City Engineer Nollac answered that it is not likely.

Mr. Lloyd Tanner of E. L. Pearson & Associates, Engineers, spoke of his impression gained from looking at the project from the uphill side of the park, and the possibility of incorporating some sort of emergency exit into the development of the park. At Centinela Park the paths are used by patrol cars. Mr. Ferraro said the grade for such access roads would be too steep to accommodate fire equipment. City Engineer Nollac said the location has been studied and this is the only way to develop it.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked what liability there would be on the City, considering the record shows disapproval of this tract by the Fire Chief and the City Attorney said he did not believe there would be any liability.

The street has been widened somewhat and thus the problem alleviated to some extent, Chief Benner said, but he still objects to such a long cul de sac. The public would block this dead end street and make it impossible to get fire or emergency equipment beyond the disaster to protect homes at the end of the street. With a shorter cul de sac the fire hose can be carried or dragged the required distance if the street is blocked. Chief Benner objected on the ground that it would make it impossible for him to fulfill his responsibility. Other safety factors which were to have been installed have not been, in this hillside community. There are always automobiles parked there which would make it impossible to get a fire engine in.

Mr. Paul Rastinius of 23644 Susana, the first street below, said this is not the only street which will have this problem. Via El Chico is also very narrow and cannot be traversed its full length with an automobile. All this land would make a beautiful park and Mr. Rastinius would favor that use of it.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to approve this Tentative Tract Map and Councilman Miller seconded.

Mr. Ivan Bluemel, 23327 Susana, objected on the grounds of poor appearance from where he lives, of the houses which will come about through lot splits. The people have been promised a street and the right to split and build. City Engineer Nollac said evidently Mr. Bluemel is presuming the City would grant the lot splits, whereas that is not necessarily true. There is no way to place deed restrictions on the lots. Mayor Isen asked if the Council could not approve and state the lots must remain the size they are and be occupied by single family residences. Mr. Remelmeyer said that would be true in any case until the owners get a change in the size of the lot.

Councilman Sciarrotta called for the question and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen expressed regret at voting against the recommendation of Chief Benner, but stated there is a need to be practical.

11. BUILDING MORATORIUM - AIRPORT HAZARD ZONE. Proposed emergency ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1555

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY HAWTHORNE AVENUE, MADISON STREET, LOMITA BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1555 as an emergency measure at this, its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

12. REMOVAL OF BUILDING RESTRICTION - DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-A, with proposed emergency ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1556

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1359 WHICH PROHIBITED BUILDING IN A CERTAIN PART OF THE SOUTH TORRANCE AREA AS TO EXCLUDE THEREFROM PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23213 ARLINGTON AVENUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1556 as an emergency measure at this its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. VAN NESS AVENUE FROM DOMINGUEZ STREET TO 1231 FEET PLUS NORTHERLY. STATE GAS TAX PROJECT NO. 75. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager that Council accept the work.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the work and make final payment with the deduction noted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

14. INTENTION TO VACATE FUTURE STREET IN TRACT NO. 13028, with proposed resolution of intention.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE FUTURE STREET ACROSS LOTS 4 THROUGH 13, TRACT NO. 13028 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-224 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. Claim submitted by C. H. Baker for damage to water faucets in his home at 4143 Calle de Primera, allegedly due to faulty regulator causing high pressure, October 19, 1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

17. BID on 1965 Automobiles. Letter from Al Ortale Rambler re acceptance of bid which was received after deadline.

Mayor Isen said the item had been requested withdrawn and there was no objection.

18. BIDS FOR THE REMODELING OF AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING: Airport Manager, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting recommendation that all bids for the remodeling of the Airport Administration building be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to reject all bids and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried there being no objection.

19. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO C. M. LEONARD & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5-E. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that City Council approve payment of \$5,000 to above-noted engineering firm.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

20. REIMBURSEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$648.81 from Sewer Revolving Fund be reimbursed to Mr. Phillip O. Poulin for construction of public sanitary sewers.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to so refund and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

21. AGREEMENT RE ROSE PARADE FLOAT. Proposed resolution authorizing execution.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY OF A FLOAT IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE ON JANUARY 1, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-225 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Robert Vroman was present and reported the total cost of the float will be around \$7,000. He exhibited a colored rendering of the float as planned.

22. GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY CONFERENCE: Recommendation of City Manager that three members of Police Department and two members of the Torrance Safety Council be authorized to attend Governor's Traffic Safety Conference in Sacramento December 3 and 4, 1964, with appropriate expenses paid.

There was discussion of policy on this request and the Chairman of the Safety Council, Mrs. Bisou requested authorization to travel to Sacramento by plane. Five traveling that distance in an automobile would be a little crowded.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the request and if it is deemed better that only one representative go from the Police Department and two from the Commission, to follow that plan. However, there was added a recommendation that \$250 be set as a ceiling on the cost of the trip, and that Mrs. Bisou be authorized to go by plane. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

23. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

1. \$373.46 to Howard Supply Company for one Wheeler heavy duty hydraulic pipe cutter for the Water Department.
2. \$321.50 to M & W Electric Motor Service for rewinding one 75 h.p. motor for the Water Department, a budget item.
3. \$335.52 to M & M Stake Company for 10,500 oak and fir stakes in various sizes for Engineering Department, a budget item.
4. \$784.55 to Freeway Truck for one converter and one hydraulic clutch to be used as spare units for packer trucks by the City garage.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

24. WALTERIA PARK SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS DEDICATION: Postponement of Walteria Park Shuffleboard Courts dedication from Thursday, November 19 to Thursday, December 3, 1964. Noted by Director of Recreation and City Manager.

There being no objection, the item was noted and ordered filed,

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

25. ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE: Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce submitting proposal for televising the Armed Forces Day parade to be held May 15, 1965, with note from City Manager.

This is a proposal from Products and Services Counsel, Inc., Frederick A. Gage, President, to televise an hour of the parade and look to the sale of the time in segments for production costs and fee. There will be no cost to either the City or the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the proposal in principle and request Management to consult with Mr. Gage. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. SIGNS AT ENTRANCES TO TORRANCE. Recommendation of Torrance Beautiful Commission that there be designed and installed at the entrances to Torrance identification signs similar in design to those which identify other portions of Torrance, with note from City Manager.

There being no objection, this matter was referred to the City Manager in accordance with his request noted thereon.

27. SISTER CITY PROGRAM: Communication from City Manager requesting City Council to approve selection of Guatemala City, Guatemala as second sister city.

Councilman Sciarrotta reported on the Steering Committee meeting held November 12th and moved to concur in the recommendation to take what steps are necessary to acquire the second sister city of Guatemala City. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. GARDENA VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER. City Attorney, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for adoption resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of Gardena regarding property located in both cities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 1, 1964, WITH THE CITY OF GARDENA REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED IN BOTH CITIES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-226 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. PROPOSED TAX RATE LIMIT: Communication from City Manager re same.

Mayor Isen commented that in a conversation with Assessor Watson, he had learned that some legislation is being drafted which it is hoped will care for the inequities noted in proration of the tax rates. When this is completed, copies are to be sent to Torrance for study. Councilman Lyman remarked that Mr. Watson does not have the responsibility to provide any of the services which taxes pay for and is free to make various recommendations with no worry about where the money will come from.

Mr. Nickolas O. Drale, a former member of the Torrance City Council, again spoke in favor of a limit of 2% maximum of the property value. There will have to be equitable ways of spreading the real property tax, because if people cannot pay their taxes, there may be the time when the Government would own all real property. He felt it to be the responsibility of the Council to see that people who are on small fixed incomes, do not lose their homes.

Councilman Beasley agreed taxes are getting too high, but did not think the solution lies in an arbitrary tax ceiling.

Mr. Drale's theory is that there must be a start somewhere - some step in the right direction. Councilman Miller said a home is a necessity and suggested tax increase be on some other items, some which are a luxury rather than a prime necessity.

Councilman Olson favored an expression from the Council, to the Board of Supervisors regarding the spiralling tax figures. Mayor Isen suggested a resolution expressing displeasure on the tax increases in general.

Councilman Olson moved the City Attorney be directed to prepare a resolution which expresses grave concern on the part of the Torrance City Government and residents as to the spiralling of taxes. Mayor Isen seconded.

Councilman Vico did not think this City Council would do anything about the taxes - except talk about it.

Councilman Beasley related a promise from some State Senator to introduce a bill at the next legislature to freeze a certain portion of the sales tax for school purposes perpetually. The pressure is on and something will be done toward a solution.

There was no objection to the motion which carried.

30. FIREWORKS STANDS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. Recommendation of License Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager, that certain sections be added to the code to provide for posting of a bond in connection with the filing of financial statements as required.

Councilman Beasley outlined the history of the fireworks stands and their regulation by the City and said he believes there is no reason at this time to require the financial statement. He moved to not concur and to ask the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance striking the provision dealing with the financial statement. Mayor Isen said he would second the motion, but only as to the first portion thereof - the non-concurrence. There was no objection and the motion carried.

During the discussion, City Clerk Coil had suggested that at the time of taking the license in April of each year, the organizations be required to show proof of financial responsibility. Mayor Isen asked that the License department, Management and the pertinent members of staff consider that suggestion and some recommendation as to policy based thereon.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

31. No. 1548.

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 1548

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 10-Z OF APPENDIX I (THE OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "C-R RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR PROVIDING THE USES AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE C-R ZONE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1548 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1549

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24.83 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING GROUND SIGNS; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AREA OF GROUND SIGNS; AND PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1549 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1550

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO SURVIVORS BENEFIT PROGRAM.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1550 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1551

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 18.12 OF CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED 'GAMBLING DEVICES' and SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION OF THE SAME NAME DECLARING VARIOUS GAMBLING PARAPHERNALIA AND COINOPERATED GAMES UNLAWFUL AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROHIBITING THE GAME OF PANGUINGUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance

No. 1551 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1551 at its second and final reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1552

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE LII TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING, TAXATION AND REGULATION OF CARD ROOMS, CARD CLUBS, SOCIAL CARD CLUBS, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND OF PERSONS EMPLOYED THEREIN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1552 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1552 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1553

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR ZONE R-4 (UNLIMITED MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT); AND AMENDING THE EXISTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ZONE R-4 TO PERMIT CARD CLUBS ONLY WHEN USE PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THEREFOR.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1553 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1553 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. ORDINANCE NO. 1554 adding Section 18.41 to The Code regulating hours of drilling for water wells.

City Manager Ferraro requested this ordinance be withdrawn for further study of a technical problem involving the drilling of the City's wells. There was no objection.

38. City Manager Ferraro called attention to copies of a letter from the City Manager to North Torrance Civic Association referring to an offer of \$2,000 toward suitable equipment for the Senior Citizens Club to be used in outfitting the present North Torrance Library as a facility for senior citizens. His recommendation was that the Council accept the letter and conditions subject to study and acceptance by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilman Lyman moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

39. City Manager Ferraro called the Council's attention to the letter from his office on the subject of Junior Citizens' Day which will be next Council meeting day, November 24, 1964.

40. City Manager Ferraro said a committee of citizens is going to be a requirement of the Airport Redevelopment Project and should be appointed prior to December 1st. Mayor Isen moved that the Citizens' Advisory Committee consist of a committee of 21 members to be selected by the Council. The City Manager's office will furnish names from various citizens' groups to use in selecting such a committee. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, to which there was no objection. A personnel session was scheduled for December 1, 1964, at 5 p.m., just prior to Council meeting on that day.

41. Councilman Beasley moved to send the "blue copy" of a proposed ordinance on Civil Service Commission, to that Commission for a recommendation.

Mayor Isen referred also to a "canary copy" having different provisions and complained that the blue copy required wholesale firing of the present members of the Commission and appointment of a new group of seven. He felt the Commission is being made a political football, and stated he intends to submit the canary copy which also provides for a seven member Commission and upon its adoption, four existing members would be appointed and in addition, three more: Robert White, Robert German and Robert Mulford for terms of one, two and three years by lot and for further vacancies to be filled by nomination by the Mayor and concurrence of the Council. He stated he would vote against the blue copy and would ask to be permitted to submit the canary copy.

Councilman Miller contended there was no intention of any "wholesale firing"; the four present members would be reappointed and Councilman Lyman expressed similar sentiments. All councilmen expressed ideas which varied from those of Mayor Isen as to the Civil Service membership ordinance and Councilman Miller said he would like, if possible, to move the only ordinance to be submitted would be the blue copy. The City Attorney said Mayor Isen might also submit the canary copy if he wished and Councilman Beasley said if that occurred, he would ask to be released from any obligation on appointments.

Councilman Miller seconded Councilman Beasley's motion with respect to the blue copy and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

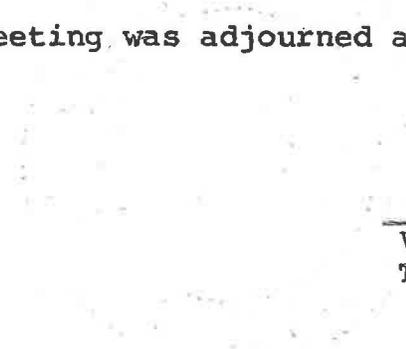
Mayor Isen delivered to City Clerk Coil the canary copy of the ordinance and asked that it be delivered to the Civil Service Commission for hearing. Councilman Lyman remarked that he too might have an ordinance to submit a little later.

42. Councilman Lyman read from an article in a newspaper the attributes of a good legislator or representative of the people and remarked that people often criticize a project and later when it proves successful, neglect to give it credit. An example is the Vincent Thomas Bridge which has surpassed the highest hopes of traffic and revenue.

43. Mr. Drale from the audience said Torrance had worked hard to try to get a college and while it was understood it went to Palos Verdes, there has been no purchase of land for the purpose there

and he wondered if there is any possibility of getting a full and complete report on the subject. Mayor Isen said as far as he is concerned he is "through with it". There was no objection, however, to a request of the City Manager for a report as to what is going on.

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


Vernon W. Coil
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Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance