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Torrance, California  
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, November 24, 1964 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

All councilmen were present and in alphabetical order, they introduced their Junior counterparts, this being Junior Citizens Day. Councilman Beasley, Miss Amy Kawaguchi, North High; Councilman Lyman, Alvin Sasuga, Torrance High; Councilman Miller, Rick Rivas, West High; Councilman Olson, Don Tetreault, Bishop Montgomery High; Councilman Sciarrotta, Miss Linda Robinson, North High; Councilman Vico, Alan Schwartz, Torrance High; and Mayor Isen, Alan Luger of South High School. City Manager Ferraro introduced his counterpart, Gerald Agnew of Bishop Montgomery High School; City Treasurer Rupert, Miss Cynthia Somerset of West High; City Attorney Remelmeyer David Schilling of North High; City Clerk Coil, Mr. Roger Webb of Torrance High school. All department heads and key personnel were also represented by student counterparts, but time did not permit their introduction. Recognition had been shown to them, however, at the briefing session in the afternoon, or at the dinner at Joslyn Center this evening.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Junior Assistant Police Chief John Balow led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meetings held November 10 and 17, 1964, respectively, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced certain items on the agenda could be handled by the Junior Councilmen prior to vote by the Senior Council and after a brief explanation of Council procedure by Junior Mayor Luger, the Council proceeded to consider the agenda for this evening. The action taken by the Senior Councilmen is noted herein.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 64-82 - CHANGE OF ZONE - PRECISE PLAN - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. 3503 Torrance Boulevard. C. L. Newman et al, 838 West Manchester, Inglewood. Third and final hearing on request for change of zone from C-2 and R-3 to C-2 (PD) and P-1 (PD) or C-2 (PD) only, Precise Plan of Development to construct professional building; and conditional use permit for office building for condominium purposes with parking, property described as easterly 66 feet of Lot 5, Tract 3458. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission, with concurrence of Planning Director.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested change of zone as set forth, with all provisions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 64-89 - VARIANCE - GEORGE SCHECTER, 1901 South Trinity Street, Los Angeles. Formal hearing on request for a variance of off-street parking requirements at 3661 Torrance Boulevard in C-2 zone, for convalescent hospital. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Planning Director.

Affidavit of Publication on the two above cases, Nos. 64-82 and 64-89, was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 64-89 and there was no response. Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta asked about the possibility of the business changing, but this is unlikely as a building is designed for this especial use. At any rate, it was noted that the License department could effectively control its use.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29829, FRANTON HOMES (Frank Caminiti, subdivider. Arrow Engineering. 25 lots zoned R-1, located at 171st Street and Taylor Court. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission. Tentative Tract Map approved by Council May 19, 1964.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Final Tract Map No. 29829 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30150, PRAIRIE SUBDIVIDERS, Lanco Engineering. 6 lots, Zone R-1, north of 236th Street between Arlington and Cabrillo Avenues. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission, with special conditions.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 30150. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30170. PRAIRIE SUBDIVIDERS. Lanco Engineering. 6 lots zoned A-1, located north of 231st Street between Arlington and Pennsylvania Avenues. Recommended for approval by Planning Commission, with special conditions stipulated by Planning and Engineering Departments.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval with all conditions and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

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Items 13 to 25 inclusive will be considered by the Senior Council after The Junior Council has concluded its consideration of the items assigned to them.

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26. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS IN MADISON STREET AND EASEMENTS FROM LOMITA BOULEVARD TO SAMUEL STREET. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that H. E. Johnson Construction Company be awarded the contract for said installation of storm drains at their bid of \$33,449.38.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in awarding the contract as recommended and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote. The motion included the provision that all other bids be rejected.

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAIN FROM 236th PLACE LOW POINT EAST OF PENNSYLVANIA TO SUMP AT 236th STREET AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that City Construction Company be awarded the contract on said project, their bid being the low bid of \$15,591.94.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in awarding the bid as recommended and rejecting all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. PURCHASE OF NEW 1965 AUTOMOBILES FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS - ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS. Recommendation of Ken MacRae, Garage Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager and Chief of Police, re acceptance of bids for the purchase of 1965 automobiles for various City Departments.

The following eight items were considered:

- Item 1. Two police units to be awarded to Ray Vane in the amount of \$5,027.04 less \$700 trade in on two units, the low bid.
2. Four police units to Ray Vane in the amount of \$10,034.88, the low bid.
3. One police unit to Vel's Ford in the amount of \$2,334.34, the low bid.
4. Seven police units to Vel's Ford in the amount of \$15,130.64, the low bid, considering trade-ins.
5. One police unit to Vel's Ford in the amount of \$2,126.94 the best bid because it is a comparable unit to the seven cars listed in Item 4, from parts and service standpoint.
6. One four-door sedan - recommended to be held for further study.
7. Two four-door sedans to be awarded to Vel's Ford for \$4,023.28, the low bidder, considering trade-ins.
8. One station wagon - recommended to be held for further study.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations as stated above, holding items 6 and 8 for further study. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

29. Deputy City Attorney, with recommendation of City Manager, re settlement suggested for additional costs of North Torrance Library per letter from Parr Contracting Company.

There is a misunderstanding as to certain minor items of the plans and specifications on the North Torrance Library, specifically whether the contractor was required by the terms of the contract to construct a certain library charging desk and book carts. A proposal has been made by the contractor Henry Parr to charge the City \$1,671, one-half of the cost and even with the addition of the \$1671 the total would be lower than other bids on the job. To litigate the dispute would delay opening the library for some time.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the proposed compromise. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley was concerned about such loose drafting of a contract as to leave major items subject to controversy. The deputy City Attorney, Mr. Knickerbocker said there was no basic ambiguity, but there was apparently an honest mistake made by the contractor in his bid and there was a detailed explanation of the manner in which the misunderstanding arose. It was agreed greater care should be exercised in preparing contracts such as the one here discussed.

Roll call on the motion to compromise as stated was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico, who contends there are too many of these errors which must be relieved and they add up to a large figure in the course of a fiscal year.

Items 30 and 31 are to be held for Senior Council consideration.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

32. City Clerk's submittal of complaints from citizens living in vicinity of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway right of way along Madrid Avenue.

Mrs. Cecelia Young who has lived at 2355 Eldorado Street for 28 years, outlined the history of the dissatisfaction with the trains along the AT&SF track from the standpoint of noise, vibration, traffic congestion and the danger to school children in this close residential community. Another factor is the blocking of streets in case of fire.

Mrs. Young said during the war it was agreed to give the railroad company a good deal of consideration and leniency, but that was twenty years ago and they are still running on an indefinite franchise. The tracks are not well maintained and the fences are not kept up. She and others who live along the right of way would like some action.

Mrs. Elder who had written a letter on the subject, spoke from the audience along the lines of her letter.

Mr. Robert A. Perry of 1403 Madrid did not think it proper that the junior citizens be acting upon this question and Mayor Isen explained the action to be taken is still taken by the regular Council. Mr. Perry told of emergencies when the ambulance could not get through and also of the nuisance created by the many diesel engines and the vibration. A compilation has been made by the citizens of the number of trains, number of freight cars, etc., and the violations committed by the railroad company and its train crews.

Mr. M. W. De Sollar of 2353 Sonoma Avenue submitted a compilation of a ten days' record as mentioned by Mr. Perry. He said there are no bells nor signals at Sonoma and the trains go through at 50 mph sometimes. He has seen many very close calls. There are homes in which plaster is cracked as a result of the vibrations caused by long, heavy trains. At times the signal bells are put in motion and then the train stops and stays and the bells continue.

Mayor Isen brought out that the land on which the railroad right of way runs is owned in fee by the railroad company. He told City Attorney Remelmeyer to be prepared to make a report on the legality and the rights of the railroad and of the City. Several factors are involved: ownership, franchise, control, signalization whether it is possible to reroute, etc. Possibly there will be a committee from the neighborhood and from the council to work further after this report is compiled. He suggested forty-five days be allowed with a sooner report if at all possible.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the matter be referred to the City Manager, City Engineer and City Attorney with a time limit and schedule as above outlined and as stated by the Junior Council and Mayor Isen. Mayor Isen seconded.

Mrs. Young mentioned the possibility of many more cars on Torrance Boulevard when the Superior Court building is completed at Civic Center.

There was no objection and the motion carried.

33. Transmittal by City Attorney, with signature of City Manager appended, of resolution evidencing grave concern for the increasingly heavy property tax burden being borne by the people of Torrance and requesting Governor and legislature to study the problem and present reform legislation therefor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EVIDENCING ITS GRAVE CONCERN FOR THE INCREASINGLY HEAVY PROPERTY TAX BURDEN BEING BORNE BY THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM AND PRESENT REFORM LEGISLATION THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-227 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that tax relief on real estate must come, under one plan or another; real estate cannot bear the full brunt. In addition, there has been an increase in assessed valuation. Torrance has found it necessary to place a tax on cigarettes and a bed tax to keep from raising its basic rate. The combined tax rate for the County, 9.46 for Torrance property owners, minus the City rate of 1.23 still leaves a high rate. On the other hand, there can't be much argument with the school districts and their fine systems and good educative processes

Councilman Miller mentioned that while the cigarette tax went up 2 cents, the coin operated machines increased their price 5 cents and the City should come back and charge the additional 3 cents. City Manager Ferraro said the 2 cent increase would reimburse the city close to \$270,000 which would equal about 12 cents on the property tax. Mayor Isen thought it might be advisable to increase the license tax on the vending machines for cigarettes. Councilman Lyman did not think it should concern the council what a merchant charges for a product.

Informally, without a motion, Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Ferraro to examine into this in line with the discussion of the Council and make reports and recommendations. There was no objection.

A recess was declared at 9:25 p.m. and Council reconvened at 9:35.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

35. City Manager, submitting recommendation concerning revision of lock and key system of City buildings.

City Manager Ferraro and Assistant City Manager Scharfman explained the purpose of the recommendation along the lines of the communication dated November 19, 1964, and Councilman Beasley moved that the City re-key and master-key approximately 350 locks; replace approximately 50 defective locks; and install decorative panic bars and locks on the front and east lobby doors in the City Hall, that approximately \$2,250 be appropriated for this purpose. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

36. Expenditures of over \$300 for Council approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

1. \$441.74 to B & M Siren Manufacturing Co., for 3 sirens S8BM9 type 12 volt, and 1 motorcycle siren for the Police Department, budget items.
2. \$1335.20 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., for 2 motorcycle radios for the Police Department, including a trade in allowance on two old radios in the amount of \$100, a budget item.
3. \$936 to Traffic Appliance Corp., for 4 sensing units, mast arm type, for Traffic and Lighting Department, a budget item.
4. \$673.80 to Kirst Pump and Machine Works for parts and labor to repair 2" 5592 FM Pump s/40 hp motor for the Water Department, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

37. Victor Park Restrooms and Storage Buildings and Concrete Block Walls at Walteria Park.

An additional item to the agenda was a recommendation from the City Manager's office that the low bid of \$1700 from Iren S. Negley for the Victor Park Restrooms and Storage buildings and low bid of \$708 from B & J Fence Company for 118 feet of block wall for Walteria Park be accepted and all other bids rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur therein and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Stanley Sorenson, Junior President of the Airport Commission, recommended that the buildings on the Municipal Airport be repainted. Airport Manager (Junior) Steven Fisher agreed, pointing out the high standing of Torrance Airport among those of the nation. However, this is an administrative matter and it was agreed it should go through the Commission before being presented to Council. It was so referred.

39. Mary Kane, as Junior Chairman of the Torrance Beautiful Commission, recommended that the Airport be beautified by planting of the official City flower, the hybrid delphinium, in red, white and blue, on each side of the main runway. Also, that the official City tree, the cork oak be planted between hangars. The Junior Mayor said if there was no objection, this request would be referred to management, also.

40. At the request of the Junior Mayor, the Junior City Clerk assigned a number and read title to:

JUNIOR RESOLUTION NO. 64-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE "JUNIOR CITIZENS" OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THANKING THE CITY COUNCIL, BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE PRINCIPAL OF BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN JUNIOR CITIZENS DAY.

Councilwoman Kawaguchi moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-228 and her motion, seconded by Councilman Schwartz, carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Junior Council.

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41. Junior Councilwoman/repeated a rumor that the Gardena City administration would be happy to either buy the Torrance bus system or consolidate the two systems and she thought the proposition was worth investigating. Junior Councilman Rivas moved to refer the matter to management.

42. Junior Councilman Sasuga spoke of the growth of Torrance and reminded all that the industrial growth is keeping pace with that of multiple residence construction.

43. Junior Councilman Schwartz said he and the Junior Mayor had considered and discussed various items on the agenda and had decided to recommend that with all the street and road work in Torrance, the access to downtown from Crenshaw via Dominguez and Sartori should be widened. An added advantage would be the means of bringing in North Torrance fire equipment if needed, particularly considering the discussion of the blocking of streets by the railroad traffic. Junior Mayor Luger referred the subject to Management.

44. Junior Mayor Luger thanked the audience for their attention and patience and for all the experiences of the day. He expressed pride and appreciation of the men who run our City.

45. Each councilman presented a certificate of merit to his... respective counterpart with appropriate comments.

46. Mayor Isen suggested cooperation between the Senior and Junior Torrance Beautiful Commissions with the thought of designing and having printed a certificate or pledge for signature by students

in order to encourage a more beautiful and a greener city.

At ten o'clock a short recess was declared so that the Junior citizens might take their leave.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF VIA LADO IN TRACT NO. 23988. Proposed resolution declaring intention and fixing time and place for a hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF VIA LADO, TRACT NO. 23988 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-229 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

14. QUITCLAIM OF PORTION OF 171st STREET TO ALLOW RECORDATION OF TRACT NO. 29829, with proposed resolution thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR A PORTION OF 171st STREET IN FINAL TRACT NO. 29829.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-230 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. PURCHASE OF PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY PROPERTY FOR DEL AMO BOULEVARD RIGHT OF WAY. City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting recommendation that the City purchase property of Pacific Electric Railway Company for the Del Amo Boulevard right of way to permit opening up this street from Henrietta Street west to Prospect Avenue.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mr. D. E. Robinson of 5529 Konya Drive said he and his neighbors are not anxious to have Del Amo go through as it will be very close to their homes. He also asked if it might be possible for the City to acquire a large parcel of land near Del Amo and Prospect Avenue south of the South Bay Hospital. Councilman Beasley said this is an old dump and City Engineer Nollac said it is the property of Huntington Land Company and they are planning to develop it although there has not as yet been any formal application. Mayor Isen said there is no reason to halt the extension of Del Amo Boulevard which is on the master plan to go through, as a major highway.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

16. 1964 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE - ENGINEERING SERVICES. City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting recommendation that agreement be approved with proposed resolution thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-231

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 KOEBIG AND KOEBIG, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON STORM DRAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 1964 BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 8101.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-231. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. STORM DRAIN EASEMENT FROM STANDARD OIL COMPANY - Property northerly of Lomita Boulevard at Early Avenue - acceptance of easement, and direction to City Clerk to record same.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the recommendation to accept and record would be followed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. CHANGE OF CLASS TITLE FROM PATROLMAN TO POLICEMAN. Civil Service Board Secretary, with City Manager's signature appended, transmitting recommendation of approval of request of Police Chief for a change of class title from "Patrolman" to "Policeman".

19. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - SENIOR TYPIST CLERK. Civil Service Commission, submitting revised class specification for Senior Typist Clerk, deleting paragraph titled, "Distinguishing Characteristics."

20. Civil Service Commission, with signature of City Manager appended, submitting four class specifications and salary ranges approved by the Commission, for Council consideration.

21. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS - Civil Engineering Associate and Civil Engineering Assistant.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendations as stated in each of the four items numbered 18, 19, 20 and 21. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 2 OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-136 WHICH PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SALARY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-122 TO ADD CERTAIN NEW POSITIONS, WITH THEIR SALARY RANGES, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-232 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. Civil Service Commission Secretary, submitting request for authorization for two Commissioners and the Secretary to attend the Western Regional Conference of the Public Personnel Association to be held in Honolulu in April, 1965, with comments of City Manager appended.

Councilman Olson suggested this be held for a recommendation from the City Manager. Mayor Isen said he would vote "No" regardless of such recommendation and moved to deny the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he believed the City Manager should be permitted to study the request and Mr. Ferraro answered that there is no established policy. He was asked to look into the matter of establishing a policy as to all commissions.

On this particular request, roll call vote on the motion to deny was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Sciarrotta.

30. EXPIRED AND EXPIRING T-HANGAR LEASES. Airport Commission President, submitting Commission's policy recommendations and concurrence, with exceptions, of the Airport Manager.

Attorney Wm. A. Schultz was present and asked that this item be heard at this time, as he had another engagement. He requested an extension of this matter to December 1st at the 5:30 Council meeting. Mayor Isen suggested the request be granted and in the meantime that the Airport Committee of the Council meet and consider the subject and make a recommendation.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is a legal problem presented. Mr. Schultz should consent to the extension of the Notices to Quit in order to preserve their validity. He asked if Mr. Schultz would stipulate on behalf of his clients that the notices to quit will be valid and sufficient, naming his clients.

Mr. Schultz did so stipulate, specifically as to his clients Hazuka, Cowan and Mason. As to two other clients, he will have to get written verification, he said.

The matter will be placed early on next week's Council agenda.

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND: City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, as follows:  
 1. That Torrance Knolls who installed trunk sewer facilities from Lomita Blvd to the Sepulveda Blvd and Maple Avenue inter-section be reimbursed a portion of the cost of said facilities from Sewer Revolving Fund; and 2. that Reimbursement District No. 40 be established to return the cost to the Sewer Revolving Fund, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-234

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 40, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TORRANCE KNOLLS THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-234 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND: City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$12,500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sewers in Spencer Street between Madison Street and Hawthorne Avenue.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

25. REQUEST FOR REFUND OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FEES TO MESSRS. POULIN AND HANSMAN. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that refund in the amount of \$438.50 be paid to them for drainage fees on property at 3505 Maricopa Street.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the refund be made. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

31. Airport Manager, submitting request for authorization for Airport Manager to attend CAAE Business meetings and Assistant Airport Manager to attend ITTE short course sponsored by the CAAE with appropriate expenses paid.

Mr. Al Trefethen, 2432 Chapman Street, said the Torrance Airport group recommends this and any educational project.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and his motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

34. City Manager, submitting report requested by Council on the subject of the Southern California Rapid Transit District route.

Councilman Lyman asked this matter be held for further discussion at an appropriate time and there was no objection.

47. City Manager Ferraro announced that Superintendent of Building and Safety, John J. McKinnon, had now completed his probation period and attained permanent status.

48. City Manager Ferraro said the City is now preparing the Airport Redevelopment application, specifically the survey and planning portion and as a part of that, the Housing and Home Finance Agency has a procedure whereby the members of the Council should attend a conference in San Francisco either December 10th or 11th. (Thursday or Friday). The councilmen will consult their calendars and the City Manager's office will make a poll a little later. The City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance and Planning Director will also attend.

49. City Manager Ferraro asked for authority to divide a portion of the downstairs of City Hall near where the Public Works Department was - and now occupied by Customer Service - to make room for Advanced Planning section. There is also need for space for the consultant on Urban Renewal who will be here December 1st. The request is for not to exceed \$600 for remodeling.

Councilman Olson moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

50. City Treasurer Rupert announced the Federal Reserve Board has raised the ceiling on time deposits from 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and the increase to Torrance will be about \$8,000 a year.

51. Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon said his Junior counterpart this evening is a nephew of Planning Director Shartle - Roger Shartle - and recalled that a niece of Mr. Shartle was Junior Mayor a couple of years ago.

52. Mr. Stanley Dunn of 505 Via la Selva, official representative of the Riviera Homeowners Association, asked to retrieve a petition filed with the City Clerk's office regarding public beach usage at the old Clubhouse site. Mayor Isen moved to release it to him. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

53. Secondly, Mr. Dunn stated there are Planning Commission hearings set to reconsider the motion to rezone lot 2, Block C, etc., Sovereign Development Co. to C-1, with various variances. He said through Proposition 1 which passed the November 3 election, there may be funds available to permit the county to condemn at least the beach portion of this property. So far they have received no indication of the County's intentions, and he fears any opportunity to acquire the property for public use may be prejudiced by the hearings. He would like to have the Council rescind its action and let the matter take its natural course. There seems to be nothing new to present at any hearing on December 2nd and no reason for the many residents to again appear. No formal application has been made in Redondo Beach, Mr. Dunn said. Councilman Miller asked why there has been no move on the part of Sovereign Development and Planning Director Shartle said the architect, Jack Eardley is now preparing some material.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council has power to direct The Planning Commission to postpone the hearings for sixty days. Mayor Isen moved to request the Planning Commission to postpone the hearing sixty days to give the Sovereign Development Co. the chance to submit their new material. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Isen told Mr. Dunn if there is anyway to interest the State and County for the purchase of the entire strip, he would have complete cooperation.

Councilman Beasley said there have been two County departments working very hard on both the beach situation and the State park matter in Sacramento. The County has not been idle.

54. Mr. Chris Caras of 961 del Monte, spoke of a zone change which he said took place several months ago and has not as yet been completely finalized. It is property between 231st St. and 230th Place on Crenshaw zoned C-2. Mr. Caras has hesitated to develop the property without a suitable and reliable tenant and consequently was caught in the zone change to R-P zoning. He now has a tenant to put in a cleaning pick up station, and has already put in a STOP AND GO MARKET. Mr. Caras would like to be able to promise his tenant occupancy when the building is completed. In answer to questioning by Councilman Miller, Mr. Caras said he intends to extend the building 50 feet in the hope of securing a beauty shop and barber shop, or real estate office, which would be in accordance with the R-P zoning. Mr. Remelmeyer said he could see no way of developing a non-conforming use by November 27th when the ordinance will become effective.

Mayor Isen moved in connection with the building in the now C-2 zone, that this applicant, Chris Caras, be permitted in a store building to be built on the same premises to operate a dry cleaning agency without any equipment for cleaning. Mr. Remelmeyer said Mr. Caras' rights are set by the ordinance which cannot be changed by any motion. Mayor Isen asked for roll call on his motion and it was:

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

NoES: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Sciarrotta

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller, who did not understand the purpose.

Both Councilmen Olson and Sciarrotta were sympathetic to Mr. Caras' cause, but did not want to vote on a motion which would have no effect according to the City Attorney, who maintained the applicant should seek a variance.

Mayor Isen said he believed the action taken here was merely an informal expression of opinion and advised Mr. Caras to see the Planning Director about applying for a change of zone, or a variance, whatever is the appropriate relief.

There being no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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