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MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE
CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting, regularly adjourned from January 19, 1965, of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, January 26, 1965, at 8:30 p.m., 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, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, the new President of the Victoria Terrace Homeowners Association, Dick Winner, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Leslie C. Ashford of Del Amo Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 19, 1965 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman 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.

Mayor Isen explained the reason for the half hour later meeting time and gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the audience. The councilmen, their wives and others had attended the open house for the Daily Breeze's new building which Mayor Isen complimented highly. The City Manager was instructed to write a letter to the Daily Breeze on suggestion of Councilman Beasley, to be signed by the City Manager Mayor and Councilmen congratulating the paper on what he called perhaps the finest newspaper establishment in the whole United States.

Mrs. Lyman, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ferraro, Mrs. Isen, and later in the meeting, Mrs. Scharfman, were introduced by their respective husbands.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. CASE NO. 64-62 - VARIANCE - Prairie Avenue Church, 18098 Prairie Avenue. Requesting 5 ft. front yard setback in connection with construction of church complex.

Councilman Olson asked the Planning Director a question having to do with future ownership of the reduced setback and Mr. Shartle answered that it is a request for a variance for the church only.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the request to include within this variance a five foot reduction in the required front yard from 20 to 15 feet. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 30152, BARTON CONSTRUCTION CO. Pearson & Assoc., Engineers. 68 lots, zoned R-1 and A-1, located west of Hawthorne, between Bluff Street and south City boundary. Recommended for approval, with conditions, by Planning Commission.

Mr. Ted Baciu, Chairman of the Hillside Development Committee of the Riviera Homeowners Association, was very complimentary to the staff for the excellent development which is peculiar to this hillside. He particularly wished to recommend that the Council follow the recommendation of the Fire Department with respect to Planning Commission subitem 11, as follows: "This approval is conditioned upon "B" Street being extended westerly to Vista Montana during the development of Tract No. 30152." Mr. Shartle said Mr. Barton has acquired the property to the west and will be able to comply.

Mr. Barton stated he is familiar with the Fire Department recommendation and assumes the obligation of extending B Street westerly to Vista Montana during the development.

Mayor Isen pointed out an ambiguity in subitem 16 "the subdivider has indicated . . ." and asked that it be changed to read "that it is required that all utilities will be placed underground". Mr. Barton agreed, and this is considered to be a requirement rather than an option.

Mr. Shartle explained the net effect of the reduction in front yard setback. It will look the same except the sidewalks will be next to the curblin and the developer will not be required to grade what will normally be the sidewalk area; it would be a utilities easement only.

Mr. Wilson Butte of 3883 Bluff Street stated the people on his street are concerned about the drainage. City Engineer Nollac said the drainage condition on Bluff Street will not be worse; but rather will be improved somewhat as the gully will be replaced by a pipe to handle the same amount of water. In about two years there will be further improvement through the money from the bond issue, Councilman Beasley said.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission, including the Fire Department's recommendation and that that the provisions in subitem 16 be considered to be a requirement rather than an indication. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen noticed the presence of City Treasurer Rupert and welcomed him back from his recent illness.

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10. City Attorney submitting for approval at first reading ordinance repealing emergency ordinance No. 1566 entitled "An Ordinance declaring a moratorium on the removal, alteration or demolition of buildings and structures in the area bounded by Hawthorne Avenue, Madison Street, Lomita Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

City Manager Ferraro asked this item be withdrawn from the agenda for revision and Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Miller asked why it is being requested withdrawn and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained last week it had been thought that clearance had been effected but on rechecking he is not so certain. Councilman Beasley agreed there should be a writing from the Urban Renewal authorities.

Attorney A. P. G. Steffes of 707 South Hill Street, attorney for the Yamiguchi family, said he had been advised by the City Manager that this ordinance would be passed at this meeting, enabling his clients to clean up their property and in reliance on this statement from the City Manager, his clients had made arrangements to proceed immediately. Mayor Isen hoped by next week, the matter could be cleared up.

Mr. Steffes said his clients are financially able to do so and are very interested in removing the blight from their property in compliance with public policy. Councilman Miller asked Mr. Steffes if he would be willing to sign an agreement about not filing any action which would block the program and Mr. Steffes said he would not and could not take any action against the interests of his clients.

There being no objection, the item is removed from the agenda to be replaced by the City Manager at an early date. Mr. Steffes will be notified of that meeting date by the City Manager.

11. PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT. City Attorney submitting for approval at first reading ordinance adding Section 15 I 6 to Appendix I to provide parking lot improvement standards.

Councilman Beasley thought the requirement for walls around parking would be detrimental, in several respects. Councilman Miller thought the walls should vary in material to be compatible with aesthetic considerations. Mayor Isen said perhaps the placement and height of walls should be subject to approval of the Traffic Commission. Councilman Olson mentioned the disadvantage from the standpoint of Police Department patrol. Mayor Isen moved to refer this item back to the City Attorney, the City Manager, the Police Department and the Traffic Commission, for revision. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

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Nine o'clock having arrived, the Council was recessed in order to reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance.

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The Council reconvened at 9:05 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. CLOSING OF ALLEY - PLAZA DEL AMO. Petition from residents in vicinity of Cabrillo and Andreo Avenues, protesting closing of alley opening at Plaza Del Amo between Cabrillo and Andreo Avenues.

Mr. Sam Battaglia of 2415 Cabrillo Avenue acted as spokesman for the petitioners. There are many reasons for the protests and he enumerated them: the alley has been in use since 1914 when the homes were built and it was extended in 1940 and 1941; necessary for access; bad traffic situation worsened by having to emerge onto Cabrillo; lack of notice of proposed sale; danger in case of fire, etc.

City Manager Ferraro said it was never an alley and he explained, referring to the map. The use of the property as an alley has caused a traffic problem by depositing traffic in the middle of the block of Plaza del Amo.

Mr. Battaglia did not agree with Mr. Ferraro's statement as to traffic. Plaza del Amo is a divided street; any traffic coming from the alley has to go the same way, to the right. He also maintains there are two other similar alleys in the immediate area.

Councilman Beasley called attention to the fact that this sale is an accomplished fact and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that the City owned the land in fee, it was not a matter of vacation of an alley, but rather the straight sale of property.

Mayor Isen said he believed the only way to undo this sale would be by formation of an assessment district to pay so much per lot. The price was named and the amount per lot. Mr. Battaglia said the people would not be willing to do that. Mayor Isen reminded the people of the appreciation of their property's value and the nice profit they will make under the multiple residence zoning.

Councilman Vico said he believes in some cases the city may be selling land for less than could be obtained for it. City Engineer Nollac explained that there were only two possible buyers in the case of this so called alleyway - otherwise it was unbuildable. It could only be added to the property on one side or the other. Of the two owners only one was interested and the property was sold to James H. Webb, the owner of contiguous land.

Mr. Jos. Piatt of 3222 Antonio St. asked how the City decided to sell this property. City Manager Ferraro outlined the sequence of events, culminating in the recording of the deed on December 3, 1964.

No formal action was taken, although the gist of the discussion was that there was no way to rescind the sale - and no reason to do so.

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

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SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENDITURE Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$3,000 be appropriated from Drainage Improvement Fund for construction of storm drain in easement west of Crenshaw Place from 190th Street to alley north of 190th Street.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unambiguously favorable.

14. EXPENDITURES FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that \$2,700 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sanitary sewers in 234th Street east of Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

15. AWARD OF CONTRACT - INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN SPENCER STREET BETWEEN MADISON STREET AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE - PLAN No. SS-156. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that S & S Construction be awarded the contract in the amount of \$9,243.43.

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

16. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO. (City-owned property at 226th and Ocean Avenue) Proposed resolution authorizing execution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES TO PROVIDE GENERAL AREA SERVICES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-15 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. MEADOW PARK URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT. Communication from City Manager regarding early acquisition of land.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Ferraro if Mr. Irwin concurs in this and the answer was affirmative. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager as stated in his memorandum and the motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. DISCUSSIONS WITH EMPLOYEES REGARDING WAGES, ETC. City Manager submitting for approval and adoption proposed resolution directing him to handle communications re wages, salaries, hours and working conditions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-16

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO HANDLE COMMUNICATIONS RELATIVE TO WAGES, SALARIES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Mayor Isen asked for discussion and Mr. Sam Hunegs, representative of Miscellaneous City Employees Local No. 1117 expressed complete disapproval of the proposed resolution which he said has as its stated purpose the turning over of an important responsibility of City government to the City Manager. He stated this is "wholly and outrageously illegal and an improper delegation of authority" referring to the proposal to designate the City Manager as the "governing body". He said also that the resolution is phrased in a deceptive and misleading manner and exhibited a copy of the subject law. Section 1962 of the Labor Code, he said specifically is limited to fire fighters.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Hunegs if it would not be possible to settle this through a committee working with administration and Mr. Hunegs said No. He maintains there is no resolution necessary; also that the State has preempted the field, and guarantees the right of government employees to deal with the governing body, this resolution would negate this protection by arbitrarily appointing an administrative person as a City governing body.

Mr. Hunegs said about two weeks ago the City Manager assured City employees that he intended to discuss salary survey findings with them in the near future. Later he told the union representative that he would like to handle it in his way this time. The employees and union were not consulted prior to drafting the resolution.

The contention of Mr. Hunegs was that this duty which the City Manager wants to take on would take his complete time and would cut the City Council out of contact with its constituents. He asked that the resolution not even be considered.

Councilman Miller resented Mr. Hunegs' attitude, but said he would like to find out more about the proposed resolution. He believes all City employee groups are not equally organized and represented, but would like to find some method by which the salary matters could be negotiated in a few meetings, rather than the many which have been required. Mayor Isen explained that Mr. Hunegs does represent the miscellaneous employees - who are organized and negotiate each year as do the other groups. He said this resolution probably will not be adopted tonight but it is not one to tear up and forget. It was prepared in an attempt to alleviate the workload caused by long and heavy agendas. The wording "governing body" however, Mayor Isen did not agree with - the City Council is the governing body.

Councilman Olson said the last thing the Council wants is to see any City employee - or for that matter, any citizen - mistreated. The Council's concern is the amount of time personnel wage matters consume. He suggested some sort of central clearing house, rather than the long repetitive conferences which have been the rule in the past. The attempt, he said, is to bring both sides together in a systematic and orderly manner and not spend months and months of time in blind negotiations.

Councilman Beasley concurred in Councilman Olson's remarks, based on seven years of experience - something must be done to consolidate in the interests of time. The City Manager is personnel director and has full authority over City employees, Mr. Beasley said, and over the mode of determining their wages.

Councilman Sciarrotta reminded the meeting that the city employees would always have recourse to the Civil Service Commission if they are not satisfied. He said the councilmen are plagued with too many meetings on salary matters although he is not completely satisfied with all the provisions of this resolution.

Councilman Vico admonished Mr. Hunegs because of his method of presenting this matter.

Councilman Lyman stated there is no reason why the City Manager should not spend his time taking care of this type of matter; it is his duty for which he is paid an adequate salary. He thought the council should receive some kind of pre-education so as to make these salary conferences meaningful.

Councilman Miller apologized for speaking too hurriedly, recognizing that everyone has his job to do. He, too, is interested in some system whereby these matters can be arbitrated expeditiously.

Mr. Hunegs, however, stated this is not the issue here tonight. A means of communication, he said should have been established months ago. There is no resolution necessary; nothing that cannot be done administratively. His group had no notice of the proposed resolution.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter back to the City Manager, concurring, however, in the sense of the cover letter and asking him to use his position as City Manager to set up a procedure to meet the needs of the case.

Councilman Olson repeated his position that all four employee groups should be treated equally. It is unfair to ask either employees or councilmen to spend the time that has been spent in the past. He feels there is some way to keep the best of Mr. Hunegs' remarks and the best points of Mr. Ferraro's resolution.

Mayor Isen agreed that Mr. Hunegs' statement that he is not kept advised proves the need of a set of rules of procedure.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion made by Councilman Beasley above.

Milton Langum of Torrance Fire Fighters said there should be some means of setting this before going to Council. This machinery, he said is already set up under the provisions of the new civil service ordinance.

Mayor Isen again suggested a committee to consist of a member from each employee group; one or two from the completely unorganized. Mr. Langum said that is provided under the new civil service ordinance. The same committee which worked on that ordinance could well work on this problem.

Councilman Olson thought it proper that City Manager Ferraro be invited to give his views. The discussion switched to the civil service ordinance and why it has not made its appearance. City Attorney Remelmyer said it will come to the Council February 23rd.

City Manager Ferraro said he had no comment.

Councilman Sciarrotta approved Mayor Isen's suggestion to appoint representatives of each group to meet with three members of the City Council and the City Manager to establish a procedure. If this committee exists, let's bring it to light, he said.

Jim Popp of 1820 Calamar, President of the Police Officers Association, said his organization opposes the resolution as written. A new committee working on this question, he thought could reach an answer.

Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to establish the committee suggested by the Mayor - there was no second.

Councilman Miller moved to file the resolution. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen then moved for the committee in accordance with his previous remarks. Jay Nielsen, representing the Fire Fighters, thought a solution might be to use the wage committee of each organization. Mayor Isen agreed to use the wage committee of the City Employees as one portion of the committee; the City Manager, three Councilmen, to propose an amicable solution. He delegated Councilmen Olson, Sciarrotta and himself to act for the Council. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion of Mayor Isen and there was no objection.

At 10:25 a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 10:35.

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FISCAL MATTERS:

19. BID NO. B65-5 - Materials for Sprinkler System - Madison Street Parkway. Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that Bid of Jackson Supply Company, in the amount of \$772.30 be accepted.

Mayor Isen remarked that this item would be held one week, at the request of the City Manager.

20. TORRANCE PARK SPRINKLER SYSTEM. Recommendation of Park Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager, that Council authorize the appropriation of an additional \$1,000 to complete installation of automatic sprinkler system at Torrance Park.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated in the communication of the Park Superintendent dated January 20, 1965 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT CHAIN LINK FENCE AT NORTH END OF GUENSER PARK. Request of Recreation Director, with comments of Finance Director and concurrence of City Manager, to expend an amount not to exceed \$900 for constructing fence at north end of Guenser Park, with 12 ft. service yard gate and 15 x 25 ft. concession enclosure.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

22. REQUEST TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR EL NIDO PARK. Request of Recreation Director, with comments of Finance Director and Concurrence of City Manager, to purchase two pieces of playground equipment at a cost of \$361.92 for El Nido Park.

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

23. LANDSCAPING OF NORTH TORRANCE BRANCH LIBRARY. Recommendation of City Manager that Council appropriate \$1,170 from the General Fund to cover the cost of the sprinkler system and plant materials to accomplish landscaping of subject library.

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

24. INSURANCE - CITY BUS FLEET. Recommendation of Bus Superintendent and City Clerk that bid of the Travelers Insurance Company in the amount of \$2,385 for combined comprehensive fire and theft insurance for the city bus fleet for the period February 1, 1965 to February 1, 1966, be accepted.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

25. APPRAISAL OF EXPANSION OF TORRANCE AIRPORT. Recommendation of City Attorney, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council authorize payment of \$4,522.50 to Howard S. Martin for services rendered in connection with his appraisal of the property west of the airport which City has acquired to create a clear zone.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the bill be paid and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

26. LEGAL SERVICES - CITY OF TORRANCE vs. DOMINGUEZ WATER CORP. Recommendation of City Attorney, with concurrence of City Manager, that bill for \$750 from Newlin, Tackabury and Johnson, for legal services rendered in subject case, be paid.

Mayor Isen said he heartily recommended this also in that the \$750 consultation fee could be considered in contract to a normal \$7500 fee. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was;

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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Mayor Isen noticed the presence of Jim Whitmer in the audience and introduced him. Jim left an enviable record as Traffic Engineer in Torrance and is now with the City of Fresno although he continues to assist Torrance as a consultant with no fee.

27. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

1. \$361.92 to Jamison Manufacturing Company for playground equipment requested by Recreation Department.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

28. AIRPORT SEWER PROPOSAL. Airport Manager submitting letter requesting authority to hire Hofmann & Son at a cost of not to exceed \$1,000.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION:

29. SIGN DESIGNATING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY SQUARE.

City Manager Ferraro commented that the Commission acted without full information on this item. The sign is being made and will be installed shortly. There being no objection, the communication was ordered filed.

30. RECOMMENDATION ON PURCHASE OF SOUTH TORRANCE OIL FIELD PARK SITE. Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, recommending that 233rd Street sump site be earmarked for a park site and that condemnation action on adjacent 2.5 acres be carried on to completion.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the suggestion made by the City Manager to refer this matter to the City Manager and City Attorney's office for investigation and estimate of cost. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen made further comments in conjunction with this item, calling attention to Informational Item A which gives a complete resume of the ownership of the sumps, all of which can eventually be park sites. He asked if it would not be possible to investigate each looking toward the possibility of getting quitclaim deeds and fee ownership. It might be feasible to file condemnation actions on those which might be future park sites. If there appears no objection, he said he would refer to the City Manager and Park and Recreation Commission and the City Attorney for a comprehensive study of the feasibility of acquiring the fee title. City Manager Ferraro said a report has been filed with the Park and Recreation Commission for study and recommendation. He asked if he might time his office's action at the conclusion of the Recreation study. Mayor Isen said "Yes".

POLICE MATTERS:

31. SALE OF UNCLAIMED BICYCLES. City Attorney submitting for approval at first reading ordinance thereon.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1573

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 5.8.1 ENTITLED SALE OF UNCLAIMED BICYCLES TO CHAPTER V OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PERMIT THE SALE OF UNCLAIMED BICYCLES HELD BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THREE MONTHS.

Councilman Vico moved to approve Ordinance No. 1573 at first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

32. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. City Clerk's reminder that Council should appoint two additional members to serve on Civil Service Commission in order to comply with newly adopted ordinance No. 1564 which increases membership to seven.

Attached to the material for this meeting is also a reminder that Lewis E. Jenkins resigned from that Commission on October 20, 1964. Mayor Isen has never favored the ordinance which will become effective January 28th, but as far as the seven names which were mentioned previously are concerned, there is no reason not to make the appointments. The City Attorney did not have the ordinance at this meeting but the names of the commissioners were mentioned: Robert White, Robert German and Robert Mulford being the three appointed at this time, effective as of the date of effect of Ordinance No. 1564 and the expiration dates of their commissions to be determined by lot. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to that effect and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman,

carried by unanimous roll call vote. The four members who remain from the Commission as previously constituted are: Commissioners Mill, Townsend, Morehart and Peterson.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1572

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. 64-53. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1572 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. B-65-2 - INSURANCE - CITY AUTOMOTIVE FLEET. Recommendation of City Clerk, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, submitted by Argus Insurance Brokers, Inc., Agent, on Item 2 of Bid Schedule No. 65-2, \$50 deductible comprehensive physical damage insurance covering the City's Automotive Fleet, in the amount of \$813 for the policy period beginning February 1, 1965 and ending February 1, 1966, be accepted, and all other bids be rejected.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

35. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300. City Clerk recommending acceptance and payment of \$301 to The Lexington Company, Agent for Travelers Indemnity Company for Money and Securities Broad Form Policy for period January 31, 1965 to January 31, 1966, covering various municipal enterprises against \$5,000 loss inside premises and \$5,000 outside premises, a budget item.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

36. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of January 23 to 30, 1965 as YOUTH HOCKEY WEEK and announced games are played at the Ice Arena on Western Avenue.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. City Manager Ferraro announced there would be the first meeting of the AUDITORIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE at 7:30 in the Recreation Center Building this Wednesday, January 27th. A resolution establishing the committee will come to the Council next week.

38. City Manager Ferraro stated proposals are being formulated to various planning consultants regarding a plan for urban renewal and marketability of land. Although permission has not yet been granted the process may be speeded up by interviewing these firms.

39. Councilman Lyman mentioned the newspaper publicity regarding Sovereign Development Company's alleged approach to a councilman, stating he would like to know just what took place and proposed that Mr. Keillor be subpoenaed to appear before the Council to testify under oath. City Attorney Remelmeyer did not think it would be proper to do so unless the matter of the Sovereign Development Company was before the Council which it is not. Mayor Isen did not think this is a matter to be governed by an ordinance, being simply a matter of conduct. Councilman Miller said he believes the matter was very poorly handled by Sovereign Development people in many respects although the high rise concept is good. He would be happy to pursue the matter by whatever means are determined to be proper. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would check thoroughly but he does not believe the Council has jurisdiction at this time. Councilman Lyman said the man in question is continuing to make statements to the press in extension of his first remarks.

Mayor Isen advised letting the matter pass except to direct the City Attorney to inquire further into the law and report his opinion, as a personal matter.

40. Councilman Lyman mentioned the South Bay College and the difficulty of financing. He suggested the Council go on record in support of the bill introduced by the assemblyman who represents this area, and Mr. Unruh, and that we favor their position in regard to obtaining funds to put the college into operation as soon as possible. In essence, he asked that the Council go on record as supporting Messrs. Chapel, Dills, Thomas and Unruh in an attempt to open the college for the 1965-66 year. He so moved. Councilman Beasley thought the Council should wait until they are asked for support. He still thinks there is some hope of the college being located in Torrance. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion made by Councilman Lyman and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A resolution will be prepared.

Mayor Isen commented however, that no one wants the college up on the hill. Mr. Unruh is getting on the bandwagon supporting South Bay because it did not go to Fox Hills. There are many problems in regard to the college on the hill. However, it should be in South Bay area and better in the hills than away from the South Bay area.

41. Councilman Miller said he had received several calls about a beer bar at 233rd and Arlington selling candy to school children at Howard Wood Elementary School from a sidewindow of the bar. He asked that this report be investigated by the City Manager. Mr. Ferraro said he would do so.

42. Councilman Olson invited all members of the Council to the breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in connection with the Boy Scout Parade a week from this weekend. Parnelli Jones will be the grand marshal and Herbert Allen, the honorary grand marshal. There will be around 7,000 boy scouts in the parade, the largest ever held in the history of scouting. Seventeen bands, a miniature Navy cruiser, an Airforce T-38 and many celebrities will participate. The parade will be televised.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta spoke on the subject of the South Bay college and repeated the suggestion to offer any facilities which Torrance has and which could be used by the college. There might even be a chance of locating the college here, he said. Councilman Lyman agreed although Mayor Isen thought it would be more appropriate for these offers to come from the School Board. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter to the Recreation Director and Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote on this substitute motion was:

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

Councilman Lyman said he would like to go on record as stating if anyone from the college would like to use his facilities, either his office, his automobile, or even his home, he would be more than happy to have them do so.

44. Councilman Sciarrotta remarked on the keen interest of teenagers in tinkering with automobiles. Under proper guidance, this interest could be used to advantage. He suggested a teenage repair center be investigated by Youth Welfare Commission, Recreation Department, Police Department and possibly, the school system. Initially, he asked that the Youth Welfare Commission look into the possibility of establishing such a center, including a location, rental rate, if mechanics would donate a night amonth to instructing. Also if it would be possible to get some car dealers to give or loan necessary tools or equipment, and what type of insurance would be needed. In short, he suggested the Youth Welfare Commission work closely with the Recreation to see if such a center could be established in the City of Torrance and so moved. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection. A feasibility study will be made.

45. Councilman Sciarrotta complained of the condition of the street near the cement mixing plant on Hawthorne Avenue. The dust is still flying, he said, and the area looks bad. He suggested the location be beautified to be compatible with the improvement of Hawthorne Avenue in general.

46. Mayor Isen referred to the proposed ordinance regarding sale of second hand cars on private property and said he thought the problem has been solved by signs reading NO PARKING - UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY, with the pertinent Motor Vehicle Code section number and the words TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT. He said the proposed ordinance is completely unconstitutional and the Council would never hear the last of any possible arrest made under its provisions. He moved to try this type of enforcement with a report back from the Traffic or Police Department and the City Attorney. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

City Manager Ferraro said there is a problem in that it is necessary to obtain permission of the proper owner each time a car is towed away. Mayor Isen thought a blanket permission would be the answer. The City Attorney was instructed to determine if this is true.

47. Mayor Isen referred to the Transit Authority set up by act of the legislature in which Torrance had no representation, and the proposed \$5 increase in vehicle registration fee as well as a small increase in real property tax. He did not believe there is any possibility that this increase would be temporary as promised and believes Torrance should get out of this - and quick! He asked for a report as soon as possible.

48. In an attempt to prevent increase in real property taxes, Mayor Isen said Torrance imposed a cigarette tax. Now there seems to be a possibility Governor Brown will make it a State tax. There should be some protest. He proposed a resolution asking other cities to join in urging the State Legislature to reserve the cigarette tax to the charter cities and so moved. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, except for Councilman Sciarrotta who had just previously asked to be excused from the balance of the meeting.

49. Mayor Isen mentioned indecent exposure, bare bosoms, etc. in beer bars as being against the morals and temper of this community. He favored a declaration of policy on behalf of this Council that this type of so-called entertainment and activity is not welcome in the City of Torrance.

The bars which feature this type of entertainment do not have to have licenses or special permits, either for entertainment or dancing. Some neighboring cities charge as much as \$400 license fee for such a dance license. This should be studied as a source of revenue and would also provide a means of control. Mayor Isen suggested that Staff, the Fire Department, Police Department, City Attorney, etc. inquire into the possibility and report back as to special license fee for places of entertainment and dancing. If necessary, hearings will be held and an ordinance passed. He moved as a matter of policy that Administration be instructed to proceed along the lines suggested. Councilman Lyman asked if it is not true that in Los Angeles, for instance, many of these things are handled by licensing through the Police Department. Chief Koenig said that is true, Los Angeles Police Department licenses about 65 activities, and their doing so provides a very efficient regulatory tool which Torrance does not have.

City Manager Ferraro said he would supply the Council with a report covering the regulatory feature in which Torrance seems to be deficient, including also licensing and revenue.

50. Councilman Olson mentioned the tentative appointment of Mrs. O'Brien to the Youth Welfare Commission made last week. Mrs. O'Brien has said her home requires her full time and attention. Councilman Olson will make another nomination at the next Council meeting to fill the vacancy.

51. Councilman Lyman said he had talked with Mr. Wm. Faulds and he will serve on the Youth Welfare Commission. This, too, had been a tentative appointment dependent on Mr. Faulds' willingness and is now confirmed.

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A short recess was declared at 11:45 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 11:50.

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52. Mr. Cecil Shaver of 14800 Berendo, Gardena, read a letter to the Council objecting to a proposed change in alignment of the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard. The letter was delivered to the City Clerk for his files.

City Engineer Nollac explained this matter has been before the Council several times in the past four or five years and he disagrees with Mr. Shaver's statement that it is a dangerous situation.

Mr. Shaver's request to delay the hearing was denied on motion of Councilman Beasley and the City Attorney was instructed to proceed with the case.

53. Mr. J. Mosley reminded the Council that the moratorium on urban renewal expires as of this midnight and asked if it is now permissible to build. City Manager Ferraro said that is being checked.

54. Mr. Stanley Dunn reported on the meeting with the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed exchange with Sovereign Development Co. The decision on the exchange will not be made until next Tuesday, he said.

This Council meeting adjourned at 12:08 a.m. Wednesday, January 27, 1965.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Council Minutes
January 26, 1965

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

APPROVED:

Albert Dawson
Mayor of the City of Torrance