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Torrance, California  
March 9, 1965

**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 on Tuesday, March 9, 1965, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen. City Manager Ferraro asked that the record show that Councilman Beasley is ill and Councilman Vico was attending a special meeting of the Metropolitan Water District Board. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were present.

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

At the request of Mayor Isen, Richard Koontz led the salute to our flag. Richard and Ron Serber were present as students in Political Science and Government from El Camino College.

**4. INVOCATION:**

Reverend Fred Shiveley of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

**STANDARD MOTIONS:**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 1965 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried, there being no objection.

**6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:**

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that all bills regularly audited be paid and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Vico.

**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 Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

Mayor Isen called attention to the birthday cake in honor of Councilman Sciarrotta's birthday and introduced from the audience, Mrs. Walter Koenig who is this evening attending her first Torrance Council meeting.

Councilman Olson was asked by the Mayor to introduce the Boy Scout representatives in the audience and Mr. Olson presented the Assistant Scout Executive for the eight South Bay cities, Mr. Dick Carter, who spoke briefly of the 55th Anniversary celebration in Torrance and presented a plaque to the city in appreciation of its hospitality.

Mayor Isen accepted with appropriate comments and extended an invitation to the Scouts to again be the guests of Torrance. This invitation will also be confirmed in writing.

HEARINGS (PLANNING AND ZONING):

8. CASE NO. 65-1 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Planning Commission. Third and Final hearing on a change of zone from A-1 to C-3 on property located on the south side of Carson Street, west of Hawthorne, north of Sepulveda Boulevard. Recommended for approval.

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

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

9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Oral presentation by City Manager and Director of Finance regarding Capital Improvement Program previously submitted at the meeting of February 16, 1965.

City Manager Ferraro stated this is the time the Council set for a presentation of the six-year capital improvement program and called on Director of Finance Dundore for a detailed explanation.

Mr. Dundore presented the subject, illustrating his points from charts which were enlargements of the pages of tabulation in the book compiled by the Finance Department. Assistant Director of Finance Rankin exhibited the charts and visual aids in connection with Mr. Dundore's presentation.

This is a six year program which is to be updated yearly and Mr. Dundore explained it in detail and the reasons for its being laid out before the citizens at this time. There are mentioned 286 projects totalling \$29,000,000. Five of these make up 61% of the entire program. He asked for direction from the Council as to the financing. The program is planned for no increase in the property tax rate, and this would be accomplished by pledging new revenue to the bond debt, specifically cigarette and bed tax. He said Administration feels that the increase in revenue during the next six years will provide the financing for the balance of the capital program.

Mayor Isen asked if this takes into account the increased cost of operating the City plant - additional employees, equipment, fringe benefits, increases in pay to conform to outside industry, etc. Mr. Dundore said he believes revenues will keep pace with these increased costs, as they have in past years, and this report is principally to show comparisons between this and other years.

Mayor Isen believed this might be a view through rose-colored glasses and Councilman Miller asked if this money which is being counted on is actually available for the purpose of the bond debt. Mr. Dundore said the proposal is based on that assumption.

Mayor Isen asked that it be very clearly understood that all this is all in the preliminary stage; it is not at all settled that there will be a luxury golf course or other proposed improvements which will require a \$12,000,000 bond issue. Again, this is merely a proposal for study by the various commissions and administration and is not necessarily approved. He is definitely opposed to any charges which would increase property taxes. He confirmed through the City Attorney, also that there is no way to legally pledge specific items of revenue. However, in the case

of the Airport, there is no recourse to property tax. That is the difference between revenue bonds and general obligation bonds. If certain expected revenues do not materialize the projects would be cut back.

Councilman Olson wanted to agree with Mayor Isen that the whole program is only a proposal of a number of things which need to be done - none of these things are being adopted at this time, or even approved. He agreed the matters should be referred to the various commissions and advisory committees of the city and the funding thereof to the Council Finance Committee for evaluation and recommendation.

Councilman Lyman felt it should be definitely determined if there is complete acceptance of the program in the community.

Mayor Isen determined from the City Manager that the money is available for the 1964-65 projects. He questioned one project, the Japanese garden and roadways and suggested that item be deleted from the program for this year. City Manager Ferraro said Administration is not at this time prepared to evaluate the Japanese Gardens.

Mayor Isen moved that the projects recommended for 1964-65, excluding the Japanese garden and roadways be tentatively approved at this time, each individual item to come back to the Council for approval. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Because each item will be considered by the Council individually Councilman Miller asked that the Japanese gardens and roadways not be excluded and Mayor Isen agreed it might be left in. Roll call vote on tentative approval of the 1964-65 recommendations was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

As to the balance of the six-year capital improvement program, Councilman Olson moved to refer it to the Council Finance Committee and those citizens advisory committees which have been established for the purpose. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

At the request of City Manager Ferraro, the instruction to Staff was repeated, that on 1964-65 to begin preparing the necessary project by project approval for the Council and on the 1965-66, refer to the various Committees and Commissions and the Council Finance committee.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30036, Jack Emerzian, Subdivider. E. L. Pearson & Associates, Engineer. Six lots zoned ~~R01~~<sup>R-1</sup>, located between 236th and 237th Street, east of Arlington. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the Final Tract Map and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

11. CONSTRUCTION OFFICE, 22420 Ocean Avenue. Planning Director, submitting request of Francis P. Torino, 22420 Ocean Avenue, to continue operation of construction office for six months within an apartment building zoned R-4, located at 22420 Ocean Avenue.

Mayor Isen indicated if there were no complaints he believed the request should be granted. City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that while the Council has been following this practice, there is no basis in the law and a variance should be asked in cases of such occupancy.

This is the legal viewpoint - if it is not to be followed, a change should be made in the law, he said.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission for six months and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

Councilman Miller moved to instruct the City Manager's office to study and bring back a policy in regard to this matter. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was:

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

Thus the motion for a policy failed and when the next matter of this kind appears, a further look can be taken.

12. CASE NO. 64-36, Variance, Bekins Van & Storage Company. Request from Bekins, 22850 Hawthorne Avenue, for an extension of time on variance case No. 64-36.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to extend the time ninety days. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

13. ORDINANCE IN CASE NO. 64-100 - Leroy Forsythe. For approval at first reading.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated there is a defect in the drafting of this ordinance and he would like to have action on it held for one week. There was no objection.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. SANITARY SEWERS IN SPENCER STREET FROM MADISON AVENUE TO HAWTHORNE AVENUE. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work on the subject improvement.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the work as recommended. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was:

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

15. STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE - 1964. Proposed resolution.

City Manager Ferraro asked that this proposed resolution be withdrawn from the agenda for two weeks to make technical corrections. There was no objection.

REAL PROPERTY:

16. WALTERIA LAKE SUMP. Proposed resolution authorizing execution of grant deed to Los Angeles County Flood Control District, etc.

Mayor Isen commented that this sump will someday within the foreseeable future be abandoned and asked if it would be possible at such time to use the land as a regional park. Mr. Remelmeyer said such an agreement would be worth a try and Mayor Isen said in that event he would like to have the item held for two weeks to check into that possibility. Mr. Ferraro agreed; and this will be back on the agenda.

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - Year ending June 30, 1964. Transmittal by Director of Finance to Annual Financial Report of the City of Torrance for the year ending June 30, 1964 and recommendation that the report of the independent auditors for year ending June 30, 1964, be accepted by the City Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion of Mayor Isen to accept the financial report as requested. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

18. Claim submitted by Clara A. Conner, Postmaster, Torrance, in the amount of \$57.50 to pay for repair of Cushman Mailster, damaged on February 4, 1965 while parked at 2023 West 180th Place.

19. Claim of Terry J. Allen in the amount of \$49.92 for alleged damages to his automobile on February 25, 1965 when his 1961 Corvair struck a hole on Crenshaw Boulevard, just past the intersection of Rolling Hills Road.

20. Claim submitted by Edward W. Beck for alleged damages to his 1955 Buick, sustained on December 27, 1964, when the car struck a washout on Van Ness Avenue, southerly of Artesia Boulevard.

20A. Revised claim on Item 20, adding \$49.00 to the amount thereof, making total of \$86.

21. Claim submitted by Gilles Mageux for alleged injuries and damages sustained as result of automobile accident December 12, 1964, when he drove his 1952 Austin into ditch on Park Street, with no warning lights or barricades.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny the claims represented by Items 18, 19, 20, 20A, and 21 and refer them to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection. The motion carried.

22. BID SCHEDULE 65-18 on copper water tube. Recommendation of Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Engineer/Street Superintendent and City Manager, that low bid of Gordon Supply Co., in the amount of \$20,444.10, be accepted.

23. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300. City Manager's submittal.

\$458.64 to International Business Machines Corporation for one IBM Electric Typewriter, Standard 17", for Police Department.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as to the copper water tube bid schedule and to approve the expenditure listed in Item 23. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson, who inquired about purchasing these large lots direct from a manufacturer. City Manager Ferraro explained why that would not be practical nor economically feasible. Roll call vote was,

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Vico.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. VACATION OF ALLEY IN AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE. Proposed resolution of intent to vacate alley in Block 1, etc., and fixing time and place for hearing thereon and publication of resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE THE ALLEY IN BLOCK 1, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 30, MEADOW PARK TRACT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-58 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

25. NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS OF THE FAA, OUR PROJECT NOS. FAP 9-04-123-04 AND FAP 9-04-123-03.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to read a telegram which had been received today:

ALBERT ISEN MAYOR  
CITY OF TORRANCE

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
MARCH 9 1965

PLEASED TO ADVISE CITY OF TORRANCE WORKABLE PROGRAM HAS BEEN

APPROVED BY HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY. CORDIALLY

CONGRESSMAN CECIL R. KING.

The approval of the Workable Program is mandatory before the Planning and Survey application can be approved. It appears the first hurdle has been taken, and all the Council was surprised and delighted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN SPONSOR ASSURANCE TO ACCOMPANY A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND THAT CERTAIN SPONSOR ASSURANCE TO ACCOMPANY PROJECT APPLICATION DATED MARCH 10, 1965 TO BE EXECUTED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-59 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico being absent).

26. TORRAIRE AVIATION, WILLIAM. A. POPP, REQUEST FOR SUBTENANCY ON ROBERT MARKS LEASEHOLD:

The recommendation is to approve the proposed letter of permission. Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

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On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Mayor Isen, the meeting was recessed to hold a meeting as the Redevelopment Agency, at 9:10 p.m., and reconvened as the Council at 9:20 p.m.

27. MESSRS. BABCOCK, NORDBY, STASNECK AND SCHENBECK NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE OF OPTION. Airport Commission President Doss submitting recommendation to file as matter of record.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to file and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

City Manager Ferraro asked if in such matters as are involved in Items 26 and 27 which do not have anything to do with financial arrangements or revenue, the Council would consider authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to approve and bring them to council only in case of an appeal. This would include subtenancy and option agreements. Mayor Isen suggested he write up a proposed policy on the subject for submittal to the Council.

28. HELICOPTER HOVERING PRACTICE AND STUDENT TRAINING WITHIN CONFINES OF AIRPORT.

The Airport Commission's recommendation is that this training not be considered and it was referred to the Airport Committee of the Council for their recommendation to the Council.

29. RECOMMENDATION RE UNDERGROUND VS. OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES: Airport Commission President Doss submitting Commission's recommendation of approval of installation of overhead facilities.

There is also involved appropriation of not to exceed \$7500 to cover the costs. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to install overhead facilities and appropriate the cost thereof in an amount of not to exceed \$7500. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Vico.

30. AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES: Airport Commission President Doss submitting recommendation of the Commission and Airport Manager's position on the matter as noted in Commission minutes.

Councilman Olson said his understanding of this recommendation is that they would listen only to complaints from citizens who live within five miles of the airport and he did not think that fair.

Mayor Isen moved to refer this question to the Airport Committee of the Council to confer with the Airport Manager and/or Commission members as they see fit. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

31. EARLY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN MEADOW PARK PROJECT AREA: The recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Committee is that the Council direct immediate steps be taken to purchase property at 23863 Park Street.

Mayor Isen commented that the mere fact of being aged, or ill, would not indicate hardship - but if the hardship were financial, that would be considered. Mr. Uerkwitz of the Committee confirmed that there is a tremendous financial hardship, also.

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

**PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

**32. POLICE CADET POSITION:**

Personnel Director, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption resolution amending salary ordinance by adding Police Cadet class.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 65-60**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 65-52 TO ADD THE POSITION OF POLICE CADET TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.**

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-60 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

Mayor Isen asked Chief Koenig if he would like to explain this Police Cadet program briefly and Chief Koenig did so, stating also that there are some newspaper articles being prepared to explain to the people also. The City of Hermosa Beach has used this program and Chief Koenig studied its operation in the City of Chicago, when he was on his eastern trip in November.

**PARK AND RECREATION:**

**33. NAMING OF PARK SITES:** Chairman of Park and Recreation Commission, with comments of Director of Recreation and concurrence of City Manager, recommending that names of unofficially named parks be officially assigned and that two other park sites be named by school children.

It was agreed that any names suggested would first be cleared for approval of the City Council. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission as stated and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. There was no objection.

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City Manager Ferraro asked, as to Item 31, if the motion included authorization of appraisal of the property and the Council agreed that it did, as it is specifically mentioned in the recommendation.

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**POLICE OPERATIONS:**

**34. TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICE.** Recommendation of City Manager that City Council award both towing and storage service contracts for the North District and for the South District to Vel's Ford Sales Company at a net bid price of \$7.25 per vehicle, per call.

Councilman Sciarrotta wondered if it would not be advisable to await a full Council, but Councilman Lyman moved that all bids be rejected and the matter readvertised. There was no second at this time.

Councilman Lyman said if all bids are unresponsive they should all be rejected; however, this seems to be a matter on which it was not really necessary to award through bidding procedure. Mayor Isen did not agree in that he thought it was possible to waive the defects in the bids. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council could award the contract without bid, and in that all bids were non-responsive, it would be proper for the Council to waive the defects if it wishes.

Attorney Gordon Phillips appeared on behalf of Williams Garage stating his clients bid met all standards although the price is higher. He referred to portions of the bid instructions to confirm his statement. Mayor Isen disagreed with Mr. Phillips, as well as Mr. Lyman. Mr. Phillips said his client would come in with a lesser bid, but he was not prepared to say what the figure would be. A few minutes later he confirmed with his client that the bid would be \$7.25 for the whole city.

Chief Koenig of the Police Department said this is a vital matter to his department and his staff has spent many hours on it. The bids, he said, went out on a different policy than he had recommended. It is not always true that the cheapest service is the best in this 24 hour operation, from the standpoint of either the City or the citizen involved. His recommendation was that it be handled through a sort of franchise arrangement which would allow a little revenue to the City and requiring the successful bidder be responsible for performance and proper care of the car after taken in. In the opinion of the Police Department, the amount of the bid would not necessarily be the ruling factor.

City Manager Ferraro said his department did not agree in that he saw no reason to make any money out of a citizen's distress.

Mr. Vel Miletich of Vel's Ford Sales Company, 20900 Hawthorne Avenue, Torrance, stated his agency is already complying as far as the fingerprinting, etc., is concerned in that they are an established automobile dealer and have a wrecker's license, all filed with the State of California, and can provide the service.

City Manager Ferraro outlined in detail the specifications and the bids as to north of Torrance Boulevard, and as to south of that point. As a result of the irregular bids which came in, there would be a different price rate north of Torrance boulevard from south. The bid of Vel's, he said is \$7.25 citywide, and he believed that bid should be accepted.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had participated in this project to some degree with the City Manager and speaking from that standpoint he believed it might be well to have another towing service to step in in case one defaulted, especially in an emergency. This advantage would be wiped out by awarding the contract citywide to one bidder.

Mr. Miletich said if his company does not get the whole bid, he would like to withdraw the \$7.50 figure.

Mr. Ven Lingen objected that he did not have a chance to bid the whole city.

Mr. Phillips objected on behalf of his client, stating that the specifications provided licensing as of December 15, 1964 and a storage location as of that time. He felt his client is being penalized for adhering closely to the specifications sent out by the City Manager.

Councilman Olson said he believes this whole complicated matter is too much to decide this evening and suggested referring it to the Police and Fire Committee of the Council for negotiation with the interested persons, and a recommendation for next Council meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

Mrs. Van Lingen asked that some fairness be shown, stating the Van Lingen shop was asked to bid on the north or south portions of the city. She said with the whole city, it could be done for \$7.25.

Mr. Ferraro favored having his technical people negotiate and bring in alternate recommendations for the north, the south, or citywide. In effect, this would obviate the bidding procedure, but would not expose the hand of any of the companies.

As a substitute motion, Mayor Isen moved to reject all bids and refer the matter to the City Manager as per his suggestions set forth herein, on a negotiated basis. Councilman Lyman seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 10:20, with a report on the evening's basketball scores by Jerry Reynolds of the Torrance Press-Herald.

35. CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS Police Chief and City Engineer, with concurrence of the City Manager submitting report.

Mayor Isen said there is a court decision reported in the current Western City magazine on this subject and advised holding this item for study of that article. He doubted the advisability of following the second recommendation: that the school district be requested to furnish a list of all intersections which in their opinion should have a crossing guard, and that these intersections be measured against these criteria.

Councilman Olson suggested employing people who are physically handicapped as crossing guards, but of course only certain disabilities would be acceptable. This could cause trouble, Mayor Isen said.

This subject will be held for one week.

36. PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING PROGRAM.

Police Chief submitting letter from Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, regarding reimbursement to the City from the California Peace Officers' Training Fund.

This is a matter to be filed and it was so ordered; there was no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

37. MISS TORRANCE CONTEST: Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce requesting one representative from City Council to serve as judge in the Miss Torrance Contest.

Mayor Isen suggested that rather than a councilman, Chief Koenig be the representative. There was no objection and Chief Koenig accepted the appointment.

38. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 14 through 20, 1965 as NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

39. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 29107, Sunnyglen Construction Co, Inc. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond No. 58712 in the amount of \$35,400 be released.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to so release the bond and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1577

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING ARTICLE IV TO CHAPTER 6 WHICH ADOPTS THE "UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1964 EDITION" AND APPENDIX THERETO, AS AMENDED.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1577 at its final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1589

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 15S OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 15S THERETO ENTITLED "UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF VEHICLES ON VACANT LOTS" TO PROHIBIT THE UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF VEHICLES ON VACANT LOTS.

Mayor Isen still has qualms about this ordinance and asked what would make it any worse to sell used cars along a city street, than conduct a commercial venture of selling used cars.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out the objections from the standpoint of the City and the property owners, who have been objecting all along the route involved. Mayor Isen asked if there was not some site which could be used without these objections and Mr. Ferraro answered that there is: the downtown parking lots could be made available on weekends, but no one wants to so display a used car for sale - the traffic is on Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1589 at its second and final reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

The motion did not pass by a sufficient majority and may be brought up for consideration at the next Council meeting by one of the councilmen who voted "Aye".

42. THREE ORDINANCES INVOLVING THE OPERATION OF THE BEER BAR NEAR WALTERIA PARK.

Attorney Wm. Bluestein was present representing his clients, Mr. and Mrs. Tripp the owners - and Mr. Bob Ferris of ABC News, specifically KABC radio was present with a portable tape recorder. There was no objection to his recording the remarks.

Mr. Bluestein did not go into the constitutionality of the proposed ordinances, but spoke principally of the harassment which he states his clients have been subjected to. He compared the entertainment at the beer bar with that of the Laguna Art Festival which he said would not be permitted in Torrance under the provisions of the ordinance prohibiting display of bare female bosoms in public places. According to Mr. Bluestein, the opposition to the display at the Pussy Cat A Go Go, is due to Mayor Isen's protest, not that of any citizens' groups of Torrance. Even if the whole Council does not want that type of entertainment, Mr. Bluestein said it is not necessarily true that the people of Torrance do not.

Councilman Miller countered the arguments of the attorney, as did Councilman Lyman. Councilman Sciarrotta spoke of the increase in sex crimes reported in J. Edgar Hoover's recent report. Councilman Olson objected to the placing of the Laguna Art Festival in the same category and all the councilmen deplored the proximity of the bar to the Walteria Park and kiddyland play area.

Mr. Wm. DePre of 16807 Fonthill Avenue and Mr. John Mulvihill of 3765 W. 171st Street, each the father of a large family, praised the Mayor and Council for upholding the moral standards of the community and said they had worked against this sort of exhibitionism without having been contacted by the Mayor, or asked to circulate petitions.

Mr. Peter Tripp, the owner of the bar, maintained the proposed ordinance is unconstitutional and denied any effrontery in the purchase thereof, as Mayor Isen had stated. He said he had consulted with Councilman Beasley prior to the purchase and been assured there was no reason not to go ahead; that the law of California would be upheld without harassment.

Mr. Wm. J. Uerkwitz of 23136 Anza Avenue upheld Mayor Isen's statements and clarified that he is vitally interested, even though he has not been contacted by the Mayor or asked by anyone to oppose this. He has visited the place under discussion and said the things he saw there are not desirable to this City. He resented the statement by Mr. Bluestein that the citizenry is indifferent and uninformed. The citizens, he said, are completely in accord with the Mayor and City Council. He disagreed with everything Mr. Bluestein said and with Mr. Beasley if it is true that he encouraged Mr. Tripp, and doubted that Mr. Beasley did so.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a new number to the ordinance formerly known as No. 1583, because of a change in the title, and read the new title:

ORDINANCE NO. 1590

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
REPEALING THE TITLE TO CHAPTER 20 OF "THE CODE OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING A NEW TITLE TO SAID  
CHAPTER 20 TO READ "PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE HALLS,"  
AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TITLE, ENTITLED "PUBLIC DANCE  
HALLS" FOR THE FIRST 15 SECTIONS OF SAID CHAPTER 20 AND  
ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE II ENTITLED "CAFE ENTERTAINMENT"  
IN ORDER TO REGULATE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT  
AND REORGANIZE SAID CHAPTER.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of ordinance No. 1590 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1590 at its first reading and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1585

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.40 ENTITLED "EXPOSURE OF BARE FEMALE BREASTS PROHIBITED" TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY OF BARE FEMALE BOSOMS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PRIVATE CLUBS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1585 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1585 at its second and final reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1587

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.417 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED 'DANCE HALLS' TO FIX A \$100 FEE FOR DANCE HALLS WHERE ADMISSION IS CHARGED; ADOPTING SECTION 16.417.1 ENTITLED 'LIVE ENTERTAINMENT' OTHER THAN PIANO OR ORGANS IN ORDER TO FIX A \$50 FEE FOR SUCH ENTERTAINMENT, AND ADOPTING SECTION 16.417.2 ENTITLED 'DANCING IN PLACES WHERE NO ADMISSION IS CHARGED' IN ORDER TO FIX A \$35 FEE FOR SUCH LICENSE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1587 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1587 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

43. City Manager Ferraro introduced Mr. Ray Lewand, representative of the Entradero Property Owners Association, of 19808 Halison Place, invited the councilmen and their families to the dedication ceremony on the improvement of Entradero Park Saturday morning at 11:30. There will be a program, games and luncheon.

44. Councilman Sciarrotta thanked those responsible for his birthday cake and good wishes.

45. Mayor Isen appointed Mr. Charles R. Hosler of 22311 Marjorie Avenue Frontier 5-7187 to replace Mrs. Tooker on the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results (Councilmen Beasley and Vico absent).

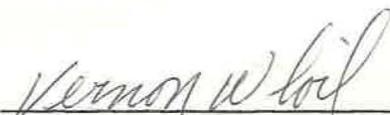
46. Referring to item M of Information items, Mayor Isen instructed the City Manager, in the absence of the City Engineer/Street Superintendent, to exercise the City's rights regarding the sidewalk at 23922 Crenshaw Boulevard.

47. Mayor Isen called attention to Item A of Information Items, regarding Planning Case No. 65-9, and requested that when this case comes before the Council there be included in the package of supporting material the letter, Item A.

48. Mrs. Mary Walker of 5203 Asteria Street, wanted to oppose the decision made on Item 29 regarding underground vs. overhead utilities at the airport, but was told she should have spoken at the time it came up on the agenda.

49. Mr. Elwin Butcher of 2371 Torrance Boulevard inquired about a lot split. Mayor Isen said this is not the place to inquire and advised him to talk with the City Manager. There has been an opinion of the City Attorney and Mr. Ferraro thought any appeal should be to the courts rather than to the Council. However, Mayor Isen asked that it be on next week's agenda and there was no objection.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance