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Edith Shaffer
Minute secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, April 6, 1965, at 5:30 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 Attorney Remelmeyer and Assistant City Manager Scharfman were present. City Manager Ferraro was absent on account of illness.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

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

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Robert Dehn of First Baptist Church 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 30, 1965} April 6, 1965, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Olson, 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 Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of those in the audience who were not familiar with the meetings.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

8. CASE NO. 64-81, Variance, Lester Quinn, et al., 4016 Del Amo Blvd.

Mayor Isen announced that this case has been presented in two public hearings and is a request for a variance to permit Quinn Dairy to maintain cattle at their operation. The action of the Council is pointed toward

and would be with reference to whether the dairy herd would be permitted to remain. There is nothing involved regarding the retail store nor the processing of milk.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney and City Manager and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. However, Mayor Isen did not accept the motion, in that the City Manager and City Attorney can express opinions, but cannot make policy. There was a recommendation by the Planning Director to deny and a "stand-off" by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Miller rephrased his motion - to deny the request for variance, and Councilman Olson seconded.

Some possibility of negotiation was mentioned, but City Attorney Remelmeyer said nothing of this sort would take place without being brought back to Council in any event.

Councilman Vico asked why the hurry to get rid of the cows - in time the dairies will leave and the people seem to favor this dairy staying. He said his vote would be against denial.

Councilman Beasley made a statement outlining the history of the general area back before its annexation by the City of Torrance, stressing that M-1 zoning for this land was a holding zone under the regulations of Los Angeles County and could be used for any purpose. The land in Victor Tract has now increased in value from approximately \$1500 per acre at that time, to around \$40,000 per acre under the stewardship of the City Council of the City of Torrance. Because of numerous complaints about the dairies a policy was adopted and followed by which the dairy herds would be gradually eliminated because of their not being compatible with urban development. The Quinn dairy herd is the last within the City. It is the understanding of Mr. Beasley and the Council, he said, that moving the herd will not really affect Mr. Quinn because he does not own those cows; he leases a plot of land to the owner of these cows and buys milk from him. He could have the milk trucked in from anywhere else at the same price. In view of these circumstances, Councilman Beasley said the Council is duty bound to cause the cows to be moved from the Quinn Dairy as has been done from other dairies within the City and thus carry out the program which has been progressing for twelve years. In other words, he favors denial of the variance.

Mayor Isen commented that the Council has shown great patience in handling this case and there has been a full and fair hearing. Four councilmen, including Mayor Isen, inspected the premises today and Mayor Isen described not only the dairy and its buildings, but the surrounding area. The most run-down portion is the five acres on which the cows are kept. Mayor Isen said the hayloft and milking barn are in very poor condition and he felt the statements made by Building and Safety Superintendent McKinnon last week were understatements. Mayor Isen said these are of substandard construction and scoffed at the thought of twenty-five or thirty years more life for the buildings as being untenable. Two factors impel Mayor Isen to vote to deny the variance: first, the crowded meetings several years ago at which these matters were heard. Those people who complained at that time of the many nuisances are not here tonight, because they are relying on the Council to carry out their wishes. It would be grossly unfair to allow Quinn to stay and gain the advantage of the heavy resistance which has been displayed.

Mayor Isen stated he was particularly impressed with the testimony of Robert McCune and he quoted excerpts from his deposition or sworn statement which is entered as an exhibit. One quotation dealt with the compatibility of the area with the operation of a dairy which Mayor Isen denied; this area is no longer compatible with five acres of cows, and the time has come that the Quinn cows must leave.

Councilman Lyman expressed his views along the lines of this no longer being a rural community, but on the other hand, is destined to become a large metropolitan city and the keeping of cows is not compatible with this urban character. Denial is difficult because of sympathy with the problems of an independent business man; however, Councilman Lyman feels that the people who own this dairy were given ample opportunity and time to amortize any losses involved in moving the cows and as matter of fact the only thing they will be losing is a slight competitive advantage. Evidence shows that some of the dairies which have discontinued their herds locally are operating as successfully as before. For these reasons, he believes the cows are not compatible with the community as it now exists.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he was in agreement with what has been said by Mayor Isen and the other councilmen in favor of denial. He added that the Council has been very lenient and not to deny at this time would open the door to more and more extensions.

Roll call vote on the motion for denial was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

9. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 19879, HASVOLD/POLLOCK SUBDIVIDERS; RUSH ENGINEERS. Six lots zoned RPl, between 234th and 235th Streets east of Arlington. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. RESOLUTION granting variance in Planning Case No. 64-91, Metzler.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 5A AND 8A OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-91 - CARL W. METZLER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-76 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Vico.

11. REVISION OF RR-3 ZONE ORDINANCE. Planning Director submitting revision of RR-3 zone ordinance and recommendation of Ordinance "A".

Mayor Isen suggested insertion of the words "or more" in A 1. and pluralization of the word dwelling, so as to read:

1. One or more two-family dwellings containing not more than one kitchen per living unit.

and he so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

With this interlineation, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1596

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 6X-A OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1596 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

12. AGREEMENTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES: With proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AGREEMENTS DATED APRIL 1, 1965 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 NOS. 8101 AND 1105.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-77 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ANZA AVENUE FROM TORRANCE BOULEVARD TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD (Gas Tax Project No. SS-96).

The recommendation is that B & P Trucking Co. be awarded the contract for the work on a total bid of \$137,894.48 and that all other bids be rejected. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and Councilman Lyman seconded. Mr. Nollac was asked regarding the identity and qualifications of the B & P Trucking Company and he answered in detail and to the satisfaction of the Council which cast a unanimously favorable vote.

BUILDING, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

14. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY NONCONFORMING OFFICE BUILDINGS: Recommendation of Planning Director and Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for an extension of time for temporary nonconforming office building at 205 Paseo de la Playa be denied.

The Council briefly went over this request from Sovereign Development Company and a motion by Councilman Beasley to grant another six months extension was not seconded.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to deny the extension and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was:

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

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At 6:05 the Council, on motion of Councilman Lyman, seconded by Councilman Beasley, recess to reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The Council reconvened as such at 6:10.

15. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that four requests for extensions of time for temporary billboards be approved and three be denied.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman noted a correction of an error in the first line of the first item under "For approval" changing the name J. S. Bower to Meine Construction Company.

Mayor Isen inquired as to the wording in the third recommendation under guidelines; "Further, that such signs do not block businesses or permanent signs, and will be located in a proper land use zone near the subdivision." and asked to add the words, "following permanent signs, "or constitute a traffic hazard". He was told this is automatically checked through traffic, but he asked that it be made a part of the recommendation.

First considered was the "For Approval" items:

1. Request from J. S. Bower for a six month extension of time for temporary billboard advertising tract homes. Location of sign is at 23502 Crenshaw Boulevard.
2. Request from P. G. Blair (R. A. Watt Company) that existing temporary billboard be allowed to be moved 400 feet west of its present location with a six month extension of time. Sign location is the south side of Sepulveda, 400 feet west of Maple.
3. Request from Don Wilson (Southwood Construction Company) for a six month extension of time for temporary billboard advertising tract homes being built within the City of Torrance. Sign location is 2716 Sepulveda Boulevard.
4. Request from Don Wilson (Southwood Construction Company) for a six month extension of time for a temporary billboard advertising tract homes being built within the City of Torrance. Sign location is 23015 Hawthorne Avenue. Further, that this approval be granted only if the proponent removes the back face of sign which advertises an apartment house project for rent.

and the policy matters:

1. Recommend for denial temporary billboards advertising tracts not being built in Torrance.
2. Recommend for denial temporary billboards advertising apartments for rent, as unfair competition for large builders to have rights not extended to owners of small apartment houses.

3. Recommend for approval temporary billboards advertising tract houses being built and sold for the first time within the city. Further, that such signs do not block businesses or permanent signs, or constitute a traffic hazard, and will be located in a proper land use zone near the subdivision. Builders who have more than one sign are being requested to reduce the number.

Councilman Miller said he would prefer, as to policy, to weigh each case individually.

Mayor Isen moved to refer the three items of policy listed as "guidelines" back to the Superintendent of Building and Safety for further reflection. Councilman Lyman thought there should be a different set of rules applied to temporary subdivision advertisements and the type of large permanent sign which advertises nationally advertised commodities which are changed every few months. Mr. McKinnon called attention to his recommendation against signs which advertise apartments for rent as opposed to the permanent type homes. Councilman Miller believed the "for rent, apartments" signs should be permitted, but with some type of control.

Mayor Isen repeated his motion to refer 1,2,3 back to the Building Superintendent. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

As to 1, 2, 3 and 4 "FOR APPROVAL: Councilman Beasley moved to approve and grant the requests contained. His motion seconded by Councilman Vico, carried.

Inasmuch as the three marked "for denial" are going to be moved within a very short while, Councilman Beasley moved to give an additional six months on items 1, 2, 3 recommended for denial. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. These last three are:

1. Request from Don Wilson (Southwood Construction Company) for a six month extension of time for temporary billboard located at 22101 Anza Avenue.
2. Request from George S. Denbo, representing George S. Denbo Company, land reator, for a six month extension for temporary billboard at 3000 Pacific Coast Highway.
3. Request from M. M. Skoro, representing B. R. Morris Development Company for six month extension of time for temporary billboard located on north side of Pacific Coast Highway 600' east of Hawthorne. (It was agreed there is no need to remove the back face of the sign.)

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. Proposed Civil Service Ordinance.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this proposed ordinance to the Finance Committee of the Council for study and recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. There was no objection.

Mr. Hunegs, the Union representative, asked what the time table will be and Councilman Sciarrotta promised as fast action as possible; he is Chairman of the Committee to which it is referred, and the other members are Councilmen Olson and Beasley. The Council Committee will make a written recommendation to the Council. The employees' groups should be sure they are officially registered with the Personnel Dept. in order to assure them any recognition or notice which may be required.

Milton Langum of Torrance Fire Fighters said his group fears there may be some "lobbying" by other groups. Mayor Isen assured him the Committee of the Council will study this by themselves, and make a written report to the Council and the interested parties will receive copies thereof. There will be public hearings and notice to those parties also.

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. TRAVEL REQUEST TO ATTEND FOURTH BIENNIAL PUBLIC WORKS OFFICERS' INSTITUTE. Request of City Engineer to attend, estimated cost \$175.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the request, with appropriate expenses allowed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

18. REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES. The recommendation is to refund to James Bower a total of \$799 representing five different permit fees, less \$25 administrative expenses. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to make the refund and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

19. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

1. \$348.40 to American Rubber Manufacturing Company for 500 feet of 3/4" hi-pressure booster hose, 500 ft. single bale, 1000 lb. test for use by Fire Department.

2. \$390 to American Rubber Manufacturing Company for 75 feet 3" all dacron fire hose, D. J. 600 lb. test, coupled with 5 piece 2 1/2" N.S.T. Rocker lug couplings and five 2 1/2" x 50' triple jacket discharge hose with 2 1/2" N.S.T. rocker lugs for Fire Department.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the expenditures 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:

20. MERCURY GENERAL AMERICAN REQUEST THEIR MATTER BE REMOVED FROM CITY CALENDAR, submitted by Airport Commission President Doss.

This matter was filed for record and removed from the calendar as requested. Mayor Isen asked if there is not some way to organize these airport matters so they will not "clutter the Council's agenda" and suggested a meeting of Management with the Commission to devise a method of simplification. Airport Manager Egan will so arrange.

21. LA RUE THOMAS REQUEST HIS MATTERS BE REMOVED FROM CITY CALENDAR. This matter is to be handled in the same way as Item 20 above.

22. JEFFERSON, INC. REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE ZONE VARIANCE.

This matter has not been to the Airport Committee of the Council and Mayor Isen moved to so refer it. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

23. AIRCRAFT FUELING FACILITIES POLICY.
24. HELICOPTER HOVERING PRACTICE AND STUDENT TRAINING, etc.
25. POLICY RE COMPLAINTS

On each of the above three items, there was no objection to referral to the Airport Committee of the Council.

PARK AND RECREATION:

26. CITY SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAM requested by Council of Director of Recreation Van Bellehem. Mayor Isen was very complimentary of Mr. Van Bellehem's report and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.
27. H. R. BILL 924 SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING H.R. 924, RELATING TO SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-78 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. PUBLIC HEARING ON WORTHY PROJECTS.

Mayor Isen asked Recreation Director Van Bellehem what is needed on this and was told that Mr. Van Bellehem will be working with the City Attorney on a resolution for next Council meeting agenda.

29. RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL PARK WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RECOGNIZE THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP A REGIONAL PARK WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES AND TO RESERVE AN APPROPRIATION OF STATE BOND MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,069 UNTIL SUCH DATE AS THE CITY MAY APPLY FOR THE FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF ACQUIRING OR DEVELOPING THE PROPERTY, OR UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1968, WHICHEVER IS THE EARLIER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-79 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

30. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed May 8, 1965 as FIRE SERVICE DAY and stated the Council's appreciation of the services rendered by the Torrance Fire Department and the fine letters of gratitude which come from citizens for help given.

This item reminded Mayor Isen of the fact that the Fire Tower on the Airport was to have been named for Chief Benner and he asked for a suitable identification or inscription. Management will follow through.

At 6:30 p.m., a ten minute recess was declared.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT 1.
Proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-80

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 AGREEMENT, DATED APRIL 7, 1965, WITH SOUTH BAY ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 1.

Councilman Lyman moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 65-80 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-80 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

32. ORDINANCE NO. 1570. This is a "further reading" inasmuch as it has been read a second time before.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1570

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1570 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was discussed, as follows:

Mr. Scott Robinson of the Pontiac sales agency, 20340 Hawthorne Avenue, objected to the eyesore created by this practice, as well as the inequity to regular dealers who have qualified in all respects and pay taxes and license fees. His business established over the years at a cost of up to half million dollars, is subjected to unfair competition by fly-by-night operators who do not guarantee their cars or give any service to the customer.

Jack Harris of Ray Vane Chrysler Agency agreed in all particulars with Mr. Robinson.

Mr. George Whittlesey of Whittlesey Motors spoke in the same vein.

Councilman Lyman felt this turn of events had brought to light who was behind the ordinance. Councilman Beasley, Miller and Olson, each spoke in favor of the ordinance and Mayor Isen expressed the belief that a citizen should have the right to sell his property as he wishes. Councilman Olson's belief was with respect to Hawthorne Avenue being a state highway and the berm, therefore, is owned by the State, not the City, nor a private citizen. He referred to a previous suggestion by the City Attorney to ask the California Highway Patrol to prohibit the type of parking that is done here, and to check on the two cars or more restriction. Mr. Remelmeyer said he had not looked further into this.

Mayor Isen projected a hypothetical situation of a car being placed on a friend's property for sale and the effects of that offering for sale. He believes there are so many potential pitfalls that the law would be dangerous to the rights of a private citizen. He suggested there be no FOR SALE signs accumulated on lots in residential areas and that the best way out would be to grant a license or permit or franchise for a thirty day period to a person who comes in with a written application and consent of the owner of the land where he plans to place the car for sale. In this way there would always be a means of control by the City.

Councilman Sciarrotta believed the ordinance should be put into effect and later, if found advisable, it could be amended.

Councilman Lyman deplored the tendency of government to regiment any life they can come to grips with. Municipal government is the last and the closest bulwark of government to the people and as such owes a duty to the people to protect their interests. The Car Dealers' Association, he believed, should take their problems to the State Legislature. Councilman Lyman does not favor the ordinance, particularly since it now appears to stem from an interest in the economic welfare of the car dealers rather than an outraged aesthetic sense of the citizens.

Councilman Olson asked what about the signs stating that cars parked illegally would be towed away and Mr. Remelmeyer said the City has no power to tow cars away from private property. If a person has two or more cars up for sale in this manner, Mr. Olson thought he should have to comply with the City code regarding used car lots. Mr. Remelmeyer said he had not understood the Council wished him to pursue this idea further.

Mr. Ted Green of Paul's Chevrolet spoke along the same lines as the other dealers and added the thought that many of these automobiles are being offered by out of town used car dealers, rather than private owners. The cars often fail minimum safety standards.

If that set of facts exists, Councilman Lyman said it should be easy to cure as there is obviously a violation of many laws. Why is someone not reporting these? This information should be referred to the City Attorney and City Prosecutor or the District Attorney, or the sales tax enforcement agencies.

Mr. Green objected to a phrase used by Mr. Lyman which implies that this ordinance is "asked for" by the car dealers. In his case, he said he did not even hear of this proposed ordinance until four o'clock this afternoon. The six dealers appearing here are not an organized association.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Mayor Isen.

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1595.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1595

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH PROVIDES FOR AN AIRPORT COMMISSION AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW ARTICLE IV PROVIDING FOR AN AIRPORT COMMISSION, THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS THEREOF, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1595 at its second reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was:

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

34. TRAVEL REQUEST. Planning Director, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to send President of the Planning Commission to the ASPO Conference in Toronto, Canada, April 25 - 29, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission, with appropriate expenses allowed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

35. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. Recommendation of City Manager to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Planning Department for the purchase of aerial photos.

Councilman Beasley remarked that several sets had been purchased during his time on the Council and asked by what means they become obsolete and in need of replacement. Planning Director Shartle explained. The ones now being contemplated are of a different type, as well as being up to date, and are easily duplicated on the blueprint machine. Extensive use will be made of the photos in compiling the master plan also.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. VACATION OF RUBY STREET BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH.

Recommendation from Planning Director and City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Torrance City Council oppose proposed vacation of Ruby Street in Tract No. 10019 in the City of Redondo Beach as set forth in Resolution No. 4249 of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. Assistant City Manager Scharfman asked the Council to take note of the memorandum regarding a trip to Long Beach on Saturday of this week by the Auditorium Advisory Committee and invited all those councilmen who wish to do so, to accompany them. Reservations are being made by Mr. Johnson.

38. Councilman Beasley said quite a few small bars and beer places are using shuffleboards or games which can be used for gambling purposes. Some of the equipment used in these games is thrown at people, or used as a weapon in some of the bars and in the past eighteen months there have been two fatal shootings in bars. He asked if the City Attorney and Chief of Police would investigate and recommend a means of controlling activities in these places.

39. Councilman Lyman referred to an item brought up by Mayor Isen and which was sent to the Youth Welfare Commission on the subject of prosecution of child molestation cases. Since making certain observations at that time, Mr. Lyman has studied the law and would like to make an alternative suggestion. The offense is registerable. The distinction between a misdemeanor and a felony was described and the reasons why it is difficult to get a conviction on a felony which requires a preliminary hearing. The Council here has no authority to pass ordinances on other than misdemeanors. Whatever is done should be done by the Legislature. His suggestion was to recall this item from the Youth Welfare Commission and go on record by resolution to the Legislature. He so moved - asking for preparation of a resolution to the Legislature asking for a strengthening of the processes for control of crimes involving child molesting. Strengthening the laws may or may not involve stiffening of the penalties; that decision is one to be made by the Legislature. He asked also that our City Attorney and City Prosecutor follow through on this.

Mayor Isen agreed and stated his motion was to refer to the Youth Welfare Commission because it is germane to their duties. He never indicated that there was any power of the City Council to legislate on this subject. Again, he said the Commission should look into this and give the Council the benefit of their thinking and recommendation.

Councilman Lyman reminded Mayor Isen that this is a technical problem of law enforcement and he outlined a parallel situation wherein the Elks Club worked on the narcotics problem. Simple solutions do not solve complex problems.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion made by Councilman Lyman and remarked that the Youth Welfare Commission can take cognizance of what is done by reading the minutes of this meeting. He asked that the Commission consider these remarks and felt sure they would realize their commission is not being bypassed. There was no objection to the motion and it was considered to have carried. However, Mayor Isen asked that his remarks on the jurisdiction of the Commission be shown in the minutes and he believes the Commission should study this problem, even if by special meeting called for the purpose.

40. Councilman Lyman referred to the Southern California Rapid Transit District letter and stated they had changed their positions on many items in line with the positions expressed by nearly all this council and the mayor. There are still problems as to what the people will get for their money.

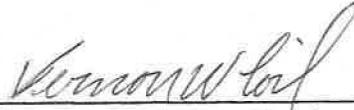
Mayor Isen said they still claim they could levy a tax of about \$4 per car to finance the project and he does not favor that until they can show they will benefit this area.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta announced the time of the trip to Guatemala has been changed to April 24th, by the authorities of that City. They are showing great cooperation. Because of the change of date from the Easter week, only sixteen persons now plan to go. There will be a meeting at 2:30 tomorrow to finalize the entire plans.

42. Mr. Lynn French of 1340 West Third Street, Los Angeles, Trailer Coach Association, said he is putting on a regional show of mobile homes at Del Amo Shopping Center. Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Shartle have talked with him about this. He told Mayor Isen that the permission of the Shopping Center, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance, the Broadway and the Merchants Association has been obtained. Mr. Scharfman said the complaint is that they entered the City of Torrance without having obtained the required permission and are utilizing a great number of parking spaces behind the Pancake House on Del Amo Shopping Center. Otherwise, there is no objection to the operation which will last through Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the requested permission to Mr. French subject to Police, Building, Fire Department regulations and the necessary insurance. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

At 7:35, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance