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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 20, 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. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. James J. Mechura led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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 held April 13, 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, 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 Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Wyckes and several Girl Scouts of Troop No. 178 who are studying the challenge of active citizenship and government and Mrs. Wyckes said a few words on behalf of the girls.

A brief explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen and agendas furnished to those who had not obtained them.

Out of order on the agenda, Mayor Isen asked that there be considered

34. REQUEST FOR COOPERATION AND RESOLUTION RE BENEFIT FOOTBALL GAME.

The City Clerk read in full the letter from West Torrance Lions Club describing the project of an all star football game to be held August 5, 1965 and asking the cooperation of the Council in the form of a resolution. Mr. James J. Mechura spoke on behalf of the Club along the lines of the letter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING CITIZENS OF TORRANCE AND ALL LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND THE ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME SPONSORED BY THE WEST TORRANCE LIONS CLUB.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-83 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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City Manager Ferraro presented to Albert Kovach, acting Traffic Engineer, a certificate of completion of a course sponsored by the International City Managers' Association in American Municipal Public Works management principles. Mr. Kovach expressed his appreciation of the certificate and the manner of its presentation.

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HEARINGS (PLANNING AND ZONING:)

8. CASE NO. 65-8, KNOTT, CHANGE OF ZONE FROM RR-3 TO R-3

Formal hearing on change of zone from RR-3 to R-3, 2454-2458 W. 239th Street. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

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

Mr. Kenneth K. Knott of 2126 240th Street, Lomita, the proponent asked what logic was used in recommending this denial. The location is immediately behind the Soaring 60's on Crenshaw near Lomita Boulevard and Mr. Knott claims it is the only RR-3 property in the entire master plan of the city. His understanding is that it would require units to be of 1,000 square feet size and he was corrected by Planning Associate Swarts in that it is a matter of only one dwelling unit for each 1,000 square feet of land, as a means of upgrading the area. Mr. Knott fears that this would mean renting to families in that the units would have two bedrooms.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Ferraro about the sidewalks and Mr. Ferraro said he had been requested because of hardship - and had granted an extension of ninety days on the sidewalks, about thirty days ago.

Mr. Knott said there is a petition with 38 signatures against his application, although he feels he could also get signatures if he went after them.

Councilman Olson pointed out that RR-3 was created here as a buffer zone between residential and commercial, and he felt that RR-3 would be the best and highest use of Mr. Knott's land. Mayor Isen agreed.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in denial of the application for change of zone to R-3 from RR-3 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. CASE NO. 65-10, GOULD, CHANGE OF ZONE R-2 to P-1, Lot 15, Tract 10216, Formal hearing on change of zone from R-2 to P-1 located at 18408 Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval subject to a precise plan.

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

Dr. Gould came forward on inquiry of Mayor Isen as to whether anyone wished to speak and City Manager Ferraro made a clarification in that Item (e) should be expanded to include paving of the alley mentioned therein, at the expense of Dr. Gould, who agreed to such an addition.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, there being no objection, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, including the addition suggested by Mr. Ferraro. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. CASE NO. 65-13, GOTT, VARIANCE TO PERMIT R-3 USE IN A-1 ZONE Formal hearing on variance to permit R-3 use in A-1 Zone at 4040 Hickman Drive. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to speak and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation to deny and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that all this A-1 property should be studied for rezoning and Mr. Swarts answered that the Planning Department is now studying it at the request of the Planning Commission.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE ON CASE NO. 65-1.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1597

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. 65-1. (Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1597 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30100, DOLORES DEVELOPMENT CORP. SUBDIVIDER, Lanco Engr. Engineers, 6 lots zoned R-1 located between 228th Street and 229th Street east of Crenshaw. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen moved to approve the Final Tract Map as listed and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. CITIZENS' COMPLAINT AS TO EASTERLY TERMINUS OF MICHELLE DRIVE. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$4,000 be appropriated to pave 200 feet of the first alley west of Anza at Michelle Drive.

At the suggestion of City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman explained he and Mr. Rempert of Engineering visited the neighborhood and find the drainage problem is not the prime concern of the residents. The traffic increase due to the layout of the streets is the subject of complaint and in order to give the problem proper study, the residents have agreed to a two weeks period of study.

There being no objection, the matter will be on the agenda for two weeks from now.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 57. Recommendation from the City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject district with sewer connection fees as shown in letter of transmittal be established.

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

15. SANITARY SEWERS IN ALLEYS EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND NORTH OF 190TH STREET (S and S Construction Co., contractor) Notice of Completion. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to accept the work.

With the addition of the words "contract to be paid in final amount of \$9,746.33" Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. STORM DRAIN IN 236th STREET AND EASEMENT EAST OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE (JOB #83001). City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager submitting recommendation that Council approve an extra work payment of \$750 to City Construction Co. on the subject project.

City Manager Ferraro asked that the following words be added to the recommendation "and deny all other requested payment" and Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation with the added phrase. 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.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:17. RESTROOM AND STORAGE BUILDING AT ENTRADERO PARK.

Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager that payment be made to Comco Industrial Development Corporation, general contractor, for restroom and storage building at Entradero Park, retaining 10% for thirty days.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation, the total amount being \$7,269. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS - SOUTHWOOD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - EXTENSION OF TIME. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for extension of time for temporary billboards at 23727 South Crenshaw and 4501 Calle Mayor by Southwood Construction Co. be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. TEMPORARY LOCATION FOR HAWTHORNE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. Recommendation for approval of request of Hawthorne Savings and Loan for a temporary trailer on the corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Carson Street.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen commented that this is the first step toward a ten acre financial center of the whole South Bay area. There will be high rise structures similar to those in the financial centers of Beverly Hills and South Spring Street in Los Angeles. He predicted the Del Amo and vicinity shopping area will be the largest shopping and financial center in the world within five years.

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On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Lyman, the Council meeting recessed for the purpose of holding a Redevelopment Agency meeting and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

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20. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS ON POST STREET AND SARTORI AVENUE. City Manager submitting for approval and adoption resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DUANE RASH FOR THE DEMOLITION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES IN CONNECTION WITH VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 1.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 65-84 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-84 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the bid of Duane Rash and reject all others and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro said with the award of this bid, the buildings will be down by May 1st and probably the parking lots will be ready for use by July 1st.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION NO. 3. Communication from City Manager recommending that Council approve the merger of the Building Maintenance and Custodial Departments into Building and Safety Department.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson.

In answer to various questions from the councilmen, City Manager Ferraro explained this change will eventually upgrade Mr. McKinnon's position, but there will be no such move until after the independent survey which has been ordered is completed. He feels the logical place for the heads of the two departments to report is to the Superintendent of Building and Safety rather than to the City Manager because the functions are related. Councilman Vico did not particularly like the idea and Mayor Isen felt it was advisable to have Building Maintenance under the Building Department, but did not favor placing the Custodial Department in the same field of responsibility.

Roll call vote was:

AYE: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico and Mayor Isen.

FISCAL MATTERS:

22. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, 1964-65 ID No. 11 - FIRE REPORTING AND DISPATCHING SYSTEM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT. Fire Chief with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to enter into an authorization with Pacific Telephone Company for engineering, fabrication, installation and maintenance of a fire reporting and dispatching system.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested permission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Chief Benner explained the system as it will operate. There will be the added advantage of decreased fire insurance rates. All the City does is install the equipment and the telephone company takes over from there. Included in the motion is the appropriation of \$9,521 from the unappropriated General Fund. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, 1964-65 - ID. NO. 13 - SMOKE ROOM, FIRE DEPT. Fire Chief Benner, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to employ the services of a commercial engineering firm to prepare drawings of proposed smoke room.

Chief Benner explained this item also; it will be in addition to the training tower, an 18 x 18 building to train firemen to use proper breathing apparatus and ways of finding persons in a smoke filled house or store. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if it would be practical to rent out this facility for use by neighboring cities but Chief Benner said all neighboring fire departments reciprocate in the use of equipment.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in approval of granting the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the following listed expenditures

1. \$458.64 to International Business Machines Corporation for one Standard Electric Typewriter, 17" carriage, courier type fabric ribbon, for Purchasing Division of Finance Department.
2. \$341.20 to James E. Perry Company for 12 U. S. flags and 12 California bear flags, nylon outdoor type, for Fire Department.
3. \$422.16 to Joslin Lumber Company for building materials for construction of storage room for rain gear and equipment at City Yard, for Street and Sanitation Departments.

Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

FIREWORKS STANDS APPLICATIONS.

25. Communication from License Supervisor re approval or denial of Fireworks stands applications.

Thirty applications are listed by name, address, date received, and whether or not fire insurance has been supplied. It is understood that fire insurance will be furnished before the time of use.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Coil regarding items 18 and 19 and it was explained that Item 18 does not come within the requirements of the ordinance. For that reason, on motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Beasley, Item 18 was deleted from the list.

Clifford Tresize, President of the Optimist Club of Torrance, referred to a letter to the Council regarding some complaints from citizens as to Item No. 6, southeast corner of 178th and Hawthorne. As a result of this letter sent to 100 residents of the area, only five opposing replies were received.

Councilman Beasley moved to permit the stand listed in Item No. 6 and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. There was no objection.

As to the list in general, Councilman Miller moved to approve all items except No. 18. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION

26. DONATION OF OBSOLETE PIANOS. Recommendation of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager to donate two obsolete pianos to charity.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated to donate these obsolete and irreparable pianos to the Methodist Mission in Valle de las Palmas, Baja California. The transportation will be taken care of by the Mission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. TORRANCE BEACH PROPERTY - PURCHASE OF BEACH FRONTAGE.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 65-85

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PURCHASE THE PUBLIC BEACH ADJACENT TO AND EXTENDING SOUTH OF THE EXISTING TORRANCE BEACH LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF TORRANCE FROM THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE STATE BEACH, PARK, RECREATIONAL AND HISTORICAL FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-85 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

28. FIREMAN'S WORKING HOURS - ASSEMBLY BILLS 448 and 1461
City Attorney with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for adoption resolution opposing.

City Manager Ferraro advised the Council if this 40 hour week were passed, it would cost the City \$420,000 additional and Councilman Sciarrotta said it would also take away from "home rule".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILLS 448 AND 1461.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-86 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

29. ARMED FORCES DAY. Recommendation from City Manager that Council approve an expenditure of \$4500 to cover cost of the event, appropriating \$500 of this from the unappropriated reserves of the general fund.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

30. CIVIL DEFENSE DRILL

Chairman of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission requesting there be initiated a civil defense drill or exercise at intervals after a ninety day period from now.

A report of the consensus of Staff and Area G was appended to the agenda material and Mayor Isen said it was a very fine presentation of the subject.

Commissioner Don Foyle, 4303 West 234th Place, told his reasons for making this request the first meeting he attended. He read from an informational bulletin the conditions which existed at Anchorage, Alaska at the time of the earthquake and the almost immediate response by Civil Defense people. His question had been with respect to how Torrance would stand in the event of a disaster, not necessarily one caused by war or bombing. City Manager Ferraro outlined the reasons that Alaska's situation differs from any in the main part of the United States from an organizational standpoint. There are no counties in

Alaska and all of the unincorporated areas are operated by the State. There is also a very close working operation between the cities and the military organizations. In California, the county system and Area G, under which Torrance operates, applies. Here we have sixteen cities closely related in civil defense efforts and four departments which are already disaster oriented. Mr. Ferraro proposed a meeting of the Civil Defense Commission with Management.

Mayor Isen hoped this matter may be given great publicity.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a meeting between the Commission and Management be scheduled. Councilman Vico seconded.

Commissioner Foyle asked that this await the formation of a more definite plan for discussion and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the communication would be ordered filed. With proper auspices and publicity, he hoped something could be worked out. Mr. Foyle explained what he had in mind was more of a matter of finding out from hospitals, etc., just what their potential would be in case of an immediate emergency.

The communication was ordered filed.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT UNIT 4C - RECHARGE WELLS.
City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT UNIT 4C (RECHARGE WELLS) AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN SAID PROJECT WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-87 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON KEEPING OF PIGEONS AND DOVES

Councilman Sciarrotta said he did not believe the ordinance made proper provision for keeping the pigeons cooped up, but Deputy City Attorney Knickerbocker said this is provided in the ordinance which this new one will amend.

City Manager Ferraro asked how it is planned to enforce such an ordinance and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1598

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 4.4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "KEEPING OF PIGEONS AND DOVES" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 4.4 WITH THE SAME TITLE IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PIGEONS TO FOUR.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1598 at this, its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Miller called attention of the audience to the fact that this ordinance will not be in effect until its second reading, and thirty days thereafter. The second reading will not be until two weeks from now because of the trip to Guatemala by several councilmen.

Mr. Howard Palmquist of 22911 Felbar Avenue, Torrance, Vice President of the Southern California Racing Pigeon Combine which has over 200 members, of which 15 reside in the City of Torrance. He read a petition for keeping pigeons as a hobby and sport to which there were 1470 signatures and presented it for filing. In support of his petition he exhibited a map of the City of Torrance with the location of the residence of each of the 15 members of his group marked. There was none in the Hollywood Riviera section and he said he felt it was unfair that 175 people in three blocks could affect the hobby of people who live as far as ten miles away. He said also that he felt the petition was more representative of the people of Torrance than was that of the Hollywood Riviera group.

Mr. Jay Williams of 3645 171st Street, Torrance, a member of the same association, listed the events which have led to the presentation of this ordinance tonight. The feature he stressed was that each applicant was to be considered on an individual basis.

Mr. Bill Traw of 2100 Lincoln Avenue, Torrance, President of the Harbor Area Racing Pigeon Association. In his fifteen years with the association, he said there had been no problems with the City, and he was able to obtain 40 petition signatures near the corner of Lincoln and Apple Street. Pigeons have been used in national emergencies and Mr. Traw said his group is registered with the National Guard for possible use.

Mr. John Wren, Attorney of 2271 Torrance Boulevard, representing certain members of the Pigeon Association, agreed with the others who had spoken. He said the men in the organization have tried very hard to maintain the provisions of the ordinance which was drafted in good faith. Some of the pigeon problems, he thought might be solved by referring to other ordinances, such as that controlling nuisances. Also A and M zones might be suitable for keeping pigeons. Ordinance No. 1544 was participated in by the some of those who now wish to limit the number of birds to four and was drawn with the approval and acceptance of Mr. Wren's clients, also. It is a very strict ordinance but surely, one with which some pigeon fanciers could comply. He hoped the Council would see the point of view of his clients, and called attention to the salutary effect of such a hobby on youth.

Mrs. Robert Pinckney of 361 Paseo de Gracia, spoke on behalf of the Hollywood Riviera residents; their right to speak and to have clean homes and yards. She maintained if each of the 15 members of the racing pigeon association could get numerous signatures to a petition and all 175 of the neighbors of the one man in Hollywood Riviera were against the keeping of pigeons by him, there must be some reason.

Mr. Jim Chapman of Harbor City, President of the American Racing Pigeon Union in this area, agreed with Mrs. Pinckney that there might be something wrong in that area and the Council's attention should be directed to that area rather than to those in which the people are satisfied.

Mr. James Mechura of 151 Via Los Altos, spoke against having more than four pigeons. He referred back to the comments on the large financial center which will soon be within Torrance and felt some of the more provincial hobbies would have to give way to progress.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council now be permitted to consider the question and Councilman Miller said, true, 175 people in the Hollywood Riviera probably are not wrong - but what is a problem in that area is not necessarily a problem in other parts of the City. He thought if the person can get approval of his neighbors management could draw up some type of arrangement whereby at applicant's expense neighbors could be notified of the filing of an application for permit and they could make their objections. He expressed the opinion that the easy way was to say "No" to all but this would be taking the right from the people who have requested something they have a right to request. He felt the authority to grant the permit should be that of the Council rather than Administration, and that is what he had understood to be the intent. In conclusion, he said he would like to see a further ordinance containing the essence of his remarks in this paragraph.

Councilman Lyman said while there is nothing wrong with this hobby per se, but when the City gets to a certain stage of development it can become objectionable and he cited as an instance his early youth with its Fourth of July fireworks and such. He pointed out the many people who never attend a Council meeting and raise their hands, or sign petitions, and yet are to be represented by the councilmen. He suggested adding to the petition the words "we, the undersigned feel that any homeowner should be able to keep up to 60 pigeons" and see how many signatures can be obtained.

Councilman Beasley said in four or five years, this problem has persisted. He thought the racing pigeon enthusiasts had asked for recreation for fourteen or fifteen people regardless of the objections of others. He believes the time has come in urban development where agricultural pursuits are out.

Councilman Olson pointed out that there is always the possibility of racing pigeons getting lost and mingling with wild pigeons. On the other hand, caged pigeons are not racing pigeons and the hobby would have to go.

Councilman Sciarrotta believed four pigeons as a child's hobby would be permissible and four pets should be sufficient.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

Mayor Isen moved the second reading of Ordinance No. 1598 be postponed to May 4, a 5:30 meeting because of the absence of councilmen on the trip to Guatemala. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At 8:25 a recess was declared and the Council convened again at 8:35 p.m.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

33. ON-SALE BEER/WINE

1. Edith H. Frangos, 1407 Sartori Avenue, Temporary
2. Sam Levy, 1330-1332 El Prado St., Temporary
3. Alice and Gerhard Langer and
Gunther and Ursula Kleinpeter, 2225 West Sepulveda Blvd.
4. Steven T. Shoemaker, Jr., 3770 242nd St.

This item is in response to the request last week that the Council be advised of petitions for license to sell under the Alcoholic Beverage Control. However, the intent was only that the information be given not that it be an agenda item. There was no objection and in the future these will be listed as Informational items.

Councilman Beasley said many of the beer and wine places, and there are several in close proximity on Hawthorne Avenue, are poor places with little equipment, selling draft beer and operating shuffleboards which cause nothing but trouble. This fourth application is for a location right behind Walteria Park. Rents are low in this area and there is not a very large investment required. He asked if there is not some way to regulate or protest these applications.

Councilman Lyman asked why the adjective "temporary" and it developed that was an error. They are not temporary. Councilman Lyman believes there is something wrong in the law when a place can start as a little family hamburger stand and eventually, through transfer of license, turn out to be a "Pussy Cat A Go Go". When there are many of these places close together, no one can be very successful, and eventually will close or sell out to a buyer probably new to California and unacquainted with circumstances. If this continues in downtown Torrance, there will be a situation similar to that of Beacon Street in San Pedro.

Councilman Miller said the refurbishing of downtown Torrance was for the purpose of trying to avoid just such a contingency, but evidently was not successful. He questioned whether the Council has any control.

Certainly someone can have some control, Councilman Lyman said, because on the last day to protest, he was successful in avoiding having just such a place put in second door to his office. However, people who should be watching these things and making the required protests aren't doing so.

The Council considered separately the four listed and as to the first three there seemed to be no particular objection.

Reverend Milton Sippel of 2914 Onrado Street protested the issuance of the liquor license at 3770 242nd Street, near Walteria Park and Library. He said the advertising on the window indicates its opening could lead to something the City does not want - it mentions an art studio. There are beautiful pictures there at this time, but there is also the possibility that this policy could switch to a different one involving sketching of live models, etc.

Chief Koenig of the Police Department said an investigation was made of this particular application. The basis on which the licenses are granted is simply that they are granted unless they are protested. The Police Department is notified but they do not consider it their responsibility to recommend against every application unless there is discovered an undesirable record. This is a lawful business and there is no reason to automatically protest it.

Mayor Isen moved, with respect to the application for 3770 242nd Street, to object on the grounds that it is too near the Walteria Library and Park and that the objection be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Councilman Beasley expressed the opinion that it is possible to hold up a license for as long as a year by protesting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. City Manager Ferraro announced on April 24th the Salvation Army is going to have a Century of Service dinner, at 125 Beryl Street, Redondo Beach. A plaque is being prepared for presentation and the City will participate. Those councilmen who are in town will be notified further by the City Manager's office.

36. City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac reported a problem on the extension of Lomita Boulevard westerly of Hawthorne, and it is necessary to use \$405 of 181.1 gas tax money to remove an Edison pole to which they have prior right. It is in the way of the County Sanitation District trunk sewer. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to allow the expenditure and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, but subject to approval of the

City Attorney. Councilman Sciarrotta accepted the amendment and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

37. Councilman Lyman said his plans have changed and he will be able, and would like to go on the Guatemala Sister City trip. He requested Council approval, with appropriate expenses paid and so moved. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

This will make a Council meeting on April 27th impossible as four councilmen will be out of town and City Manager Ferraro asked about readvertising planning matters with the view of rescheduling the hearings. It is necessary to give ten days notice. May 4th will be the next meeting and it is necessary to readvertise immediately. It was decided to postpone the Butcher planning matter to May 11th and Mayor Isen so moved. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. This will be an eight o'clock meeting.

38. Councilman Olson suggested the City Manager prepare an evaluation and recommendation of what might be done with respect to public relations toward improving the volume of Torrance Municipal Bus Line travel.

Councilman Vico said he is not in favor of spending any money at all on the bus system. Councilman Sciarrotta said he would favor easing out of the situation rather than spending money on an evaluation. Councilman Beasley repeated that sentiment, but Mayor Isen said he was very opposed to that.

Councilman Olson suggested several means of improvement: posting BUS STOP signs, sending schedules to residents, particularly senior citizen clubs. Councilman Lyman agreed that cities which have more successful bus operations do conduct a lot of public relations work. If this bus line is worth keeping the City should take steps to increase the volume of business.

Councilman Beasley told Councilmen Lyman and Olson there was an advertising campaign for the buses which lasted about two years. The downtown merchants showed no interest in keeping the schedules on hand and at the end of the campaign the business had decreased, even though the campaign had cost money. Councilmen Olson and Lyman had not been aware of that campaign. Councilman Sciarrotta pointed out that the City is donating \$100 a year to each of the 1200 people who use the bus system. He repeated that every avenue should be explored toward getting out of the transportation system.

Mayor Isen said it is a necessary service to the citizens and if any study is made it should be of efficiency rather than publicity. He would favor a small bus to accommodate 10 or 12 persons rather than the large ones which travel practically empty. City Manager Ferraro did not agree, stating the driver's salary is the principal expense and it is the same regardless of the size of bus he operates. For instance, on some runs it would be necessary to triple the passengers who ride; advertising is not magic. An interesting point is that the survey showed that the 1200 number of riders is almost exactly the number of families in Torrance who do not own a car. Torrance has a higher than average number of 2 and 3 car families.

Councilman Olson repeated his contention that stops are not marked and if a mailing of schedules was made two years ago, perhaps it should be made again. He moved that the City Manager's office be requested to conduct a

survey, expending labor only, and make suggestions as to how the volume of riders of the Torrance Bus system might be improved. Mayor Isen said to add a study of "efficiency". In answer to a question regarding the relationship of schedules of Torrance buses and Greyhound, City Manager Ferraro explained in detail the reasons that Greyhound's service is not a duplication of Torrance's. There are rules and laws which govern these things and there are limits on what can be done by each.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Olson's motion, with the addition of the word "efficiency" and roll call vote was:

AYES: Lyman, Olson, Mayor Isen.

NOES: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico.

Mayor Isen commented that there is work to be done by the Transportation Committee of the Council.

39. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the Finance Committee of the Council meet at 2 p.m., on April 29th, a week from this coming Thursday.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta commended the crews who had taken care of the rainy season emergency and hoped Administration would show some recognition of their efforts.

41. Councilman Vico referred to the discussion of the bus system and stated the City loses \$200,000 a year and still continues to buy new buses. He felt keeping the bus system is just spinning wheels and spending money but he would be glad to change his opinion if it can be shown that the buses are making money.

42. Mayor Isen mentioned a matter on which he wanted action tonight. It involves a proposal by President Johnson to reduce the number of regional custom offices from 53 to 6 and establish the headquarters of the Pacific Coast office at San Francisco rather than its present Los Angeles location. Mayor Isen read an article from the South Bay Daily Breeze on the subject and said the Board of Supervisors had unanimously voted to urge Congress not to follow the proposal. The City of Los Angeles has sent a resolution to Congress urging defeat of the reduction and stating that moving the regional office to San Francisco would seriously affect the Port of Los Angeles. He moved that a resolution be prepared to bear a title along these lines and in order to expedite the passage, a number was assigned to a resolution which would include the protest to reduction of the number of regional offices as well as the location of the West Coast office at San Francisco. Councilman Beasley seconded Mayor Isen's motion and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta was against protesting the reduction, saying that if it is a means of saving government money it should not be opposed however, he would vote in favor of a resolution which carried only the provision that in event the reorganization takes effect that the West Coast headquarters be established at the Port of Los Angeles.

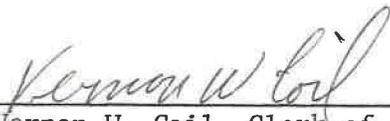
After further discussion and explanation by the City Manager, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THAT IN THE EVENT THAT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ADOPTS A REORGANIZATION PLAN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMS DISTRICTS FROM 53 TO 6 THAT THE WEST COAST HEADQUARTERS BE ESTABLISHED AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES.

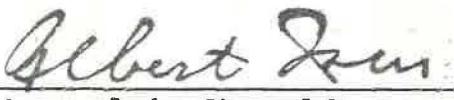
Councilman Beasley seconded the motion of Mayor Isen to adopt Resolution No. 65-88 and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Lyman, this meeting was adjourned to May 4, 1965, at 5:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance