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Torrance, California
June 8, 1965

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Ray Rojo led the salute to our flag.

Mayor Isen expressed on behalf of the Council and many friends of Henry Litzinger, shock and grief at his untimely passing. He asked that after Reverend Holm has made the invocation, that the meeting remain standing in silent thoughts of memory of the good friend so recently among those at City Hall. City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to prepare a memorial resolution for next week's Council agenda and after it is passed by the Council, it will be delivered to Henry's family.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Leon Holm of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd opened the meeting with an invocation and the meeting observed one minute of silence in memory of Henry Litzinger.

5. PRESENTATION OF SAFETY COUNCIL POSTER CONTEST AWARDS:

Mrs. Eva Bisou, Chairman of the Torrance Safety Council, described the aims and purposes of the Safety Council and this particular contest and presented savings bonds and certificates to the first, second and third place winners. Mayor Isen congratulated the young people who had shown such interest and ingenuity.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held May 25, 1965 were approved as written, there being no objection.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved 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.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in awarding the bid to City Construction Co. and rejecting all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

13. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that request for temporary billboard to be located at corner of Western and Lincoln Avenues, be approved.

14. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY BILLBOARD. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Southwood Construction Co. for an extension of time for temporary billboard to remain at 4555 Pacific Coast Highway be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval as to each of the above numbered items 13 and 14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

15. RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING - ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILWAY. Proposed resolution authorizing execution of agreement and license.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT AND LICENSE OF ENTRY DATED MARCH 19, 1965, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE OPENING OF A NEW GRADE CROSSING AND THE INSTALLATION OF GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE 229TH PLACE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE RAILROAD TRACK, CROSSING NO. 2H-21.9-C.

City Manager Ferraro called attention to the contents of his note on the transmittal letter, to the effect that Torrance Knolls should deposit an additional \$1,051 and that the agreement not be executed until that additional deposit is received by the City. Councilman Vico so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-117 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. BID FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT: Recommendation of Street Maintenance Superintendent that The Sully Miller Contracting Company bid in the amount of \$157,232 be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to so award the bid and reject all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. BID FOR CLASS A AND CLASS B-4 MIX CONCRETE: Recommendation of Street Maintenance Superintendent that the Azuza Rock and Sand Company bid in the amount of \$7,964.00 be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in awarding the contract to Azuza Rock and Sand Company and rejecting all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Vico first asked if the bid of Greene Redi-Mix had been considered from the sales tax standpoint and City Engineer Nollac answered affirmatively.

18. REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES. Superintendent of Building and Safety, noted by City Manager, submitting request of Wolfgang H. Fengler for refund of building permit fees for proposed four-unit apartment house at 2057 Lincoln Avenue.

Councilman Miller moved to retain the administrative and office costs of \$25 and refund the balance of \$105.50. 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.

19. PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS: Communication from Torrance City Employees Association, Inc. requesting Council to authorize payroll deductions for monthly dues.

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

20. BID FOR CRUSHED ROCK, CRB, ROCK AND SAND. Recommendation of Street Maintenance Superintendent that Livingston, Graham, Inc. bid of \$66,423 be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES. Request of John W. Gallareto for refund of building permit fees paid for the erection of two apartment house buildings at 22913-29 Samuel Street.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to retain the administrative and office costs of \$25 and refund the balance. There were two permits and therefore the amount retained would be \$50 and the balance \$777. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. BID FOR FERTILIZERS AND TOP DRESSING. Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager for accepting bids for furnishing fertilizers and top dressing for fiscal year starting July 1, 1965.

23. BID FOR CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES. Recommendation of Head Custodian, with concurrence of City Manager, Senior Buyer and Superintendent of Building and Safety that the items shown within parentheses on the bid summary be accepted for custodial supplies for fiscal year of 1965-66.

As to Items 22 and 23, Councilman Beasley moved to concur and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

24. TRAVEL REQUEST - SHADE TREE CONFERENCE. Park Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager requesting permission to attend International Shade Tree Conference in Santa Barbara June 20 to 23, 1965, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

25. TRAVEL REQUEST - PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' SYMPOSIUM. Planning Director, with approval of City Manager, submitting request that commissioners attend symposium June 11 and 12, 1965 at the University of Southern California, at a cost of \$25 each and that two city cars be available for their transportation.

All commissioners plan to attend except John Tweedy. Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

26. BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107.5 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager, that Council approve and adopt proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-118

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING A BUDGET FOR
EXPENDITURE OF STATE ALLOCATED (ENGINEERING)
FUNDS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-118 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. TRAVEL REQUEST. City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager requesting permission for two men to attend Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering short course in fundamentals of traffic engineering from June 14 to 18, 1965. Cost per person \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

28. BIDS FOR WEED ABATEMENT. Spring and Fall, 1965 (Bid Schedule B-65-87. One single bid received from P. I. Haddan Jr for \$49,370. City Clerk recommends the bid be rejected and project readvertised.

B-65-87
City Manager Ferraro stated Mr. Haddan wanted the opportunity of meeting with the Council to inform them how he arrived at the price. Mr. Ferraro felt there is nothing to gain by doing so. Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to reject the bid, but to meet with the various weed abatement contractors who have not bid in order to determine how the new bid should be restructured and made more attractive in order to obtain a more equitable charge than submitted by Mr. Haddan. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded with the comment that with further development there should be less and less vacant land with weeds. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

29. BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107-5 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE - PROJECT E9. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that Council approve and adopt proposed resolution for engineering funds for fiscal year 1964-65.

This item reflects an error on the part of Management in that allocation of engineering funds was overlooked, City Manager Ferraro said. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-119

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING A BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF STATE ALLOCATED (ENGINEERING) FUNDS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-119 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. DUES - CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLICLY OWNED TRANSIT SYSTEMS. Bus Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval dues for CAPOTS Association Account 4612, amount \$200 per annum.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve payment of dues in this association and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

31. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

1. \$800 to Streeter Amet Company for two Trafficcounters, Model RCT to be used by Traffic and Lighting Department, budget items.

2. \$1,420.90 to Hollywood Houseman Supply Company for the annual requiremt of towels, a budget item for Custodial Department.

3. \$392.09 to Equipment Repair Parts, Inc. for repair parts for Garage Department.

4. \$365.04 to Western Lead Company for 2000 lbs of caulking lead to be used by Water Department, a budget item.

5. \$609.44 to Vilarino's Magnavox Center for one Magnavox Color TV and antenna, plus \$44.95 for one year service policy, for Adult Center, approved in 1964-65 Recreation Department budget.

6. \$678.08 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 8" Hersey Model Detector check with an L. A. Pattern, a budget item of Water Department.

7. \$1,091.61 to Duncan-Hunter Company for one only oscilloscope No. 40-108, for Garage Department. (Marquette Dynavision Analyzer)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Items numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,

Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked with respect to Item numbered 5, why a colored television and if that is necessary why not purchase from a Torrance firm. City Manager Ferraro stated Vilarino's is a Torrance firm, located at 3852 Sepulveda Boulevard, and asked for justification from the representative of the Recreation Department, Edith Simplaar. She said it is necessary to replace the one which has been in use at the Adult Center where color television is being programmed. Councilman Vico questioned the need for colored television.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT:

32. William O'Leary - appointment as a result of request to discuss the fireworks ordinance and its application to political organizations, with City Council.

Mr. O'Leary who said he has lived in Torrance for three and one-half years, read a letter, making two specific requests: first to seek a legal interpretation as to whether or not the Fireworks Ordinance allows political organizations to sell fireworks in the City. He read from Section 16.333 and requested a declaration from the Council as to the intent of the fireworks ordinance, particularly the type of organizations which can obtain a permit. Granting a fireworks permit, he said, to any political organization tends to create a special interest group underwritten financially by the citizens of Torrance. He asked that the Council re-establish and clarify the intent of the ordinance, and if the Council agrees with him, that the fireworks permit be denied to any political organization and if any permit has been granted that this Council rescind that action.

Mr. O'Leary said he feels that voting is a very special and personal privilege and this City should not underwrite the special interests of any single group.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer stated this is a fairly unique type of ordinance and there are no cases on the subject. A political organization could be interpreted to be a "civic betterment" type organization within the meaning of 16.333, or that it was not such. These are formed to carry out the purposes of the party which they represent and that would mean to elect certain persons to office. In other words, it is entirely within the Council's discretion. The ordinance has been given wide latitude in interpretation by the Council - the key is the intent of the Council and only the Council can define that.

Mayor Isen, who was on the Council at the time of the drafting of the ordinance eleven years ago, outlined the history of the ordinance. There had been an attempt to outlaw all types of fireworks within the City and the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Hollywood Riviera sportsmen's club were anxious to preserve the pyrotechnic type of fireworks as contrasted to firecrackers, etc. There had been many problems related to the sale of fireworks because of the type of promotion. The patriotic organizations state that this is the best type of revenue source for money to take care of veterans and their families in time of need. The Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen are still a very active charitable organization and this is one of their principal sources of revenue to maintain their youth welfare projects. At that time a committee worked for several days to bring into being the present ordinance. Mayor Isen's feeling is that the ordinance did not contemplate political organizations; however, over the years various organizations have applied for permits

and the administration of the ordinance has become lax in determining strict adherence.

Two problems were cited by Mayor Isen: first, a quota as to population, which has been stretched. Second, perhaps the time has come for establishing restriction as to the qualifying organizations. They pay \$300 for the license. He believes Mr. O'Leary's criticism deserves study but with the Fourth of July so near, this is not the time to make a reversal or rescission. Now that the problem has been presented, after the Fourth, he suggested a committee work on the ordinance toward bringing about something which would be proper and easy to administer. Otherwise, he said the Fire Chief would probably again recommend that fireworks be abolished completely and there are points in his favor. Thirty-three licenses have been granted for this year and it is late to make changes which would affect them.

Councilman Vico agreed with Mayor Isen and said he believes those which are beyond the quota should be refused so that the field would be narrowed to the point where organizations which do qualify would be able to make some money. He, too, felt it should await this Fourth of July.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to handle the matter in compliance with the thoughts expressed by Mayor Isen - let the situation remain as is at this time and after the Fourth nominate a committee to consider the problem. Councilman Olson seconded the motion stating the sale of fireworks is controversial and debatable. Certainly there is justification in the great good done by the charitable works of service clubs and other organizations who conduct the sales. To extend the privilege to other types of organization would be to lose some of the original meaning of the program.

Councilman Beasley would like to see some means established for making sure that all the revenue which comes from fireworks sale is used for youth welfare and charitable purposes.

Mayor Isen declared the motion carried, there being no objection, and thanked Mr. O'Leary for his interest.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

46. CITIZENS' COMPLAINT RE EASTERLY TERMINUS OF MICHELLE DRIVE. Memo from City Manager and City Attorney.

Mayor Isen asked that Item 46 be considered at this time to accommodate the people present on the complaint.

Mr. Richard R. Denno of 4709 Michelle Drive, asked the City Manager for what purpose the \$1100 is asked. City Engineer Nollac said that would take care of eliminating the little hammerhead at the end of the street and temporarily pave those unpaved portions of the alley so that mud and dirt will not be tracked down Michelle Drive by traffic in the alley. The temporary paving should last three to four years and by that time it is hoped the City will have opened the alley.

In the opinion of Councilman Miller, the problem is with the traffic. Mr. Denno mentioned various numbers of cars during various lengths of time, but stated the objection is to the use of the street as temporary access to the back of all the apartments. He also told of the objectionable practices such as speeding at unreasonable hours.

Councilman Olson said he had understood the main problem had to do with whether or not the alley could be barricaded. Mr. Denno thought the oil wells should be removed and the street opened up; certainly there must be solution of some kind.

City Manager Ferraro said every means had been explored but this remains a public street and cannot be barricaded. It is not within the City's responsibility to acquire the oil wells in order to open up an alley. Also the traffic count has indicated average traffic for a residential street.

City Engineer Nollac said the unpaved area is behind the first apartment house which was built. At that time the owner was required to dedicate fifty-four feet for a street. Subsequently, through the Planning Commission, the street was changed to an alley and the owner received back thirty-four feet. When the alley is developed the owners of the property on which the oil wells sit will be required to dedicate the alley; they will have to remove the oil wells, not the City. The part now to be paved is that portion which was not paved previously.

Councilman Miller asked City Attorney Remelmeyer again about his opinion and Mr. Remelmeyer said he does not maintain it is illegal, but the City would be liable to pay compensation and it is too high a risk to assume - the amount of damages is difficult to measure. The Court would determine the amount based on the testimony of expert witnesses.

Councilman Beasley moved that \$1100 be appropriated for the purposes stated in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson.

Mr. Ray Rojo of 4714 Michelle Drive told of other activities such as repair of cars in the rear of the apartments and test driving them up and down the street. He is not talking about nice cars or ordinary traffic but it is the rowdy crowd with their jalopies who challenge residents who inquire about such things as mufflers. Some of the people are even placing their homes up for sale and having a difficult time in getting prospective buyers.

Several of the councilmen have inspected the site personally and Mayor Isen thought it would be well to set a time and place for the members of the council who have not to meet there and continue this phase of the matter for two weeks; he requested the Traffic Engineer also to attend. Eleven o'clock Saturday morning was tentatively set.

Chief Koenig said the location is kept under observation by the Police Department and Mr. Rojo is right, there are cars parked in the alley.

Mr. Rojo added that the rubbish pickup truck drivers have said they would be willing to remove a barrier in order to pick up trash.

Mr. Charles Davis of 4704 Michelle Drive complained of parked "junkers", repair and wrecking of cars, beer cans in yards.

Mr. Raymond L. Winters, Attorney, 221 Avenue I, Redondo Beach, attorney for one of the apartment house owners, said basically it is an alley with the only public access being Michelle Drive, both ends of the alley are blocked by oil wells. The particular apartment house he represents has access to Anza Avenue through a private driveway ten feet wide and 168 feet long, and has thirty-five units.

Roll call vote on the motion to appropriate the \$1100 was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen now moved to continue the matter for two weeks and to meet on the spot, including the Council, City Manager, City Attorney, Mr. Winter, at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12. The home of Mr. Denno was given as a meeting place, 4709 Michelle Drive, FRontier 1-2512. The City Manager's office will remind the interested persons.

A recess was declared following which the Redevelopment Agency meeting will convene, on motion of Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, there being no objection.

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With respect to the notation on the agenda dealing with the time of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting, Mayor Isen asked that the City Clerk insert the words "or as soon thereafter as Council business can be disposed of" after the 9:00 p.m. time.

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As a courtesy to the members of the Library Commission present, Mayor Isen asked that Item 40 be next considered:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

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40. TORRANCE LIBRARY - AGREEMENTS WITH/AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Recommendations of Library Commission.

Mr. George Kurtz, Chairman of the Library Commission, started his presentation and the detail of figures dealing with the number of persons in Torrance who use Los Angeles City library facilities and vice versa. However, Mayor Isen said in that there is a difference in the recommendations of the Library Commission and those of the City Manager, no decision could be reached this evening and recommended a 7:00 p.m. pre-council session be slated for June 22, 1965. In the interim he asked that the City Manager and Library Commission compile a statement as to differences in a concise manner. Mr. Kurtz stated he would be away from the City on June 22nd and would not return until July 7th.

Mr. Kurtz said he is willing to defer Items 1 and 2 which deal with the reciprocity agreements but would strongly urge the Council at this time to approve the recommendation contained in Item 3 which is to permit the City of Los Angeles residents to use the City of Torrance library facilities without charge. The basis is that this matter of termination occurred in January of this year; it is now June; the matter was brought to their attention in March. There are some very dissatisfied people in the Los Angeles trip who are good patrons of the downtown Torrance library.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur as to Item 3 in allowing the people outside of the City of Torrance to use the Torrance downtown library facilities free of charge and postpone Items 1 and 2 to July 13, an eight o'clock meeting of the Council, at a pre-council session at 7 p.m. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Councilman Olson asked if this would in any way jeopardize the negotiations and City Manager Ferraro said it would be very difficult to make an adverse decision later. Mayor Isen saw no reason for taxpayers of Torrance to furnish free service to residents of the Strip, if it results in loss to Torrance. Mr. Kurtz said these people using the Torrance facility does not increase the cost to Torrance.

City Manager Ferraro stated it is a \$20,000 decision. Mayor Isen said this whole thing will have to be explored and Councilman Beasley restated his motion: to table the entire item until 7:00 p.m., on July 13th. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Back to the main body of the agenda:

AIRPORT MATTERS:

33. AMENDMENT TO LEASES - GRANTS OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, with proposed resolutions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND E. G. KIDWELL, AERO-CARE, INC., BEN GLASS AND MARCELINE GLASS AND JOHN H. NAGEL FOR UTILITY EASEMENTS AND LEASING OF CERTAIN AIRPORT PROPERTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-120 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST GRANTS OF EASEMENTS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR RE-ROUTING OF CERTAIN ELECTRICAL FACILITIES AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved adoption of Resolution No. 65-121 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE: Commissioner Marousek.

Mayor Isen commented if there was no objection, the absence would be excused and requested the City Manager to establish a policy by which his office would process these commission absence excuses. There was no objection.

35. AIRPORT BEAUTIFUL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION RE AIRPORT LANDSCAPING.

The recommendation is to adopt the proposal in principle and Councilman Beasley moved to concur. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and there was no objection.

PARK AND RECREATION:

36. Letter from Chairman of Commission requesting excused absences for Bernard Dougan for June and July meetings and Ambrose Schindler for July meeting.

Mayor Isen said the excuses are granted if there is no objection and there was none.

37. DEVELOPMENT OF HICKORY PARK: Petition with 636 signatures from President of Palo Del Amo Homeowners Association.

Mr. Salling, President of the Association, 22640 Juniper Avenue, said he represents four tracks and this particular location presents a problem because it is adjacent to the Hickory School and the children play there before and after school. It is a catchall for broken glass and debris which would injure them and he wondered if it might not be developed as soon as possible. Mayor Isen referred him to the comments of the City Manager and moved that in the meantime the City Manager's office see that the area is cleaned up as found to be necessary. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

38. POLICE FACILITY: Letter and recommendation from City Manager to receive drawings and specifications, and authorization to advertise for construction bids for addition to Police facility.

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

WATER SYSTEM:

39. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL INCREASE IN WATER RATE. Water Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer requesting approval of increase in monthly and bi-monthly water rates.

Councilman Olson moved to table this item to the budget consideration for 1965-66. Mayor Isen seconded and commented that an increase would be tantamount to an increased tax rate. He asked City Manager Ferraro and Water Superintendent McVicar for more information on the status of the rates. If the operation is "in the black" he saw no reason not to let the citizens benefit, but asked for a concise report in lay language on what it would mean to the average homeowner.

Councilman Vico confirmed that Metropolitan Water District is raising its rates to the various cities - this year and on each year to 1968.

The item is to be held for additional information at budget time. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

41. ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR FIREWORKS STAND. License Supervisor, with concurrence of Director of Finance, submitting request.

City Manager Ferraro stated the property in question has been vacated to the developers of the shopping center, Bollenbach & Kelton. The Council has no objection to the use of the land as requested but the owners should be contacted, Mayor Isen added.

42. CHANGE LOCATION OF FIREWORKS STAND:

Request from Torrance Bullets to change location of their fireworks stand.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection.

43. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT - RESIGNATION OF REV. RICHARD WONG.

Councilman Lyman appointed Mr. Arthur Orrell, 23543 Leyte Drive, telephone 378-9504 and a poll of the council showed unanimously favorable results.

Mayor Isen stated a further vacancy exists because of resignation of his nominee, Mr. Gianni, and he appointed Ted Baciou of 4201 Paseo de las Tortugas, Frontier 5-0669 in his place. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

44. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 29617, Subdivider: Franton Construction Company. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that request for time extension be granted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

45. ORDINANCE NO. 1605 reclassifying property in Planning Commission Case No. 65-10.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1605

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. 65-10. (Jules S. Gould)

Councilman Beasley moved adoption of Ordinance No. 1605 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

47. REDUCTION OF SUBDIVISION BOND FOR TRACT NO. 29101. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, that subject bond be reduced to \$500, concurred in by City Manager.

48. REDUCTION OF SUBDIVISION BOND FOR TRACT NO. 28975. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, that subject bond be reduced to \$500, concurred in by City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in both of the above recommendations and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADDENDUM:

49. AMENDMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE GOVERNING POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Isen commented that this is a very important matter and at his suggestion, Councilman Vico moved it be considered at 5:00 p.m., next council meeting. There was no objection.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

50. City Manager Ferraro distributed copies of the preliminary budget and announced the hearings will be June 22 and June 29 at the regular Council meetings. The amount is 8% higher than last year totalling \$11,900,000 and no increase in taxes is anticipated.

51. City Manager Ferraro asked if the Council would please set times for some work sessions prior to the hearings and the times set were: June 14, 16, 17 at 4 p.m. on each day. The motion was by Councilman Beasley with a second by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

52. Councilman Lyman said he would like to inform the Council on some matters concerning the status of Southern California Rapid Transit District. The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County has gone on record as approving requested legislation from Mr. Rees regarding the bill and Mr. Rees is going to have to make some move to the legislature before the 18th. This Council has opposed any taxation which would not go to a vote of the people but the Board of Supervisors has favored a proposal whereby the legislature would make it possible for the people to vote on any tax that might be imposed, either a sales tax or an in lieu tax. Mr. Lyman feels the Board has made a great effort to try to solve problems posed in this city and that this Council should take a close look to see what the people would be voting for.

Mayor Isen felt, this was premature but Mr. Lyman said it is going to the legislature this week. If this is going to the vote of the people he believes there should also be a statement of what routes they are going to encompass.

Mayor Isen was not in favor of anything the District is doing. Councilman Lyman said he is quite pleased with the program of the Board. He wanted some action taken but Mayor Isen said he was not ready to vote on it and Councilman Beasley said the Board would have sole power of setting the lines. Mayor Isen advised Mr. Lyman to write a letter expressing his individual opinion, if he wished.

53. Councilman Olson called attention to Information Item J which is a request from the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County, to Southern Division of the League of California Cities membership requesting endorsement of a proposal to improve voter registration practices in Los Angeles County, by establishing fire stations throughout the County as permanent voter registration places. He requested that the City Manager and Fire Chief investigate the merits of the proposal as to Torrance's needs. City Manager Ferraro was instructed to do so.

54. Councilman Sciarrotta said a report on the rubbish pickup operation of the City of Torrance has been sent to the City of Guatemala and he would next suggest a report on employees - how they qualify, probation period, how they become permanent, and what recourse they have - within the next six weeks.

He asked that a meeting be held on June 21st at 7:30 in the Council Chambers so the Citizens' Committee can get under way. He will talk with J. Walker Owens about doing some of the notification from the Chamber of Commerce office.

55. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if the Finance Committee of the Council would meet 15 minutes before one of the budget work sessions and it was decided it would be on June 14th, a Monday at 3:45 p.m.

56. Mayor Isen announced our good neighbor city, Lomita, is celebrating its first anniversary on June 26th. He will be unable to attend the dinner, but Councilman Beasley will be there and City Manager Ferraro will send a congratulatory telegram.

57. Lomita has invited Torrance to enter a float in its parade and if possible Mayor Isen asked that the Recreation Department prepare something which would symbolize good neighborliness. He moved that the Department do so if it does not press their plans too much. There was no objection.

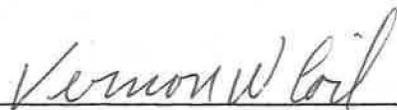
58. Mr. Don Walker, new Chairman of the Torrance Beautiful Commission spoke on park development of the new parks and of Victor and Los Arboles. He and Mrs. Walker were responsible with the help of Mr. Gawne in planning Victor Park. However, he stated the plans are not being followed by the Parks Department on the two new parks the City has contracted for.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Walker to place his complaint with the Park and Recreation Commission and Management, to work out and determine what has happened and obtain suggestions as to the future. There was no objection.

59. On the subject of the proposed water rate increase, City Manager Ferraro asked if the Council Public Works Committee might be assigned the task of briefing the details. Mayor Isen asked him to get the information and material together and then ask for the Committee to meet with Management prior to the work sessions.

60. Mr. Charles R. Hosler of 22311 Marjorie Avenue, on behalf of the Victor Terrace Homeowners Association, announced on June 19th at 2 p.m., there will be a program of Indian dancers from Arizona. The school is located on 227th Street between Ladeene and Ocean Avenues and this is an open invitation to all who wish to attend.

61. The meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m., on motion regularly made and seconded.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance