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Torrance, California
June 15, 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 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 15, 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 Ramelmeyer were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Fred Mill, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mayor Isen was very pleased with a notation on a memorandum from the City Clerk's office which designated the clergyman who would lead the invocation as "Minister of the Month" and asked that the agenda carry this appellation in the future. He recounted some of the history of the Council dealing with this fine custom of a minister taking the duty of invoking divine guidance at these meetings.

In the absence of Reverend Holm, current Minister of the Month, the Reverend Fred Shively of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 1965, be approved as written 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 Lyman and carried as follows:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen noted the presence of Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance's Postmaster in the audience, with Mr. Sam Levy and Mrs. Carol Wood, the Executive Secretary of the YWCA and introduced them after which he asked that Item 36 be considered out of agenda order.

ADDENDA ITEM NO. 36.

REQUEST FROM TORRANCE YWCA FOR A TEN YEAR RENEWAL OF THEIR PRESENT LEASE.

The recommendation was to refer the matter to the office of the City Attorney for immediate study and implementation and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur therein. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, except for Councilman Miller who abstained because he is on the Advisory Board of the YWCA.

8. HEARING ON VACATION OF PORTIONS OF HIGH STREET, MESA STREET AND WILMINGTON STREET with proposed resolution.

City Manager Ferraro asked that this item be deferred until after consideration of two companion items, 12 and 13.

12. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 20932, BARTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, DEVELOPER, Pearson & Associates, Engineer, Ten lots northerly of Mesa Street, west of Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended for approval.

This tract has been previously approved by the Council on the tentative map and Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Final. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30152, BARTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Pearson & Associates, Engineer. Sixty-eight lots zoned R-1 and A-1 West of Hawthorne Avenue between Bluff Street and south City boundary. Recommended for approval.

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

8. Listed above. This being a public hearing, Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF HIGH STREET, MESA STREET, AND WILMINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-122 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

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

A pre-council meeting had been held on this subject at 5:00 today and Councilman Miller, Chairman of the pertinent Committee of the Council had indicated a recommendation, which Mayor Isen asked him to repeat.

Councilman Miller said the Committee had moved to allow the ordinance to stand as it is at the present time; to make no changes in it. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Mayor Isen asked that there be included in the motion in order that there be no ambiguity, the statement that this would be overruling the request of the Civil Service Commission that there be an amendment to the Civil Service ordinance. Councilmen Miller and Lyman agreed. Roll call vote on the motion, including this statement, was unanimously favorable.

Officer Gillibrand of the Police Department respectfully requested that the Council read the investigation regarding eleven other cities made by Personnel Director Donovan. Mayor Isen commented that the ordinance will be coming before the Council and he saw no reason to read the report at this time. There was no motion to do so.

10. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 23177, GALLARETO, SUBDIVIDER, Pearson Engineers. Twelve lots zoned A-1, west of Madison Street between 227th and 230th Streets. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval, including the recommendations of the City Engineer. Councilman Beasley seconded.

Mr. Lloyd Tanner of Pearson & Associates, said he would like to go on record as objecting to the ten foot dedication as being an undue hardship. Due to the size of the project and cost of adjoining property which will be "C" zoned, a great deal of expense will be involved in getting the right of way. There is a residence involved which will have to be removed or some other conditions provided to get around the side of the house and it could cause a real problem. Three of the twelve lots are not buildable because of oil wells; he felt the ten foot dedication would work a hardship on the developer as well as the adjoining owners. He would advise NO PARKING signs along the thirty foot dedication on Samuel Street and possibly one way traffic.

Mr. Chris Sorenson of 22410 Hawthorne Avenue, said he was the original owner and this has been before Council many times, first for R-3 and now R-1. He agrees with the Planning Commission's recommendation, except for this ten foot dedication.

Mayor Isen asked City Engineer Nollac's opinion and was told that the dedication will come close, but will not cut into the house. Mayor Isen asked if some time for study should not be given. Councilman Olson moved to table Item 10 for two weeks and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and agreed to by Lloyd Tanner of Pearson & Associates. There was no objection. The matter will automatically appear on the Council agenda two weeks from now.

11. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 20804 PHIL POULIN, Subdivider, Rush Surveying, Engineers. Five lots zoned R-1, between 231st Street and 230th Place, east of Crenshaw Boulevard. Recommended for approval with conditions.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation, including all conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. FINAL TRACT NO. 30301, BARTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Subdivider, Pearson & Associates, Engineers. Thirty-eight lots zoned R-1 located on the southwest side of Via Lado west of Wilmington Avenue. Recommended for approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

15. DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF MESA STREET. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption resolution dedicating the subject property street purposes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES. NAMELY MESA STREET.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minute secretary noted the following correction to the Minutes of the regular meeting held June 15, 1965:

On Page 4, just before the heading BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS insert:

(SEE JUNE 29, 1
MINUTES)

"Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-123 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote."

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this correction was accepted and the minutes of the June 22, 1965, meeting approved as written. There was no objection.

~~was seconded by Mayor Isen. There was no objection.~~

18. TEMPORARY TRAILERS FOR NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager that the request of North American Aviation, Inc., for temporary trailers to be used for general office purposes at 3500 Torrance Boulevard, be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

19. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD - VOLVO WESTERN DISTRIBUTING, INC. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager that the request of Volvo Western be approved. Location 1945 190th Street.

Mayor Isen commented that this seems to be a tremendous industry and assembly plant, 50,000 square feet of distribution facility. All the sign says is FUTURE HOME OF VOLVO and he suggested the \$500 bond be waived. He moved to do so and to grant the request without bond being required. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Building Superintendent McKinnon was requested to write a letter expressing good will and assurance of cooperation from the City Council.

City Manager Ferraro reported the reason for Volvo's decision to come to Torrance as being a significant break with respect to freight rates: proximity to the Airport and the Los Angeles Harbor, most of their materials coming directly from Sweden for this assembly operation. The Chamber of Commerce had a great deal to do with establishing this advantageous freight rate. J. Walker Owens, Manager of the Chamber acknowledged this to be true.

20. TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS - KENLAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager that temporary billboard at 4320 Pacific Coast Highway for Kenland Development Company be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

21. SIGNAL RELOCATION AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF ANZA AVENUE AND TORRANCE BOULEVARD. GAS TAX PROJECT NO. SS-96) Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council approve allocation of \$2,000 from Section 186.1 Gas Tax Funds for relocation of subject traffic signals.

Councilman Vico moved to approve the allocation of \$2,000 as stated 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.

FISCAL MATTERS:

22. PURCHASE OF LIGHT BULBS FOR CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES. Request of head Custodian, with concurrence of City Manager, Senior Buyer and Superintendent of Building and Safety, that the amount of \$3,000 be approved for the purchase of light bulbs for custodial supplies for the fiscal year of 1965-66.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested 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.

23. BUS PAINTING, 1964-65 BUDGET ITEM. Bus Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, recommending that the Bus & Truck Repair Co., Inc. be awarded the job of painting the balance of ten buses. Total price of \$4,150 not stated in recommendation, but orally by City Manager Ferraro.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation together with appropriation therefor. 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.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO WILSON LEASE AND RESOLUTION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 1965, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ERWIN E. AND DARLENE WILSON.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-124 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AIRPORT LEASE WITH AVION AIR, INC., AND RESOLUTION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED MAY 1, 1965, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AVION AIR, INC.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-125 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AIRPORT LEASE WITH SOUTH BAY AVIATION SERVICES AND RESOLUTION THEREFOR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED JUNE 1, 1965, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SOUTH BAY AVIATION SERVICES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-126 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND OPTION NO. 3 "DISPOSITION OF T-HANGAR POLICY"
Airport Commission President Doss, submitting Commission's recommendation that Policy be amended to allow \$300 cash deposit in lieu of \$1,000 performance bond.

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

28. REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN ORDINANCE NO. 1595 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN IN FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked for an explanation of the request. Councilman Beasley's understanding was that the commissioners' terms all expire in the middle of January. However, City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the chairman is appointed at the end of the fiscal year; the ordinance was deliberately in that way so that the chairmanship will not rotate at the same time as the membership. All the ordinances which establish Commissions are written the same way.

Mayor Isen asked that the item be sent back to the Commission for reconsideration with a memorandum of instructions. There was no objection.

29. REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE of Commissioner Blaisdell.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the request would be granted; there was none.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

30. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 1965-66. Chairman of Citizens' Advisory Committee, with City Manager's note, submitting recommendations for community improvement.

Mayor Isen commented that the work of this committee is fine, but as a matter of experience in these matters of committees with overlapping jurisdiction unless there is a problem which is immediately urgent, the recommendation of other pertinent committees should be received also. In this particular matter, the Park and Recreation Commission should also recommend.

Councilman Lyman moved to refer the subject to the Park and Recreation Commission. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

As to subparagraph 5, City Manager Ferraro suggested passing over it at this time.

The Park and Recreation Commission should return their recommendation as soon as possible regarding park lands.

City Manager Ferraro asked that the Council consider his note at the end of the communication in which he recommends that the City Manager be authorized to hire an appraiser and conduct negotiations with the owners of the property at the south Torrance Park Site, bounded by 236th and Eshelman, 237th and Walnut, and to transfer funds budgeted for the acquisition of Magruder Park to the acquisition of the proposed South Torrance park. Councilman Miller moved to so authorize and transfer funds. 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.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PROJECT 9-04-123-D303.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY, EXTENDING ACQUISITION TIME FROM TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS UNDER GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT NO. 9-04-123-D303.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-127 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GRADING OF OLD CITY DUMP SITE. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, conditioned as noted, that McAmis Engineering be awarded contract to supply labor and equipment at hourly rates set forth.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that McAmis Engineering be awarded a contract to supply labor and equipment at an hourly rate of \$20.50 per unit for grading of old city dump site. Rates for emergency work, if required, to be \$24.00 per hour in excess of an eight-hour day and/or

Saturdays, \$27.50 per hour for Sundays or holidays. That McAmis Engineering shall cease and desist all work activity immediately upon request by the City; and with no exception do more work than the amount of money that is appropriated. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

33. CHANGE LOCATION OF FIREWORKS STAND. City of Hope, Torrance, Chapter, submitting request to change location of fireworks stand, from behind Thrifty Drug Store on Carson Street to the southwest corner of Inglewood Boulevard and 190th Street.

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

34. RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING HENRY C. LITZINGER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMEMORATING HENRY C. LITZINGER, LICENSE SUPERVISOR, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 8, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-128 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote. The resolution will be sent to Mrs. Litzinger with an appropriate letter.

35. REQUEST OF \$1,000 TO CITY OF TORRANCE FROM ESTATE OF HERMA TILLIM.

Mrs. Tillim bequeathed \$1,000 to the City of Torrance, to be expended under the direction of the Director of Recreation. The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor to accept it and that the Director of Recreation submit his plans for expenditure.

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

It was pointed out that this is the second substantial donation by Mrs. Tillim to the City's Recreation program. As a memorial to her daughter, she gave money to purchase playground equipment which was installed at LaRomeria Park a few years ago. Recreation Director Van Bellehem pointed out that she was also very active in obtaining Guenser Park.

37. CITIZENS' COMPLAINT RE EASTERLY TERMINUS OF MICHELLE DRIVE.

Councilman Olson said in the discussions with representatives of the homeowners' group, there was talk of the merits of posting NO PARKING signs on the alley. In the meantime fifteen cars would either park on Anza Avenue or Michelle Drive which would further complicate the problem. The Homeowners Group had planned to discuss it with the residents and decide if that is what is wished. Mr. Richard Denno of 4709 Michelle Drive was present and said the association believes the best way is to defer any action until after Anza Avenue improvement is completed and perhaps until the alley is completed.

Mayor Isen recommended that portion be omitted for the present.

Mr. Denno thanked the Council for its fine attitude, as well as the City Manager, City Attorney and others involved. Mayor Isen said it is only proper and not an unusual activity.

Although there seemed to be complete concurrence in the decision set forth in the letter from the City Manager, no motion was made, and no formal action was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. City Manager Ferraro said Gold's Furniture Store on Artesia is planning a sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and it was necessary to get advertising into the mail for timely distribution. This type of sale was held last year and certain conditions were imposed by the Council on its operation. Because of the time limits, Mr. Ferraro said he had taken the liberty of imposing those same conditions, including a cash clean-up bond. He asked confirmation of his action in authorizing the sale.

Councilman Olson moved that a parking lot sale be permitted at Gold's Furniture at the time requested, subject to all staff conditions and the performance bond. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen suggested some amendment to the ordinance which would allow the City Manager to take things into his own hands under like circumstances, but the City Manager said he would prefer to handle each situation as it arises by reporting to the Council when necessary and make no formal change in authority.

39. City Manager Ferraro announced that the State Division of Highways has authorized the sale of the freeway park at 182nd and Illinois Court for a price of \$92,500 and Recreation Director Van Bellehem has been successful in arranging a three year payment plan. A last minute amendment has been made to the budget to reflect the first year's payment. Interest is at 4% for the last two payments. This item will be discussed in the budget study sessions.

40. Councilman Beasley said he would like to keep Management and Engineering aware of the need of developing Maple Avenue from Carson Street to Sepulveda Boulevard.

41. Councilman Miller called attention to the proposed community historical society and felt the councilmen could supply considerable information on the background of the City of Torrance. He asked the City Manager for comment, but Mayor Isen asked that it be held until the councilmen have an opportunity to study the communication.

City Manager Ferraro said from an administrative point of view, the problems of growth are immense and with neighborhoods coming into being, the people are showing interest in cultural pursuits and it might be well not to forget the old culture of the City. Plaques could be placed at points of historical interest and perhaps community groups would be interested in donating them.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta reported on the meeting with the League of Women Voters who have been making a study of the City Charter. Certain portions of the Charter are reported to be obsolete. Three things are recommended: (1) That the City Manager and City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary documents to insure that the obsolete sections are submitted on the April, 1966 ballot; (2) That the City Council authorize a second meeting of the Finance Committee with the delegation from the League of Women Voters to provide more adequate discussion of such other charter changes as the League may set forth; and (3) That

following the second meeting the Finance Committee will report to the Council the feasibility of initiating a more detailed analysis by representatives of the city-wide charter committee. He moved that this be done, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson.

Mayor Isen said he does not believe this is within the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee, but would withdraw his objection, recognizing that it would have to start somewhere. The faster that a representative committee of the community can be established, the better. The members, he believed, should be chosen other than by Council appointment. Addressing himself specifically to City Attorney Remelmeyer, Mayor Isen asked if it is correct that everything here mentioned has been superseded by changes in the law which nullify the various provisions. Mr. Remelmeyer answered affirmatively. Under these circumstances, Mayor Isen felt to place these on a ballot would only confuse the electorate. He felt also the surplusage should stay in the document as written in order to have legal background, but could be marked through to show it is no longer operative because of legislative of higher governmental authority.

City Attorney Remelmeyer thought an explanation could be made to the voters that these are technical amendments only. It is a matter of keeping the charter clean of these old provisions which have become deadwood. Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to check and learn how other communities have handled this.

Councilman Olson who also attended the meeting with the League of Women Voters upheld the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee because it has the assignment of legislative matters. Since the League is not through with its list or agenda of matters to be discussed, he suggested the Finance Committee see it through and during the interim that City Attorney Remelmeyer furnish an opinion along the lines of Mayor Isen's suggestion. Councilman Sciarrotta believed that is included within the motion, but asked that "or otherwise" be added to the direction contained in subitem (1) of the motion.

Councilman Lyman mentioned specifically one item listed as obsolete which should not be so considered. This is Article 7, Section 2 which applies to political activities of persons within the classified service. The moot provisions pertain to City Judge, City Court and appointive officers, Mayor Isen said, but as to the rest to instruct the City Manager and City Attorney to declare them obsolete will cause nothing but trouble. The recommendation is not sufficiently specific.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there will undoubtedly be more opinions from the Supreme Court on the subject and he believes the answer is to put those provisions restricting political activities in the Civil Service ordinance where they can be amended by the Council as from time to time the law changes.

Mayor Isen said he would vote no, but he believes the motion could be modified so as to determine these things which are in question, at the second meeting of the Finance Committee with the League of Women Voters. He suggested a directive on (1) to inquire about these and report back; on (2) he had no objection.

Councilman Olson said the Committee has no intention to recommend anything unconstitutional and made a substitute motion that both (1) and (2) be referred to the Finance Committee and that they meet a second time with the League of Women Voters and in the meantime that the City Attorney be instructed to furnish an opinion as to whether or not they are unconstitutional, taking Mayor Isen's and Councilman Lyman's statements into account.

Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Councilman Miller asked if there was any way in which the Councilmen could all participate in the Committee meeting and it was noted that it will be a public meeting and Mayor Isen said if the Committee will announce the time and place of meeting at the next Council meeting, the entire council could meet as a committee of the whole and participate.

43. Mayor Isen said he had conferred with City Manager Ferraro regarding the long and tedious budget work sessions and moved, so that the public would be informed and the press invited, that the calendar of work sessions be extended: June 16, 17, 21, 23, 24 and the following Monday June 28th, at 4 p.m., for a limited time to 6 p.m. In the event the Council finishes its work on the budget and arrives at its conclusions prior to the later dates of the 23, 24, and 28th, those could be cancelled. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. All councilmen will not be able to attend all the sessions but the City Clerk was requested to post notices on the bulletin board of the work session dates and times. Public hearings before the Council on the budget are set for June 22 and 29, 1965.

44. City Manager Ferraro asked for additional time until Thursday to complete the assignment on Water Department information which was to have been finished by Wednesday of this week. It was granted, there being no objection.

45. Mayor Isen referred to a study of councilmanic salaries and his concern for the Council, the City Clerk and the City Treasurer from this standpoint. He said he does not believe the general public realizes the amount of time and effort necessary on behalf of 130,000 people, which these elected officials expend outside of council meetings in connection with City business. He asked City Attorney Remelmeyer the status of the situation regarding the pay scale of councilmen in general law cities. He was told the Governor has signed the bill which would give councilmen in general law cities, for instance Santa Monica, \$300 per month salary. He said there has been money set aside for a salary survey for Torrance City employees, but in various ways it is possible for employees to keep pace with the rising living scale. The councilmen who are elected officials cannot. He moved that after July when the firm is retained for the purpose of making the salary survey, they first return to the Council a survey of comparative salaries of the City Treasurer, City Clerk, Mayor and Councilmen of comparable cities as used in relation to the employees' salaries and that that report be returned before October 15th of this year. Los Angeles has increased its City councilmen's salaries, as has San Bernardino and other cities, Mayor Isen said. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

16. Mr. Elliott Lewis and Mr. Michael Cowell of Economics Research Institute were present and Mr. Cowell made a brief presentation of the salient features of the formal report, copies of which were distributed to Councilmen. Mayor Isen said after the report has been studied and referred to the pertinent commissions, the ERA men will be welcomed back for more discussion.

The recommendation is for four facilities adjoined by a foyer and the total cost of these including adequate parking and basic landscaping would be \$2,155,000. The report shows alternative financial configurations, for various combinations of these four facilities, the total cost as well as the cost per capita. There is an annual net profit projected for the complex as completed, in, say, 1970, of \$15,000; and in 1975, \$34,300.

Mayor Isen commended the Economics Research Institute for the "marvelous report" and Councilman Beasley moved the report be accepted, with thanks and referred to the Auditorium Advisory Committee and other

interested Commissions and the City Manager. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

46. Mayor Isen's next communication was with respect to the South Bay College site and the newspapers' articles that Palos Verdes is out of the question and other sites would be reviewed. He believes there is still tremendous sentiment for the Torrance location and perhaps there should be some spearheading again toward looking to the Torrance site. He is inclined to think that the City Manager and City Attorney, particularly the latter, send night letters to the Governor, key State officers and the Board of Trustees indicating Torrance can still abide by everything it has said in the past; the site is still available.

Mayor Isen moved that the night letters be sent - to start with, in that time is of the essence. However, Councilman Lyman pointed out that there is no urgency. Councilman Miller said this has all happened within the past few hours and a great deal of thought should be given to proper organization. Councilman Beasley suggested reactivation of the former committee. Councilman Miller repeated that he is opposed to any action other than at the local level at this time.

Mr. N. O. Drale was present and read a letter from himself as former chairman of the original committee which attempted to bring the college to the South Bay district, and particularly Torrance. The letter was delivered to the City Clerk for the City's records. His plea was for reactivation of the Committee with authority to go ahead without committing the City Council to any expenditures. He also suggested Glenn Pfeil as a replacement for Reverend David Beadles who has left the community in the interim.

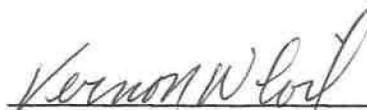
Councilman Lyman asked about the cost of the site, saying he has received two diametrically opposed stories; one from the City and one from the State. The big problem in cost, Mr. Drale said, is involved in the oil wells.

Councilman Beasley outlined the official steps necessary to designate a State college location - only the Board of Trustees can make that first decision indicating a particular location - and that designation has never been made as to Torrance.

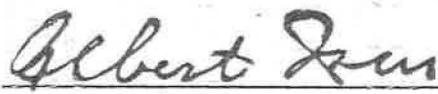
Councilman Sciarrotta said he has very good information that the Board of Trustees is opened minded about the Torrance site and willing to listen. He will have more information for the next Council meeting but cannot divulge the source of his knowledge on the subject.

Mayor Isen suggested the matter be held for a week or two to determine what crystallizes. One point probably overlooked is that Torrance should determine if it has a willing seller in Santa Fe and CCMO. He has heard rumors that they are willing to sell for subdivisions, etc., and suggested that City Manager Ferraro, Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer during the coming week arrange a luncheon engagement to talk this over. He believes circumstances have altered to the point where there may be better cooperation than before.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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