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Torrance, California
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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 at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 13, 1965, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Lyman, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Olson is on vacation. City Manager Ferraro and Deputy City Attorney Knickerbocker were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen announced that this is the first anniversary of Tom Rupert as City Treasurer and at his request, Mr. Rupert led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Wallace Kornegay of the First Church of the Nazarene opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen announced that Planning Director and Mrs. Shartle are the parents of a little girl, born July 12th, her father's birthday.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 1965, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

6. 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, Sciarrotta,
Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

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 (Councilman Olson absent).

Mayor Isen made a detailed explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

PLANNING AND ZONING:8. DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN HOTELS, MOTELS (TOURIST COURTS) AND APARTMENTS; PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1609

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2 OF APPENDIX I (THE OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF MOTEL, HOTEL AND RESIDENCE, MULTI-FAMILY: AMENDING SECTION 7.I OF SAID APPENDIX RELATING TO THE R-4 ZONE (UNLIMITED MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT) PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO USES, HEIGHT LIMITS, YARD REQUIREMENTS, DISTANCES BETWEEN BUILDINGS, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS FOR MOTELS AND HOTELS AND AMENDING SECTION 15.I. 1. (c) PROVISIONS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING FOR MOTELS AND HOTELS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1609 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

Councilman Lyman pointed out the complexity of the problem which has often been under discussion and remarked that there may be reasons to revise or amend it in the future.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1609 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1610

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 28.12 OF CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1610 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1610 at its first reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF REQUIRED STREET IMPROVEMENTS "COUNTRY BURGER" 3801 TORRANCE BOULEVARD. The recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager is that the request be denied.

Councilman Lyman recounted the circumstances, that this is merely a temporary business, pending the development of the whole parcel which is under one ownership, and said he believes the request should be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to deny and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

10. QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS RESERVED IN VACATION OF HIGH STREET BY ORDINANCE NO. 480.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE RECORD OWNERS, JOINTLY OR IN SEVERALTY AS THEIR INTERESTS MAY APPEAR, OF EASEMENTS RESERVED AND EXCEPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 480.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-145 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

11. DRAINAGE PROBLEM AT 2401 APPLE AVENUE. Recommendation of City Manager that an area-wide assessment district be formed.

Mayor Isen commented that the councilmen had viewed the location and are aware of all the details. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if there was not some way to tie into the 16 inch drainage system for the next two years and then work on a long-range solution.

Councilman Miller thought while the drainage assessment district has its merits, there are only two homes affected and it is not likely that the other people in the neighborhood are going to be willing to pay for the solution of those two residents' problems. Councilman Miller told the past history of this problem and how the development of the homes and the school have aggravated the drainage problem which now plagues Mrs. Rambo at 2401 Apple Avenue. He did not completely agree with the theories presented in the recommendation.

Councilman Beasley said his observation of the site would lead him to believe that a great deal of the water is due to the building up of the school property by about three feet. Mayor Isen quoted from the communication and in effect agreed with Councilman Beasley that the problem has been increased by raising the property on which the athletic field is constructed; he feels the problem was created principally by the school. City Engineer Nollac said the school property was already one foot higher. Councilman Lyman did not think it makes much difference whether the water is up to one's ankles or neck, the practical effect in the field often varies from that which is planned on the drawing board. Mr. Nollac maintained that ninety percent of the water which comes through here is generated in the alley or the properties abutting the alley because people have paved and put in sidewalks, roofs, and driveways which have added to the run-off. Even if the water follows the same direction, Mr. Lyman said, the damage is greater depending on the volume of water.

Mr. Nollac said a raised berm was placed there, but perhaps not high enough.

In answer to a direct categorical question from Councilman Miller, Mrs. Rambo stated before the school went in there was no drainage problem; since it went in, there is and has been.

Mayor Isen said he believes an assessment district would bring nothing but trouble and City Engineer Nollac explained it would not be solely for drainage, but also for curbs, gutters and sidewalks. He recommended Mr. Nollac contact the person in the school district administration who would be the counterpart of the engineer for the City.

The Mayor thought the owner of the property, Mrs. Rambo, would have cause of action, although he advised her to allow a little time for the City Manager to confer with the school authorities. There is at least a joint responsibility which should be explored and he recommended that she present her problem to the School officials as she has to the Council.

The City Manager was asked to study this along with the City Engineer and present a report at the end of thirty days.

Mrs. Rambo referred to a statement in the second paragraph of the communication from the City Manager to the Council and stated that the block wall was built in 1961, the drainage problem did not appear until 1963.

During the thirty days, Mrs. Rambo will contact the School District and City Engineer Nollac will confer with his professional peer in school administration.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

12. REPEALING INCORRECTLY WORDED RESOLUTION: Traffic and Lighting Department submitting a properly worded resolution re Towers Street at Entradero Avenue to make the intersection a four-way STOP.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 65-134, SECTION 269, WHICH ADDS A THROUGH STREET TO ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-35.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the adoption of Resolution No. 65-146 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-35 WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-147 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

Not on the agenda, but also dealing with a traffic problem, Mayor Isen asked that Mr. Paul Rustanius of 23644 Susana Avenue present the problem in Ellinwood. On the Friday before July 4th, Mr. Rustanius said the traffic department workmen removed STOP signs from the two intersections on Newton Street at Harrlee Lane and at Highgrove. He stated it is a

hazard to children because this street is next to this school.

Mayor Isen recommended that he attend the Traffic Commission meeting on Monday, July 19th, at 9 a.m., or have a representative attend. If no satisfactory conclusion is reached, the matter will again appear on the agenda at an early Council meeting, probably the 27th of July.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

13. TRANSFER OF ONE POSITION OF PLANNING ASSISTANT. Recommendation of City Manager for transfer of one position of Planning Assistant together with necessary office furniture, from Planning Department to Building and Safety.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. CLAIM of Wilfred J. and Diana Mary Cowell against the City of Torrance for property damages. Recommendation of City Clerk that the claim be denied.

16. CLAIM of George L. and Bessie Jilbert for damages for physical injuries suffered in an accident caused by a street barricade on April 8, 1965. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied.

As to both claims, Councilman Sciarrotta moved denial and referral to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

15. CLAIM of Barbara Esslinger regarding ink stain damages to sofa cushion. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied.

Mayor Isen asked if it would not be advisable to establish a policy whereby a claim below a certain amount, perhaps \$35 or \$50, if found to be valid, could collect without the necessity of going through complicated procedure. City Manager Ferraro promised such a policy would be worked on. Mayor Isen asked that the City Attorney investigate and hold this particular claim for establishment of that policy. Councilman Vico saw no reason not to pay this claim immediately, but Mayor Isen asked that the City Attorney at least first obtain an affidavit from the claimant. If the Council does not object, he asked that the claim be so handled as it probably would follow the policy to be established. There was no objection.

17. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following three expenditures:

1. \$752.91 to A. Lietz Company for 500 sheets of pre-printed tracing cloth to be used by Engineering Department.

2. \$948 to Mail-Well Envelope Company for 200,000 mailing envelopes for water-rubbish bills for next fiscal year, a budget item.

3. \$503.15 to Hollywood Houseman Supply Company for annual requirement of cold cups to be issued to Recreation Department, as required, a budget item.

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

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WATER SYSTEM:18. CONSTRUCTION OF THREE NEW WATER WELLS.

Recommendation of Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer/Street Superintendent, recommending that James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc. be retained for Phase Two of the proposed well drilling program, and that the three wells be drilled at locations as specified.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated: that the firm of James. M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc. be retained for Phase Two of the proposed well drilling program and that the three wells be drilled at: (a) McMaster Park in North Torrance, (b) Water Department at Elm Avenue and Sierra Street and (c) on Alaska Street just north of Maricopa Street.

At the suggestion of City Manager Ferraro, there was added to the motion as to location (a) "subject to approval of the Park and Recreation Commission" and Councilman Beasley amended his motion to that extent. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:19. TORRANCE LIBRARY - AGREEMENTS WITH CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the three recommendations of the Library Commission, to wit:

1. That the City of Torrance join with the City of Los Angeles library system in a free reciprocity agreement that would permit the City of Los Angeles residents to use Torrance facilities without cost and the Torrance residents to use the City of Los Angeles facilities without cost.
2. To enter into a free reciprocity agreement with the County of Los Angeles so that Torrance residents and Los Angeles County residents can use the facilities of each other's libraries without cost.
3. That pending the reciprocity agreements, the City of Los Angeles residents be permitted to use the City of Torrance library facilities without charge.

and that if the use exceeds 15% over balance, then a \$5.00 per registrant reciprocity charge be made against whichever user is entitled thereto.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:20. PERMANENT PLACES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION: Communication from City Manager and memorandum from Fire Chief re voter registration at fire stations.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter to the City Manager for investigation and a recommendation. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

21. AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 65-19, AUDITORIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The recommendation is to amend the resolution so that incumbent commission members may continue to serve on the Auditorium Advisory Committee until such time as the purpose of the committee has been fulfilled, or until they request to terminate of their own volition; that the change

in rule be made effective immediately to preserve the tenure of two commission members who have already been replaced as chairmen of their respective commissions.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection. The City Attorney will prepare a proper amendment.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

22. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ROBERT C. HERRICK, AIRPORT COMMISSION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ROBERT C. HERRICK FOR HIS ELEVEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-148, in perma plaque form. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

23. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THOMAS ABRAMS, AIRPORT COMMISSION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THOMAS ABRAMS FOR HIS NINE YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-149 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

24. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO COMMANDER THOMAS FRANSEN, USNR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO COMMANDER THOMAS FRANSEN, USNR, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES, AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-150 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Resolutions No. 65-148, 65-149 and 65-150 be prepared in perma plaque format. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

25. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY OVER A PORTION OF THE FIRE STATION SITE AT CARSON STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD. Recommended by City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES TO PROVIDE GENERAL AREA SERVICES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-151 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

26. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO RECORD TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 22658. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that an extension of six months be granted to the subdivider in which to record the subject tract and that fees be collected for right of way acquisition district No. 1.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

27. ORDINANCE NO. 1607.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1607

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. 64-53. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1607 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

28. ORDINANCE NO. 1608.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1608

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 17 (MOTOR VEHICLES

AND TRAFFIC) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN THEIR ENTIRETY AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 17.48 SAME-- OBEDIENCE TO SIGNS (ONE-WAY STREET AND ALLEY); SECTION 17.52 SAME--OBEDIENCE THERETO (RESTRICTED TURN SIGNS); SECTION 17.53 RIGHT TURNS AGAINST STOP SIGNALS; SECTION 17.146 WARNING DEVICES ON DISABLED COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1608 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

ADDENDUM ITEMS:

29. RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 687.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-152.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING SENATE BILL NO. 687.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-152 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

30. COMMUNICATION FROM WATERMAN FILMS RE EDUCATIONAL FILM ENTITLED "CITY GOVERNMENT".

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Robert H. Waterman told the Council of the purpose and means of accomplishing his project. The City Manager had stated he had not had sufficient time to evaluate and investigate the request and Mayor Isen moved to grant the request, subject to approval of the City Manager and subject to submittal of a complete script prior to its being filmed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent). Mr. Waterman stated the first shooting date might be July 27th or 28th and would continue about five days. Mr. Waterman's phone number is HO 4-5380.

31. Requested approval for Torrance Police Department Pistol Team to compete in two matches, which require overnight trips. Total cost \$433.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Manager Ferraro referred to action with reference to money for a signal at 247th, Amsler and Crenshaw Boulevard and a contribution of \$7,000. The industries at this location have been paying the cost of a police officer to direct traffic at peak hours and because of the good faith shown by this cooperation, he requested Council approval of rebate of one-half of that payment as a gesture of good will.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the requested authorization and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

33. City Manager Ferraro told of a general discussion at the last meeting of the South Bay City Managers' Association on the subject of police officer training at the entry level. There has been a tightening of the number of officers which the Sheriff's Academy can accommodate because of the increase in the number of county men to be trained. The discussion was of the possibility of the South Bay cities banding together and establishing a simplified academy with State approval. This would go from Santa Monica down to Palos Verdes, over to Western Avenue, and possibly Compton and South Gate. He asked Council approval to make the proper investigation to come up with some sort of a background paper indicating how such a plan would work, how it would be financed, the advantages and disadvantages, and in fact, if it would be worth the effort. The only expenditure would be that of Staff time to compile this initial background informational report.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested permission and asked that Mr. Ferraro keep the Council informed of progress. Councilman Vico asked several questions which Mr. Ferraro did not think apply at this point. Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Miller's motion and there were no objections.

A recess was declared, following which the Council held Redevelopment Agency meeting, and reconvened as a Council at 9:15 p.m.

34. Councilman Beasley moved a perma plaque resolution in appreciation of the services of Miss Marilyn Jensen who will be leaving the City for Long Beach State College. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

35. Councilman Beasley referred to the listing of applications for alcoholic beverage licenses and stated he does not think there is any such address as 22156 Hawthorne Boulevard. This will be checked.

36. Councilman Lyman complained of the difficulty of making a left turn onto Sepulveda from the Del Amo Shopping Center and the hazards involved. All ingress and egress from Del Amo Shopping Center is at uncontrolled points, as contrasted to South Bay Shopping Center. He thought it should be called to the attention of the stores in the center, and believed the cost would be around \$30,000 for the three needed. City Manager Ferraro corrected this impression, stating phased-in signals would cost around \$20,000 each. Sixty to ninety days were given as a time for receiving a report on this traffic problem.

Mayor Isen recalled that former Councilman Benstead had made the same complaint many times and was successful in getting a STOP sign which partially alleviated the trouble at Madrona and Sepulveda.

37. Councilman Lyman called attention also to the difficulty in administering some of Torrance's ordinances in the local Municipal Court. He asked particularly for a solution from the Legal Department regarding the stop sign ordinance and outlined the circumstances of a case which he had heard tried. Limit lines were the particular factor involved.

Also the controversial FOR SALE signs on cars were discussed. He stated this ordinance has caused a great deal of antagonism among citizens.

38. Mayor Isen supplemented Councilman Lyman's remarks on the latter, by saying he believes it is an unfair law. Certainly it did clean up the bad situation of cars being for sale on the lot across from the Broadway, but created other problems. He does not believe the ordinance

would stand up under attack in court.

Councilman Beasley said he had letters from two people who were protesting the ordinance; they received tickets for cars being in the street which he believes has to do with a State law. Mayor Isen said that is not true but asked that the City Attorney check that also. In this regard, he believes the City is spending a lot of manpower, and police power on trivia, and asked Deputy City Attorney Knickerbocker for some amendments which will satisfy a majority of the Council.

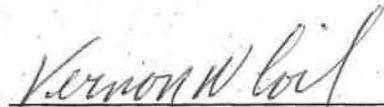
39. Councilman Beasley stated he has been informed that the State is continuing diligently their study of Torrance Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue where a request has been made for a turn light onto Torrance Boulevard. It will require a major readjustment in the entire intersection; they are studying it and will inform the City's Engineering Department as soon as possible.

40. Councilman Miller said he has received a letter pertaining to the project of painting house numbers on the curbs and asked City Manager Ferraro if there was a rule restricting the activity to local organizations. He referred to a Council minute order in 1964 saying the Junior Chamber of Commerce has the exclusive right; this was to raise money for the Rose Parade float. There could be a way devised to arrange with, for instance, the two boys from South High School who came to Council recently asking this right. Council approval is always necessary although there is no ordinance on the subject. The basis for the control is that the numbers would be painted on the curb which is City property. As Mayor Isen commented, any other policy would open the door to numerous difficulties. He recommended that the Junior Chamber of Commerce be reminded of the policy as they might well take advantage of it to build up funds for the float.

City Manager Ferraro said Staff has recommended an ordinance for the formalization of this policy.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta spoke highly of the City Treasurer's accomplishments and attitude, with statistics to justify the laudatory remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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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