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Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Torrance, California
November 2, 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 on Tuesday, November 2, 1965, at 5:30 p.m., 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 Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Parnelli Jones led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend W. J. Roleder of First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation, following which there was a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Sam Levy.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Mayor Isen, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 26, 1965, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. 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.

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.

At the invitation of Mayor Isen, Chief Koenig of the Police Department presented several new members of the department: Policewoman Patricia Finley, Cadet Steven Packard, Cadet Richard Klaus, Officers Steven Badenoch, Michael A. Hacsí, and Daniel D. Bush, and told the Council of their respective backgrounds. Mayor Isen welcomed them to a long and successful career with the Police Department of the City.

Chief Koenig explained briefly the Police Cadet Program and gave a report on the Annual Convention of International organization of Chiefs of Police at Miami, Florida the first part of October which he said was one of the best he had attended.

Mayor Isen noted that most of the audience is very familiar with the Council's mode of procedure and dispensed with most of the explanation usually given.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. CASE NO. 64-58, SCOTT ROBINSON, 20340 Hawthorne Avenue. Request for revision of variance in case No. 64-58, to permit 10 feet setback in lieu of required 20 feet. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

Although this is not a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with all conditions and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, after an inquiry as to the type of pavement, or improvement, was answered by City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac - he stated "improvement" means pavement. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to approval.

Mayor Isen then moved to amend Resolution No. 65-141 adopted by the City Council July 6, 1965, to conform to the decision in this case. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 30376, PRAIRIE SUBDIVIDERS, INC., ENGINEERS, LANCO ENGINEERING. Consists of 26 lots located southwesterly of the intersection of 230th Street and Lomita Boulevard, zoned A-1.

City Clerk Coil said he had received a letter from South Bay Realty Company, signed by Ben Molina, asking that the case be removed from the agenda and considered at the November 9th meeting. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, that would be done, and asked that the map be included next week.

10. CASE NO. 65-48, VARIANCE OFF-STREET PARKING - PARNELLI JONES ENTERPRISES. Formal hearing on variance of requirements for Automotive Center, Parnelli Jones Enterprises at Hawthorne Avenue and Garnet Street. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak; there was no response.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval with all conditions and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jones spoke briefly of the plans for the business. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 29715, R. G. GARLAND, Subdivider, LANCO ENGINEERING, ENGINEERS. 19 lots located north of 182nd Street; east of Prairie, zoned R-1. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval, with conditions.

The subject of possible flooding came up through Councilman Sciarrotta's question and Mayor Isen spoke highly of the great improvement in Torrance's previous flooding condition since City Engineer Nollac had been with the City.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of approval with all conditions and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF LOMITA BOULEVARD FROM HAWTHORNE AVENUE TO OCEAN AVENUE. Gas tax project No. SS-118 and appropriation of 186.1 gas tax funds. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager (1) that an additional \$11,500 be appropriated from 186.1 gas tax funds; (2) that Sully-Miller Contracting Co. be awarded the contract for the project.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation, reject all other bids, and appropriate money as mentioned therein. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

13. EASEMENT FOR WIDENING SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council adopt proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY DATED AUGUST 16, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-214 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES NECESSARY AT 20611 HAWTHORNE AVENUE, Northerly 140 feet of Lot 36, Tract No. 3218. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that Council authorize the City Engineer/Street Superintendent to require that the subject improvements be installed at the above referenced location under the provisions of Chapter 27 of the 1911 Assessment Act.

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

Mayor Isen inquired of Mr. Nollac about the same situation at 239th and Crenshaw and Mr. Nollac said the owners have, in effect, refused. Mayor Isen asked that this matter come back to the Council with some plan to see that the sidewalks are put in.

15. RESOLUTION RE CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC

USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY UPON THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF. (227th Street - Quandt property).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-215 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Ferraro asked the Council to establish an operating policy on this type of thing and referred to a similar situation where there was considerable cost to the City. He asked for a policy that regardless of staff estimates or appraisals, that the cost of condemnation of a spite strip be shared half and half between the city and the owner. Mayor Isen said each case is different and in the case referred to by the City Manager there were many mitigating circumstances. He suggested that the policy await the next similar problem.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

16. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CATCH BASIN AND CISTERN IN ALLEY WEST OF APPLE AVENUE NORTH OF LINCOLN AVENUE. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager that Chet Kohler Construction, Inc. be awarded contract, \$720.00.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and to reject all other bids. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$10,600 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sewers in 230th Place from Arlington Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

18. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND: Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$2,900 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sewers in Ladeene Avenue north of Emerald Street, as shown on sketch which was attached to agenda material.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

19. INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS CONTROLLING APPROACHES OF CITYWIDE SERVICE ROADS. Traffic and Lighting Department, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.46, ORDINANCE NO. 1442 OF THE TORRANCE CITY CODE WHICH ESTABLISHES THE PURPOSE OF A SERVICE ROAD BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-216 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. INSTALL FOUR WAY STOP SIGNS ON A SIX MONTHS TRIAL BASIS. Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting resolution establishing through streets.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-217

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-217 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENT TO SALARY RESOLUTION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 65-52 TO ADD CERTAIN NEW POSITIONS, WITH THEIR SALARY RANGES TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN. (Three additions)

Mayor Isen asked that as a matter of policy when these resolution amendments appear, that they show the money amount, as well as the salary range number. There was no objection. It was noted also that Mr. Al Kovach has been granted permission to take the examination for Traffic Engineering Assistant, according to the minutes of the Civil Service Commission meeting, although they do not so state. Mayor Isen continued to question on this point and in answer to a direct question to Mr. Donovan, secretary of the Commission, it was stated the intention of the Commission is definitely that he be granted that permission. Mayor Isen asked that the minutes be more specific so there would be a statement of action, rather than approval of an item number.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-218 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. CLASS SPECIFICATION - SENIOR BUS OPERATOR.

Councilman Beasley commented that this is not the creation of a new position and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 65-52 TO ADD THE POSITION OF SENIOR BUS OPERATOR TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-219 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS - FAMILY HEALTH FOUNDATION. Letter from City Attorney, concurred in by City Manager, City Clerk, Police Officers' Association, Fire Fighters' Association, Torrance City Employees' Association and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

The recommendation is set forth in the last paragraph of the communication, in effect to arbitrate the matter. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. REQUEST THAT ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONERS MILL AND MOREHART FROM OCTOBER 19th Civil Service Commission meeting, be excused.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested excuses and there was no objection.

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At 6:20 p.m., Councilman Beasley moved to recess for the purpose of convening as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, and following a general recess, the Council reconvened as such at 6:35 p.m.

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25. REVISION OF TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.

Mayor Isen explained the program which permits City employees to take college courses germane to their employment, with partial reimbursement by the City as set forth in the report and revision approved by the Civil Service Commission at its October 19th, 1965, meeting. The question of a requirement that the people who take these courses remain with the City a specified time was discussed, on questioning by Councilman Sciarrotta in which Mayor Isen agreed.

Mr. Donovan gave a resume of the program to date since its initiation in 1964. Twenty-one applications have been completed - \$1410 spent so far and five pending applications, representing \$394.14.

Mr. Ferraro said the original, of which this is a revision, does require the employee to remain in City employment for two years after completion of the course, with reimbursement prorated in accordance. The expansion of the program will embrace short term institutes, etc., not necessarily toward a college credit. The basic program was toward a college degree.

Councilman Olson said he believes the purpose is to add to the skill and education of the employee and in so doing, the employee is capable of doing a better job for the city. He said no industry requires signing such a guarantee to stay in the employ. He did not think there should be any such restriction, but was concerned that the stated amount might be spent at a "cheap" school, rather than to partially pay the cost of a better tuition. Also, any schooling taken at the direction of the department head should be paid by the City. Other arrangements could

be made for the employee who wishes to take a course of his own volition. Councilman Vico said any employee who wants further education should take it strictly on his own time and at his own expense. In spending taxpayers' money, Councilman Miller believed there should be some guarantee that the City would reap the benefit of the increased skill and education.

Councilman Beasley said it is fair to assume that the City would benefit even through the time the employee is receiving the additional education and he moved to concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and appropriate the \$1200 additional from the general fund inappropriate surplus asked by the City Manager. Mayor Isen asked that there be added a requirement of a report which he stated in a later motion.

Councilman Olson seconded Councilman Beasley's motion and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen moved that as a matter of policy there be a report, semi-annually, the first to be June 30, 1966, from Administration to the Council, naming the persons who have taken advantage of the program, their department, the course or courses taken, and at what cost. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

26. ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION NO. 4. City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption a resolution amending resolution No. 65-62 to add the position of Administrative Assistant, delete the position of Second Assistant City Manager and change the title of First Assistant City Manager to Assistant City Manager, effective January 1, 1966.

At the request of Councilman Miller, City Manager Ferraro outlined his purpose in this recommendation. His statements were along the lines set forth in the communication dated October 20th which is now being considered. In effect, he believes there are too many highly paid people in Administration and said the effect of the suggested reorganization would lessen the expense by some \$8,000, per year. The reason this comes to Council is because it requires establishment of job titles. Several of the councilmen did not understand how the City Manager had reached the \$8,000 figure as there are different ways of calculating that projected saving. Comparison with other cities, Mr. Ferraro said, shows that per capita the cost of Administration is high in Torrance. He requested that the Council concur in his recommendation because they have control of the establishment of positions and the setting of salaries.

At this point, the discussion did not remain on an impersonal level and the name of an incumbent who would be seriously affected was brought into the Council and Mr. Ferraro's consideration of the recommendation. Councilman Olson believed he should be given more time than the interim between now and January 1st and that he should remain in his present classification until such time as is allowed.

Councilman Lyman did not think this sort of discussion should be carried on in an open Council meeting, but rather that it is the type of matter properly to be considered in a personnel session. Councilman Sciarrotta agreed. In that there is no great rush about this, Mayor Isen thought it could be continued to a later time.

Councilman Vico moved to carry this item over for a week and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. City Manager Ferraro asked why the Council would want to hold a personnel session and Mayor Isen told him it would be to talk about the incumbent, Mr. Johnson, not the position itself. City Attorney Remelmeyer said that would be the

only possible subject of discussion at a personnel session. There having been no objection to the continuance of one week, the motion was considered to have passed. The item regarding Administrative Reorganization will be on the agenda for November 9th, an eight o'clock meeting.

Mayor Isen told City Manager Ferraro he would be contacted if the councilmen need further information.

27. SALE OF CITY PROPERTY: Recommendation of the City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that the northeast portion of Lots 9 and 10, Block 14, Walteria Tract be sold at public auction, retaining avigation easement over same.

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

28. TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND 247TH STREET APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS (186.1) Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that \$7,500 be appropriated from 186.1 gas tax funds for the subject project.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

29. BID FOR MOVING BUILDING FROM TORRANCE AIRPORT TO TORRANCE CITY YARD. Recommendation of Sanitation Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that bid of Almas Brothers Movers be accepted, in the amount of \$673.00.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the bid stated and reject all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was mentioned that this is the same firm which moved the building to the Airport in the first place and also that no further bids were received from the four others who received invitations to bid.

30. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following three items of expenditure:

1. \$336 to Aqua-Vel, Incorporated, for two 2 inch Aqua-Vel water conditioners, each complete with two reactors, a regular budget item for use by the Building Maintenance Department.
2. \$444.32 to Weber Office Specialty Company for used panels and wires to be used by Data Processing, a regular budget item.
3. \$303.80 to GarWood - Los Angeles Truck and Equipment Company for one Vickers' Hydraulic Pump to be used on a refuse packer truck.

Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

31. TRAVEL REQUEST - POLICE DEPARTMENT. Chief of Police's request for permission to send three representatives to the Governor's Traffic and Safety Conference in Sacramento, November 18 and 19, 1965, with appropriate expenses paid, transportation to be through the use of a city-owned automobile. Those who plan to attend from the Police Department are Chief Walter R. Koenig, Lt. Swayne Johnson, Commander of the Traffic Division and Officer Thomas Wooldridge, Public Safety Education Officer.

From the Traffic Safety Council, the chairman, Jim Becker and Commissioner Frank Paour will accompany them. The request is also made that the group stay over so that Chief Koenig might also attend the final session of a State Conference of District Attorneys in San Francisco on November 20th. A total of \$360 is available for the various expenses of these men by combining \$250 allocated in the Police budget and \$110 appropriated from the Safety Council budget.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request as stated above and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

32. BID ON CRAWLER LOADER. Recommendation of Garage Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that all bids be rejected and the City Manager be authorized to negotiate the purchase of a machine that meets the specifications.

Councilman Beasley moved to reject all bids and negotiate as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

Councilman Lyman said he is very discouraged with the way low bids have been turned down in several instances. Specifically he mentioned the tow trucks, the pipe, the automobiles, and now this. Mayor Isen feels this is a matter in which the Council must rely on Management and Purchasing to get the best items in the specifications, or have some sort of inquiry into the method.

33. MANUAL TYPEWRITER REQUIREMENT. Communication from Director of Finance, with approval of City Manager.

Councilman Beasley explained the reasons he believed the eight typewriters should be bought from the same business house. Mayor Isen said more information should have been given the Council with this item. Councilman Beasley moved to award the bids for all eight machines to State Office Supply and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman and Vico.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

34. AIRPORT SECURITY: City Manager submitting recommendation re Airport Security - change from Torrance Police Reserves to private guard service.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Sciarrotta thought this should be considered an Airport Commission matter although City Manager Ferraro disagreed as he said he has to do with the administration of the airport. City ~~Manager~~ ^{Attorney} Remelmeyer said the Council has the privilege of referring the matter to the Airport Commission if they wish and Councilman Lyman moved to refer this item to the Airport Commission, for recommendation.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote. He asked that before it returns to the Council agenda, the matter be considered by the Airport Committee of the Council, routed through the City Manager's office.

35. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE.

The request is for a thirty-day extension of time for study and review of a report in cooperation with the FAA. There was no objection.

PARK AND RECREATION:

36. PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TAX: City Attorney's submittal, noted by City Manager, of ordinances re adding Article LIII entitled "Park and Recreational Facilities Tax" to Chapter 16 of the Code to provide for payment of taxes in connection with construction of dwelling units, the deposit of such taxes in the park and recreation facilities fund, and the use of such fund for public park and recreation purposes.

Mayor Isen read a portion of the ordinance printed on green paper (third listed) and pointed out an ambiguity which would require an exact definition of the word "bedroom" as used in this ordinance. The City Attorney was instructed to clearly define the word as distinguished from "den", or even "screen porch" in order to avoid subterfuge and Mayor Isen asked that the green version of the ordinance be back on the agenda for next week's meeting. The City Attorney will check for other discrepancies.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

37. APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES - IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITION TO POLICE BUILDING. Recommendation of City Manager.

There are four specific recommendations listed at the conclusion of the City Manager's communication, as follows:

- "1. Approve the attached list of equipment and fixtures in principle. (Individual items over \$300 will be returned to you justified and priced).
2. Appropriate from the unappropriated reserves the sum of \$54,029 to cover the cost of the equipment and fixtures included in the list per (1) above.
3. Authorize the installation of a new 100 kw power generator in the new Police facility. This includes the authorization to Koebig & Koebig, Inc. to prepare the necessary engineering and specifications; and Parr Contracting Company to purchase and install the electrical switch gear and make structural changes to the facility as engineered.
4. Appropriate from the unappropriated reserves the sum of \$18,100 to cover the cost of the engineering, electrical and structural changes necessary to install the new generator."

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in all four and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

38. TAXING OF BILLBOARDS: Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission chairman, noted by City Manager re taxing of billboards.

City Manager Ferraro requested this item be held until the November 16th Council meeting and there was no objection.

39. PROPOSED FORM LETTER FOR APPROVAL OR SUGGESTIONS: Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission chairman, noted by City Manager re proposed form letter for approval or suggestions from Council.

Mayor Isen stated that the results shown by this Commission, in the Council's opinion, has elevated it to first class status and noting the presence of Chairman Don Walker, he asked him to please introduce the commission members who were with him. Mr. Walker introduced Mrs. Frank D. Sciarrotta and Mr. James Armstrong who had been with them, had just left the meeting.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the letter be approved for distribution as planned. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

41. BEAUTIFICATION OF TORRANCE ENTRANCE:

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Isen commended the Commission as well as the two councilmen and Mrs. Sciarrotta, who worked on this special committee. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the four recommendations made:

- "1. Authorize the City Manager to commence beautification of the easterly Torrance Boulevard entrance to the City, as indicated in the communication and appropriate \$14,000 from the unappropriated reserves to cover the cost thereof, including planting ivy on the bridge. Only those funds of the \$14,000 requested will be used to do the maximum amount of work now which is compatible with the redesign of the street. If necessary, additional funds will be requested to complete the beautification project when the plan is revised, in accordance with the redesigned street.
2. Instruct the City Manager to commence engineering design studies relative to a new traffic flow plan(s) for Torrance Boulevard, Border Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue, as indicated above.
3. Authorize the City Manager to hold citizen group meetings with all concerned regarding implementation of one or more of the traffic flow designs which will be developed to alleviate the traffic flow problem of this entrance way.
4. Authorize the City Manager to use Ajax Sandblasting Company to sandblast the railroad bridge above Torrance Boulevard near Western Avenue, which bridge is to be left its natural cement color. The expenditure for this is not to exceed \$460 as quoted by the sandblasting firm to the City of Torrance on September 6, 1965. When the sandblasting is complete, the City will invoice the Southern Pacific Company for reimbursement. The railroad company has approved this work and the money indicated."

Councilman Miller and Councilman Olson are the two councilmen who have worked on this project and Councilman Miller explained some of the details and asked for the exhibition of a traffic pattern sketch which was further explained by City Manager Ferraro. From the bridge to Western Avenue, Councilman Miller said could be beautified immediately; the balance will have to await obtaining rights of way. Councilman Miller

motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

42. ACTION PROGRAM OF AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION: Torrance Beautiful Commission Chairman, noted by City Manager, submitting action program for information and approval.

Mayor Isen approved of this item and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Item 42 in principle. Mayor Isen seconded. Councilman Lyman thought it should have more study in view of its many varied items. Mayor Isen stated it is merely a policy, subject to future events and roll call vote was unanimously favorable to its approval.

43. UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES IN FUTURE SUBDIVISIONS: Recommendation of Torrance Beautiful Commission re undergrounding in future subdivisions.

City Manager Ferraro suggested the Council allow the Staff to study this item and refer it to the Planning Department and the Legal Department for review. There are matters which might unduly complicate this as to one small subdivision within a built-up area. Councilman Beasley moved to establish the subject of the recommendation as a policy but direct that the Planning Commission inquire and advise the Council as to hardship cases. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

40. PROPOSED LOITERING ORDINANCE:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1629

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE V ENTITLED "LOITERING" TO CHAPTER 18 AND ARTICLE LIII ENTITLED "OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS" TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING PROBLEM AREAS REQUIRING POLICE SERVICE.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1629 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

44. PETITION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND 244TH STREET.

The WALTERIA Civic Organization has presented a petition with 144 signatures and it is the recommendation that it be referred to the Traffic Commission for study and recommendation. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, that would be done; there was none.

45. BULLETIN FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INQUIRING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIES. This is the proposed wording for approval by the Council and Councilman Miller moved to approve it. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

46. AGREEMENT WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR 1966 ROSE PARADE FLOAT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY OF A FLOAT IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE ON JANUARY 1, 1966.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-220 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

47. REPORT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER:

Manager J. Walker Owens of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce read in full his Month in Review for October, 1965, copies of which had been distributed.

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Following a short recess, Mayor Isen proclaimed November 11, 1965 as VETERANS DAY.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

48. REPORT ON PROPOSED RUBBISH CONTAINER SPECIFICATIONS: Recommendation from Public Works Committee that attached ordinance be adopted and programs outlined in the report be approved.

The councilmen discussed the specifications and the reasons for some of the requirements, such as tapered containers, with explanation by City Engineer Nollac. Councilman Vico did not think such regimentation is either necessary or desirable.

Councilman Miller talked from the standpoint of Acting Chairman of the Public Works Committee and told of the many accidents to the people who empty these containers and the time lost thereby. The lid which Councilman Lyman had received a complaint about, is considered necessary in order to keep rubbish from blowing about after the cans are set out for collection. There is a requirement for a lid even at this time, although it is not enforced, City Manager Ferraro said, and Torrance is one of the very few cities which does not have uniform requirements. Councilman Vico repeated that he does not think these requirements are right or necessary and he does not intend to comply with them.

Another phase of this item is the proposal that twice a year the people be permitted to put out anything they have to dispose of, for rubbish pickup. Councilman Miller said if Torrance is to be beautified, the very basis would be proper disposal of trash and rubbish. He moved to ratify the proposal of two clean-up times per year and Councilman Olson seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (did not return to the meeting following the last recess)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone the ordinance for a week due to Councilman Beasley's absence and Councilman Miller seconded. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the item would be considered at a pre-council session, 5:00 p.m., on November 16th. There was no objection. Councilman Miller said he would like to see the same information presented to the council as was presented at the two and one-half hour meeting of the Committee which made this report.

Councilman Lyman thought it might be well to attempt to enforce the present ordinance, rather than making it even stronger.

49. EARLY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR URBAN RENEWAL: City Manager, with communication from Ted Koletos and from the Police Department, re early acquisition.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to take the necessary steps to initiate negotiations for the purchase of the property. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

50. ORDINANCE NO. 1626:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1626

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. 65-26. (SOUTH BAY REALTY CO.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1626 at its second and final reading. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

51. ORDINANCE NO. 1627:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1627

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. 65-36. (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1627 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

52. ORDINANCE NO. 1628:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1628

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" EACH OF WHICH IS ENTITLED "MEETINGS AND FAILURE TO ATTEND": SECTION 2.20 (PLANNING COMMISSION); SECTION 2.45 (PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION); SECTION 2.75 (LIBRARY COMMISSION); SECTION 2.85

(AIRPORT COMMISSION); SECTION 2.95 (WATER COMMISSION); SECTION 2.105 (CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER COMMISSION); SECTION 2.120 (TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION); SECTION 2.135 (YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION); SECTION 2.150 (TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL); SECTION 2.165 (CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION); AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1628 at its second and final reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

53. City Manager Ferraro reminded Councilman Lyman of the necessity of appointing a Youth Welfare Commissioner and Councilman Lyman named Richard Hansen, 1551 El Prado, the new Assistant Minister at the Methodist Church. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results. (Councilman Beasley absent).

54. City Manager Ferraro notified Councilman Olson that Mrs. Stapleton a member of the Youth Welfare Commission is leaving the City and another appointment will be necessary.

55. City Manager Ferraro said, in response to a request for information as to commissioners' absences, stated Mrs. Jean Clawson of Torrance Beautiful has been absent from four meetings, one of which was a special meeting and one a joint meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission. The position, he said, is now automatically vacant and Councilman Beasley will be notified of the necessity to make an appointment.

56. City Manager Ferraro mentioned an information item regarding additional crossing guards on which he would like authorization to contact the Superintendent of Schools. Mayor Isen did not think that would be advisable. Councilman Miller suggested the matter be held for one week and there was no objection.

57. City Manager Ferraro said on October 19th the Council withheld action on the land use ordinance regarding conditional use permits, and Councilman Miller referred to regulation of bars. He asked for more time to report on these. Mayor Isen asked that he bring them back for consideration as soon as possible.

58. City Manager Ferraro asked the Council for authorization to work with the Chamber of Commerce Manager toward creating a new Citizens' Congress - a one day seminar program with paid big-name speakers. The purpose would be to assemble all the leaders of the community toward more uniform and effective citizen support. The Council gave tacit approval.

59. City Clerk Coil said Mrs. Spurgeon, the counsel for Girl Scout Cadets Troop 736 at Arlington School, has asked that her group be permitted to submit a design for a City flag, as part of their Active Citizenship program. City Manager Ferraro suggested other groups be included in a competitive program with perhaps an award of some kind. Mayor Isen asked that there be a recommendation on this next week as a Council agenda item.

60. As to the 7:00 o'clock consideration of council salaries, City Clerk Coil said over 400 letters have gone out and while there has been no reply at this time, he believes the Council can anticipate a large attendance next week.

61. Councilman Lyman mentioned the record-shattering smog and thought instead of more freeways, there should be something done toward a rapid transit system. Ten years ago there was not the big smog problem in Torrance and ten years ago Torrance did not have several freeways. He believes the Inter-City Highway Committee should take a look at the situation. Mayor Isen disagreed; in his opinion the freeway subject is too big and complicated to be considered in this context.

62. Councilman Miller regretted the untimely passing of Mr. Sam Levy who was going ahead with the YWCA while everyone else was just talking about it. Many things about the building are not complete because Mr. Levy was conducting the program himself. Councilman Miller suggested that the City Manager act as coordinator and offer the City's services - not financially - but by effort until some other agency takes on the task. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if this would be proper and Mr. Remelmeyer who has been on the Advisory Committee, said the City owns an interest in the building and land which is leased for ten years. The building is a substantial structure and the City has enough interest in its remaining life that possibly it could do something. Councilman Lyman moved to approve Councilman Miller's suggestion and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. There was no objection to this approval in such unusual circumstances.

63. Councilman Miller referred to the report, for informational purposes, from the Recreation Department regarding the proposed Children's Zoo. He remarked on the excellence of the report which was prepared by Miss Dee Manning. Mr. Ron Davis of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Miller said, is present at this meeting and he asked if it would not be possible to have Mr. Davis meet with the City Manager and the Director of Recreation toward creating this zoo for children in Torrance.

Mayor Isen took up the subject of the children's zoo which he said he had planned to talk about also and he, too, highly complimented Miss Manning's work and the resulting report. Mayor Isen believes the plan is feasible and, without naming any priority, he moved that as one of the capital improvements, there be listed the children's zoo. Councilman Miller seconded. Councilman Lyman commented that Torrance is in an enviable position in that major industries would probably wish to contribute exhibits as is done at the San Diego zoo.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to Mayor Isen's motion (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen asked that consideration be given the establishment of a commission or committee of seven members to work on this project until such time as the zoo becomes a reality. Donations could be taken toward a fund and the Commission could look for the four or five acres necessary, working with the Park and Recreation Commission, while land is still available.

Councilman Olson said the biggest single cost is land but he believes there must be some in the vicinity of the Airport which could be used - or along Madrona Avenue. It might even be feasible to use sump land.

Councilman Miller cautioned against this idea taking too quick flight. His suggestion was to meet with the Junior Chamber of Commerce before going too far toward a commission, or other details. Mayor Isen agreed much groundwork is to be done.

64. Councilman Olson called a meeting of the Council Airport Committee for 11 o'clock a.m., on November 10th.

65. Councilman Olson said the Guatemalan Sister City program committee would probably be interested to know the Kiwanis Club is having a 40th anniversary party at Los Verdes Country Club this Friday night. The Consul General of Guatemala will be installed in an honorary membership.

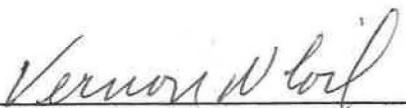
66. Councilman Sciarrotta reported what he had learned about the percentage of school children's accidents which occur during and going to and from school, compared with those after school hours and weekends. The disproportionate percentage related to out of school hours indicates the need of safety education which will carry into home hours. He suggested that the Public Education Officer of the Police Department meet with parents and teachers and determine if it would be safer perhaps to not even have crossing guards. Many communications are coming on this type of problem. His suggestion was that some rules be put into effect, or slogans, by the Traffic Division or the Safety Council. City Manager Ferraro said the present Public Education Officer, Tom Wooldridge is doing a tremendous job.

67. Mr. J. B. Mosley of 23846 Ward Street said he is concerned about the property the City purchased in the urban renewal area. There was another fire Friday night, the third to which the Fire Department has had to respond in a year. This area has been complained about before. The City has removed what shrubbery it wanted and left a lot of debris. This area also contributed to the Police problem. A boarded garage has been broken into and it was found that there were tires, tools, etc. stored there and evidently cars were being stripped and the loot stored in this garage. He asked if the problems cannot be cleaned up somehow, at least the weeds and dead shrubbery. Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to investigate and give the Council a report next week.

68. Mr. Murray Rubin of 2884 230th Street said he had attended various meetings on City level and commended the City Manager, the City Attorney, the Police Department and Council on what they have achieved in the time he has known them. His particular subject was the loitering law which he thought would be very helpful.

69. Mayor Isen reminded everyone that there would be the public hearing on the matter of council salaries next week at 7 p.m. and the opinions of the citizens will be welcomed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance