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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

A pre-Council meeting on the subject of Council and Mayor's salaries which was in the nature of a public hearing, resulted in a decision to further consider the placing of the issue on the Spring ballot, at the pre-Council meeting already set for 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 16, 1965. Also to be considered at that time is the matter of legislation of rubbish containers and Mayor Isen commented that fifteen minutes could be allotted to each subject.

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, November 9, 1965, at 8:00 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. William Bordeaux led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend W. J. Roleder of First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the November 2, 1965 meeting will await their receipt.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

An unlisted item was mentioned by Mayor Isen: communication from the City Manager stating the parking lots are nearing completion and November 19th at 11 a.m. will be the date of proper civic ceremonies, followed by luncheon. There was no objection to this date. City Clerk Coil was instructed to notify J. Walker Owens, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM: Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-212 to abate weeds on certain property, with proposed resolution and outline of procedure.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Mailing and Posting and there being no objection, it was ordered filed, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Lyman moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER/STREET SUPERINTENDENT TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 65-212.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-221 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

9. AMENDMENT TO MASTER PLAN OF VICTOR PRECINCT: Consideration of removal of a portion of Garnet Street northerly of Victor park between Anza Avenue and Victor Street. Recommended by Planning Commission for denial.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and several persons responded.

Mrs. Don Walker of 5203 Asteria Street asked that the Council not compound a present problem by extending Garnet Street through and she exhibited a large and clear sketch or map of the area under discussion. She said the City would gain one-half acre by removing this portion of the street. She outlined the circulation of traffic as related to the two schools and said there should be a four-way stop at Garnet and Victor if the street were opened. Councilman Beasley said half of the land saved would go back to the School District and half to the City.

Mr. James T. Morgan of 5021 Cathann Street represented the parishioners of St. James Church who own the school which he hopes will be at the northwest corner of Garnet and Anza Avenue, as well as a church within five years. His concern is ingress and egress thereto, and he outlined his remarks by use of Mrs. Walker's map.

City Engineer Nollac confirmed that the dedication on Garnet Street was half and half by the two property owners: St. James School and Parkview Apartments. The alley, Mr. Nollac said, is a public alley.

Mr. Howard Ruby spoke, representing the Parkview Village Apartments at 20707 Anza Avenue, agreed completely with Mrs. Walker and said they fear there will be a raceway along the street which would be devoid of houses, and so, very dangerous. He said he had a petition containing ninety names and that all 150 tenants of Parkview Village oppose the street going through.

He believed it was a private alley although Mr. Nollac repeated that it is a public alley.

Mr. Frank Strange of 4815 Emerald Street owns 84 feet adjoining the park and library on the west - the south side of Garnet Street - and fears there will be a drainage problem. Mayor Isen assured him any drainage problem can, and will be, solved. The map was consulted again and it was determined that Mr. Strange's property is not landlocked. Mr. Strange said he dedicated 27 feet of land to the City on the understanding that the street would be opened. He has frontage and access on both Garnet and Emerald.

Mr. John Hill of 4912 Garnet Street asked that the street not go through, chiefly because he too fears a speedway and resulting traffic problems.

Mrs. Patsy Hill of 4912 Garnet Street was concerned about the traffic flow and her whole purpose was to speak against the street being opened.

On motion of Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman Vico, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Vico moved to delete that portion of Garnet Street and Mayor Isen in seconding the motion, clarified the wording by saying that it would overrule the Planning Commission and close the street, as per Alternate No. 2.

City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac suggested a possible compromise by using barricades during the daylight hours, but it met with complete spontaneous disapproval of the councilmen.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to the motion of Councilman Vico.

10. CASE NO. 65-33, PETITION OF C. N. CAKE for a variance of the off-street parking requirements continued from September 21, 1965.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mrs. Muriel Cohen came forward. She lives at 3420 Maricopa Street and spoke in protest to granting the variance. Mayor Isen told her the recommendation is in line with the requirements of the new parking ordinance which will be considered by the Council before long. At his request, Planning Director Shartle explained the requirements of professional office buildings, as being much less than those of retail establishments.

Councilman Beasley said the proponent is in the hospital and he believed the matter should be taken under advisement until such time as Mr. Cake can appear before the Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. Mayor Isen seconded. There was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to take Case No. 65-33 under advisement for thirty days, but there was no second. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue the case until November 23, 1965, at eight o'clock and that it be considered to be a continuation of the hearing itself. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

11. CASE NO. 65-43, CULVER INVESTMENTS, INC. VARIANCE OF OFF-STREET PARKING. Formal hearing on petition re Boys Food Market, 2218 - 2234 Sepulveda Boulevard. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-43 and no one responded.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen declared the hearing still open as it appeared Mr. Richard T. Davis of 6363 Wilshire Boulevard wished to speak. Mr. Davis represents the Boys Market and Culver Investments, and stated the plan has been revised downward so as to stay within the boundaries of an economical development.

Mayor Isen reminded him the present ordinance requires 268 spaces, the new ordinance would cut that down by twenty spaces to 248; the petitioner wants to have 239. Mr. Davis said there is a lease for the length of the use, of 17 spaces from Mobil Oil. Mayor Isen and Planning Director Shartle would prefer that it be a ninety-nine year lease.

A Mr. Roy Davis said Movil Oil Company is willing to provide a lease in perpetuity with this market and satellite stores. Planning Director Shartle said because he lives in the neighborhood, he had not handled this matter. Mr. Stan Swarts of the Planning Department had signed all the communications on the case, but he was not present at this meeting.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and there was no objection. Councilman Vico moved to grant the variance.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Vico if he would add to his motion that there be presented to the City Attorney for approval, a ninety-nine year lease on the 17 spaces mentioned and Councilman Vico assented. Councilman Olson seconded the motion which carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen, as a protest from cutting down below the proposed ordinance which has not been before the Council.

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Councilman Beasley moved to recess the Council meeting to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection. The Council reconvened as such following that meeting and a ten minutes recess, at 9:20 p.m.

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Mayor Isen said he had been asked to next consider the item under agenda number 38, for the convenience of the press.

38. PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TAX: Submittal of proposed emergency ordinances and regular ordinances on the subject.

Mayor Isen said he would prefer Ordinance No. 2 of the two sets submitted but he believes there is a "joker" in both of them, in that there is no set time limit. The intention, he said, was that it cover new construction only. Superintendent of Building and Safety believed it would only cover the addition of a new dwelling unit. Each read from the ordinance phrasing to justify his belief. City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed with Mayor Isen as to the effect of the wording, whether or not that was the intention.

Mayor Isen asked that any possible ambiguity be cleared up.

City Manager Ferraro explained that the State law has abandoned the old legislation and provides method of making up for its provisions. This is a means of reimbursing the recreation funds otherwise denied the City. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the ordinances were suggested by himself for this reason.

Mayor Isen asked to delete Section 16.605 of the pink ordinance. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil gave a number to the emergency ordinance printed on pink paper and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1630

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 26.9.17 ENTITLED "PARK AND PLAYGROUNDS" OF CHAPTER 26 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING ARTICLE LIV ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX" TO CHAPTER 16 TO PROVIDE FOR THE 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 AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1630 as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson but failed to carry, as follows:

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

At the regular of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil gave a number to the regular ordinance printed on pink paper, with Section 16.605 deleted therefrom, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1631

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 26.9.17 ENTITLED "PARK AND PLAYGROUNDS" OF CHAPTER 26 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING ARTICLE LIV ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX" TO CHAPTER 16 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING UNITS, THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH TAXES IN AND PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND, AND THE USE OF SUCH FUND FOR PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1631 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, there was considerable discussion as to the interpretation of the ordinance, particularly as to the practical meaning of the word "bedroom" as used in this ordinance, for taxing purposes.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there can be complete control through administrative policy. Also, there will be further opportunity for discussion at the second reading of the ordinance.

12. CASE NO. 65-44, PETITION OF ELSTON R. MCGINTY FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A REAL ESTATE OFFICE AT 4506 TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the Affidavit of Publication presented by City Clerk Coil, would be filed. There was none.

There was no response to the inquiry of Mayor Isen as to whether anyone wished to speak on this case.

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

Councilman Miller moved to concur in denial of the petition. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. CASE NO. 65-45, SHELL OIL COMPANY, REVISED PRECISE PLAN TO PERMIT A NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE. Formal hearing on revised precise plan to permit a neighborhood grocery store at the northeast corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Anza Avenue. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval, with conditions.

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 and Mr. Ron McKee of 4010 Cathann of Torrance Southwood Homeowners Association said he believed some different type of business could be placed here, rather than the open early and close late variety. There are now five major markets and nine independent liquor stores to serve the area.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said if this revision is denied, the proponent can go ahead with anything planned under the previously approved precise plan. C-R zoning provides if a grocery store is to go in, it must be by conditional use permit or by precise plan, and neither is in effect here. There is a precise plan but it does not call for a grocery store.

Mayor Isen moved to deny the permission asked in that he believed there was a violation of trust involved in this revision. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Vico implied there had been special treatment in this type of matter previously but did not become specific on request of Mayor Isen to do so.

14. CASE NO. 65-46, SHELL OIL COMPANY, REVISED PRECISE PLAN TO PERMIT A NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE. Formal hearing on revised precise plan to permit a neighborhood grocery store at the southeast corner of Anza Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval, with conditions.

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

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this case and Mr. Ron McKee came forward. His home address is 4010 Cathann Street and it was agreed that his employment with Young's Grocery Company, mentioned by Councilman Beasley, has nothing to do with the matter before the Council.

Mr. McKee is acting president of the local homeowners association since Bob Mulford moved from the area. His protest to this case was along the same lines as on the previous case

Mayor Isen expressed the same disillusionment on this case as on the one at Sepulveda and Anza. There appearing no other speakers, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and Mayor Isen seconded. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen then moved to deny in reversal of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the revised plan presented. Councilman Miller determined more exactly the location and then seconded the motion.

Mr. Murray Rubin of 2884 230th Street, expressed the opinion that these little "STOP & GO" or as he called them, "MOM & POP" groceries go in, but they don't last very long, it's only a matter of time before they disappear in the wake of the big chain markets. The thing he is more concerned with is the loitering which is encouraged by their presence.

Mayor Isen moved again to deny and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Planning Director Shartle pointed out that as to the property at Anza and Sepulveda, the Shell Oil Company has sold the northerly portion to the person who wanted to put in the STOP & GO Market which has been denied. The Shell Oil Company also wanted to change the design of their station and the Planning Commission has approved that change. He asked clarification. Mr. McKee noted several details which he thought were not acceptable and Mr. Shartle said the request is for a very attractive design, similar to the Union Oil Station across the street.

Mayor Isen asked that this particular phase of the case be back on the agenda next week with all specifications and requirements.

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A recess was declared after which the Council resumed consideration of the agenda.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. CASE NO. 65-28, JONES & BEDNAR, CHANGE OF ZONE, etc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1632

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. 65-28. Jones & Bednar.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1632 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. CASE NO. 65-30, PLANNING COMMISSION CASE - ABBEY RENTS, INC.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-30, ABBEY RENTS.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-222 and his motion seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. CASE NO. 65-35 - EDITH M. HUNT, VARIANCE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-35, EDITH M. HUNT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-223 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. CASE NO. 65-37, M. L. VAN TINE - VARIANCE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-37 - M. L. Van Tine.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-224 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

19. PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE OFF-STREET PARKING REPORT: Communication from Planning Commission Chairman, with concurrence of City Manager, and Planning Director re proposed comprehensive report.

The recommendation is to refer the report to the City Attorney for preparation of an ordinance and Councilman Miller moved to concur. Mayor Isen seconded with very complimentary remarks on the quality of the report and in commendation of Jim Hagaman of the Planning Department who prepared it.

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Councilman Beasley asked that the material on the two STOP & GO items (No. 13 and No. 14) be preserved because he intends to make a motion with respect to them next week. Mayor Isen said in that event, Mr. Ron McKee should be notified.

20. BILLBOARD ORDINANCE.

Mayor Isen commented that this should be referred to the City Attorney for formal incorporation into an ordinance. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. However, Councilman Lyman believed it should first go to the Committee of the Council and Councilman Vico seconded the motion as phrased by Councilman Lyman. Mayor Isen said in that event he would recommend that the ordinance be drafted, sent to the Committee for consideration along with the matter appended regarding taxing of billboards submitted by the Torrance Beautiful Commission.

Councilman Beasley thought a good look should be taken at this type of thing; it seems like every week there is some increase in taxes to someone.

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

Mayor Isen asked if any of the residents wish to speak on this and Mr. Neal McKenzie of 23105 Galva Avenue, spoke on behalf of the parents of the 29 children who live on Galva cul de sac. Planning Director Shartle showed on a map where the cul de sac stops now and to what extent the subdivider proposes to extend it into the tract. Mr. McKenzie lives on the west side of the first bulb shown, next to the end of the cul de sac as it now exists and stated he and the other neighbors bought there because it was a cul de sac; they did not want to be on a main street, because of the many young children under 12 years. He believed the objection of the Fire Chief could be met with a new hydrant. Apparently the cul de sac was permanent when the people bought their homes and they want it to so remain, but they do not mind its being extended. As planned under this case, the cul de sac would be extended to over 700 feet.

Chief Benner said the extension would only give that much more room for his equipment to get trapped. He objected completely to its being extended into a deeper cul de sac.

Mayor Isen asked about Lot 26. City Engineer Nollac said it is a piece of ground on the other side of Lomita Boulevard, owned by the subdividers; it has nothing to do with the cul de sac. A home could be built there. Mr. Battrum said there are some complications involved. If he finds it impractical to develop economically, he would give it to the City.

Councilman Vico moved to close the hearing; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. Strictly speaking, there was no hearing on this matter.

The discussion turned to the objections from the Fire Department. While it may not increase the insurance rates, City Manager Ferraro said it does create a serious problem. Chief Benner explained in what way it was objectionable to his operations, as a hazard to life and property.

Mr. John W. Judd of Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association objected to anything which would put Galva Avenue through to Lomita Boulevard as a destruction of the whole street pattern through the area to divert traffic from residences. He considered the hazard created by through streets in this area to be more important than fire insurance rates.

In answer to a question by Councilman Olson, Chief Benner repeated that fire hydrants in a cul de sac mean nothing, but perhaps extra expense. City Manager Ferraro explained further the problem which the Fire Department would face, especially with several engines at a residential fire in such a spot.

City Engineer Nollac said the plan is not to connect to Lomita Boulevard; it would go to 230th Street, but this would still involve through traffic. Mr. Judd repeated his association would not like it to connect to anything.

Mayor Isen boiled the discussion down to the question of either denying the tract or overruling the Chief by extending the cul de sac. He did not believe the Council should approve a through street; the people have a right to retain what they bought.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission with respect to Tentative Tract No. 30376 and Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. AMENDMENT OF THE MASTER STREET PLAN RESERVATION OF FUTURE RIGHT OF WAY. Proposed extension of Madrona Avenue southerly of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in this preliminary proposal. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

23. REGULATION OF BILLBOARDS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this matter to the City Attorney. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

24. AGREEMENT WITH SUNNYGLEN CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR DRAINAGE RETENTION BASIN CONSTRUCTION IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8A AND APPROPRIATE \$2,000 FROM 1965-66 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET. Proposed resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1965, WITH SUNNYGLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8A RETENTION BASIN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-225 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to recommendation numbered 2, that \$2,000 be appropriated from the 1965-66 Capital Improvement Budget (ID #209) for construction of one-half of 232nd Street across frontage of District 8A Retention Basin, Councilman Beasley moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

25. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that requests of Southwood Construction Company to extend time for temporary

signs to remain at 23015 Hawthorne, 23727 South Crenshaw and 4501 Calle Mayor, be approved.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

26. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TEMPORARY BILLBOARDS. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that request of Kenland Development Company, Inc. to extend time for temporary billboard to remain at 23201 Hawthorne Avenue be granted.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

27. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC COUNTERS, at cost of not to exceed \$900.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in approval. 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.

The financing is from salary and wages account, where surplus funds are available.

28. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR OVERTIME. The amount is \$1400, for preparation of safe school route maps, from the General Fund.

This is an internal cost item for labor and materials to prepare school route maps to be distributed among the school children. In essence, it is a training program which may reduce the number of crossing guards. Councilman Lyman moved to concur in approval. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

29. REQUEST FOR NEW POSITION IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT. Draftsman-Illustrator.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

30. ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION NO. 4. City Manager, submitting for approval and adoption of resolution amending Resolution No. 65-52 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.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur, with the effective date set at February 1, 1966 and Councilman Vico seconded.

Councilman Lyman moved as a substitute to concur, with the effective date set at March 1, 1966. Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 65-52 TO ADD THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, DELETE THE POSITION OF SECOND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, AND CHANGE THE TITLE FIRST ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1966. (see below)

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-226, with the change in date to March 1st in the last line of the title and the first paragraph of the resolution itself. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

Councilman Vico immediately asked that his vote be changed to "No". The resolution was adopted on a five to two vote.

31. CLAIM OF DONALD P. FRALEIGH, \$60.47 for damages incurred by sewer stoppage on September 18, 1965.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the claim and refer it to the City Attorney. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

32. CLAIM OF CITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, \$172.36 for damages caused by Water Department on February 15 and 16, 1965.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

33. BID ON 16 INCH BRUSH CHIPPER. Recommendation to accept bid of Asplundh Chipper Company, \$3,900.

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

37. RECOMMENDATION TO ABANDON NIGHT LIGHTING AT LAROMERIA PARK, etc. and that the \$15,000 thus saved be placed in a contingency reserve earmarked for recreation capital improvement projects.

This item, Mayor Isen said, is related to Item 34. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. BID for addition to ADULT CENTER: Recommendation from Recreation Director, concurred in by City Manager, that bid of Stephen J. O'Donnell be accepted and request for \$5,000 appropriation from the contingency fund for recreation projects. O'Donnell's bid is \$17,400.

Councilman Olson seconded the motion of Mayor Isen as to both parts of the recommendation and that all bids other than O'Donnell's be rejected. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

35. ADOPTION OF THE MASTER PLAN AND ARCHITECT'S COST ESTIMATE OF PHASE I OF LAGO SECO PARK. Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission with concurrence of City Manager, to adopt.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mr. Van Bellehem exhibited the master plan and the landscape architect, Richard Gawne was introduced and spoke briefly.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro acknowledged that Ray Watt and Don Wilson gave the City the opportunity to purchase the land and use it after having made the down payment.

36. MASTER PLAN OF HICKORY PARK: The recommendation is to adopt the master plan, concurred in by the City Manager.

Mr. Richard Gawne showed a sketch of this park also and explained its features. This park is comprised of seven acres; Lago Seco is five.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in adoption and Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

39. JUNIOR CITIZENS DAY ON NOVEMBER 23, 1965.

City Manager Ferraro asked that the last few sentences of the communication be deleted; appropriation of the money is not necessary.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING NOVEMBER 23, 1965, as "JUNIOR CITIZENS DAY".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-227 and Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

40. CREATION OF A PARKING PLACE COMMISSION:

Mayor Isen remarked that there is no particular need for this Commission but City Attorney Remelmeyer said by law a commission must be appointed - three members by the City Council. City Manager Ferraro asked that the Council address themselves to placing a two hour limit on the lot now. Mayor Isen moved to do so by proper ordinance. Councilman Beasley seconded and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-116 BY ADDING SECTIONS 33, 34 and 35, WHICH DESCRIBE CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITHIN SAID CITY, TO ARTICLE III THEREOF; SAID ARTICLE ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-228 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The balance of the item, specifically that which establishes a commission, is to be held for two weeks, to November 23, 1965, an eight o'clock meeting.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:41. RE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD TRAINS ALONG MADRID AVENUE.

The recommendation is to authorize employment of Mr. Donald P. Loye at a fee of \$200 per day, not to exceed \$1,000, to make a scientific measurement of the noise level and recommendations of some means to alleviate it and that any funds necessary be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve.

The councilmen were not in complete agreement as to the necessity of this service, especially at the price mentioned. However, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

42. PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION DISTRICT NO. 3. Recommendation that proposed right of way acquisition district No. 3 be approved and the area charge therein be established.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

43. REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES: Superintendent of Building and Safety, noted by City Manager, that the request of Buhler Construction Company for refund of building permit fees cannot be recommended.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the refund, but retaining \$25 to cover administrative and office costs, leaving a net refund of \$553.50. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

44. MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION RE MEADOW PARK DEVELOPMENT with proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1633

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE AREA SHOWN WITHIN THE BLUE BORDER AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED IN BOOK 82, PAGES 34 AND 35 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND REPEALING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1625.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1633. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Mr. Omatsu asked some questions regarding the right of way acquisition district and was told he pays only for his own frontage at 11.34 per square foot. If more explanation is required by Mr. Omatsu, he was invited to return next week, or talk with City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:45. ORDINANCE NO. 1629:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1629 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the Council would dispense with the usual oral communications because of the late hour.

Councilman Olson said he would like to make his appointment to the Youth Welfare Commission, Mrs. Theo McLane, 237 Via Linda Vista. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac announced that there would be rubbish pickup on November 11, 1965, Veterans Day, otherwise a City Hall holiday.

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of November 7th to 13th as AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK and requested that the City Clerk send a properly formal version of the proclamation to the young lady who had requested it.

46. PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

Mr. Shartle had left the meeting to bring in an ordinance which needs consideration at this meeting and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1634

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR ANY BUILDING ON LOT 22, TRACT NO. 25886 UNTIL PENDING ZONE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1634. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1634 at its first and only reading, as an urgency measure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance