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Torrance, California  
December 7, 1965

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, December 7, 1965, adjourned from November 23, 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 Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Phyllis Cloyd led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend J. Augustine O'Gorman, Pastor of St. James Catholic Church, opened the meeting with an invocation as Minister of the Month.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the November 23rd meeting, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objections.

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 Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PRESENTATION OF PRESS MEMBERS:

This being the customary time for introduction of working members of the Press, Mayor Isen introduced those in attendance: Don Kirkland of the Press-Telegram, Jerry Reynolds of the Press-Herald, John Farley of the South Bay Daily Breeze, and as special recognition of Mrs. Florence Bertelsen who has represented the Los Angeles Times at Torrance Council meetings since 1955, presented a plaque to her for faithful service to her newspaper and this Council. A former editor of the Torrance Herald, Jack Baldwin was recognized and later in the evening members of management of the various newspapers were present and introduced.

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

HEARINGS:

9. CASE NO. 65-7, THOMAS FITZPATRICK, 3321 Danaha Street, Change of zone Formal hearing, Zone A-1 to C-3, Block 12, Walteria Tract. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval; by the Planning Department for denial. (continuation from November 23, 1965.)

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 65-7, this being a public hearing.

Philip Kelley who resides at 509 Calle Miramar, responded, stated the land in question is on either side of Hawthorne Boulevard. He stated development by precise plan would be the best possible development. He invited any questions. Any decision on proposed freeway routes is in the future and the freeway itself would not be constructed until ten years from now. Lying as it does on either side of Hawthorne Boulevard, Mr. Kelley said the land would not be suitable for either high or low density residential use. This is not a speculative proposition; the owners and developers are the same. He stated the proponents would dedicate whatever property is necessary for the extension of the street.

Councilman Beasley asked about the old mine in this area and Mr. Fitzpatrick said that operation was to the east of this property. Mr. Kelley added that there is a condition that there be ninety percent compaction in anticipation of a geological survey and report.

There followed discussion of the conditions and Mayor Isen expressed the thought that to grant subject to all these conditions would be tantamount to denial.

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

Mayor Isen said he saw no reason to hold up development awaiting determination of the freeway route; he is convinced the South Bay college will never go there; he is willing to vote for the change of zone as conditioned by the recommendation and moved that it be granted. Councilman Beasley seconded. This is all subject to strict conditions and a precise plan. Engineering for the grading could start immediately, Mr. Kelley said, and will be subject to a geological survey and report.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. CASE NO. 65-45, SHELL OIL COMPANY, Revised Precise Plan. 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.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter and City Clerk Coil presented two postcards favoring the approval. They were from Mrs. Barbara Graham of 21402 Ladeene Avenue and a Mr. Coulter of 4504 Scott Street.

Ronald McKee of 4010 Cathann Street, the duly elected president of Torrance Southwood Homeowners Association, said his group does not object to the building, but does object to the stop and go type market. They would prefer other uses listed in C-R zoning, as being acceptable. There is an abundance of supermarkets in the area; there is an objection to selling of wine and beer because of the close proximity to a school.

Councilman Miller asked Mrs. Phyllis Cloyd, President of the Victoria Terrace Homeowners group, their stand and Mrs. Cloyd answered that a poll by the Executive committee did not reveal sufficient evidence of objection to make a stand against it.

Mrs. Cloyd's group represents the south side of Sepulveda while Mr. McKee's association is on the north side. Mrs. Cloyd said the Victoria Terrace group supports whatever the stand of the group represented by Mr. McKee, but make no protest officially as an association. Mrs. Shirley Jensen confirmed Mrs. Cloyd's statement.

Mayor Isen made some statements as an expression in connection with the hearing, rather than in connection with the Council's later discussion. He has been working on this matter since the beginning and refreshed the Council's memory as to the things which have transpired. The first precise plan did not include stop and go market and the homeowners favored it. He feels there has been an imposition on the homeowners by all these requests for revision of this and the corner involved at Torrance Boulevard and Anza which is the next case on the agenda. The buildings are not yet built and there is no reason why they should be.

Mr. Traner, representing Shell Oil Company of 4250 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, was under the impression that the problems had been resolved between his company and the adjacent property owners. Mayor Isen reminded him that not only is the property subject to a precise plan, but would require a variance; the request is now for something over and above what was granted by Council. Planning Director Shartle said it would be a conditional use permit or amended precise plan, rather than a variance.

Councilman Vico said he believes there is opposition from the liquor stores to this type of market and intimated that Mr. McKee's opposition was based on such a thought. Mayor Isen asked that anyone who wishes to speak on this matter do so by permission of the Chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Traner introduced Mr. Ellsworth who represents the people who wish to put in the market. Mr. Robert Ellsworth's address is 1801 South Catalina, and he said the property is in process of escrow. He outlined his impression of the history of this case, and stated he intends to buy, build and develop the property.

Councilman Olson listed the agreements, compromises and end results as he views them.

Mr. McGinty of 4506 Torrance Boulevard asked why hearings are held if the conclusions reached are not complied with.

Mr. W. A. Pollock, 23810 Hawthorne Boulevard, the project's architect, said he has attended most of the meetings at all levels on these cases over a period of eight months of hard work. The people who are here with a negative opinion should have appeared before. At the time of 150 people present to protest, the question was R-3 zoning and it was to R-3 zoning that they objected.

Mr. John W. Judd, President of Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, spoke in defense of Ron McKee as president of his homeowners association and considered Councilman Vico's remarks against the integrity of homeowners association representatives. Mayor Isen ruled in favor of Mr. Judd's continuing his statement. Councilman Lyman thought Mr. Judd was not speaking on germane issues and Mayor Isen ruled Councilman Lyman out of order in such an objection. Councilman Lyman appealed the decision of the Chair so moved; Councilman Beasley seconded. Councilman Lyman contended Mr. Judd could speak on this side issue under oral communications and that to do so now only confuses the issue. Roll call on the ruling of the Chair was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

Mr. Judd said he meant no implication against Councilman Vico and proceeded with his statement which still dealt with an aspersion against homeowners associations.

Mr. Ralph Marshall of 5230 Cathann, took part in the meetings over a year ago and he told of the compromise reached at that time after eight or ten weeks of bickering and review, for the Union Station on the west side of Anza with a shopping center behind it. He felt to allow a change at this time would be discriminatory against the Union Station in that they were not allowed to put in that shopping center. He believes the first compromise of a year ago should be the final settlement.

Mrs. James Pacina of 21701 Ocean Avenue, secretary of "Torrance Homeowners Association" confirmed what Mr. McKee had said about objection of 75 families to the stop and go market.

Mr. Frank Schmidt of 4406 Cathann Street said if he and eight of his neighbors had been at the meeting, they would have also voted against the market. He did not believe any compromise was made at the meeting which Mr. Sciarrotta referred to, he said.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen moved the revised precise plan be denied - including any request for STOP AND GO market. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

11. CASE NO. 65-46, SHELL OIL COMPANY, Revised Precise Plan. 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.

This is a companion case to Item 10 on this agenda and no one appearing to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen stated the same motion he made on Item 10: "that the revised precise plan be denied - including any request for a STOP AND GO MARKET. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Vico.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council recess as such in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection. Council reconvened a few minutes later and Mayor Isen declared a short recess from which the Council returned at 6:45 p.m.

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Several newspaper executives having entered the meeting since its start, Mayor Isen recognized and introduced Sam Stewart, Bob Curry, John Moon of the Breeze; Glenn Pfeil of the Press-Herald; Hal Keating and Herb Vida of the Los Angeles Times.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE RE PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-39, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and a portion of 11, Tract No. 639. Reclassification.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1639

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. 65-39. Torrance Planning Commission.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1639 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. RESOLUTION GRANTING VARIANCE IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-48. Parnelli Jones.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-236

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. 65-48 - PARNELLI JONES ENTERPRISES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-236 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 65-141, SCOTT ROBINSON PONTIAC. Case No. 64-58.

Mr. Robinson was present and requested further variance in that he would like to have only a ten foot setback on both the north and south so as to be even with the Gil Sellan property setbacks. It was explained to him why the recommendation is otherwise and he withdrew his request.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING A VARIANCE AS GRANTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 65-141 FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4, APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-58, SCOTT ROBINSON PONTIAC, INC.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-237 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. L.A.R.T.S. AGREEMENT - REQUEST FOR RATIFICATION. Communication from Planning Director, noted by City Manager re the Los Angeles Regional Transportation Study and ratification of agreement.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this matter would be held two weeks; there was none.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

16. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 64. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that the subject sewer reimbursement district, with sewer connection fees indicated in letter of transmittal, be established.

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

17. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAIN IN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM 253RD STREET TO 620 FEET SOUTHWEST THEREOF (B65-87) Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that Chet Kohler Construction, Inc., be awarded contract at \$11,713.50.

Councilman Beasley moved to award the contract as recommended and reject all other bids. 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.

18. DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8A - REQUEST OF O. A. L'AMOREAUX FOR RELIEF FROM BUILDING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST 233RD ST. Resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A RELEASE FROM THE OBLIGATIONS OF AN "AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN RESTRICTED ZONES."

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-238 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Returning to Item 17, City Manager Ferraro stated the bid bond was not submitted at the same time and Councilman Olson moved to waive the timing of the receipt of bid bond - in other words, waive the irregularity which is apparent. Each such matter would properly come to the Council for individual attention. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

19. ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE STOP CONTROLS AT CITYWIDE SERVICE ROADS.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1640

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.46 ENTITLED "SERVICE ROAD" OF CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.46 THERETO ENTITLED "SERVICE ROAD" TO ESTABLISH THE PURPOSE AND CONTROL OF A SERVICE ROAD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1640 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. CREATION OF A PARKING PLACE COMMISSION. Three alternative emergency ordinances and regular ordinances attached.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection this item would be held two weeks; there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. CLAIM of Beatrice Fulwider in action against the City of Torrance for damages for personal injuries sustained on September 15, 1965. Recommendation of City Clerk to deny and refer to the City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer to the Legal Department as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

22. REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. Communication from City Manager.

Mayor Isen asked if the people mentioned in recommendation numbered 2 were notified this would be on the agenda and was told they were not. However, approval of a six foot wide sidewalk would be proper; the cost is not much more and money is available.

Under these circumstances, Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendations:

1. That \$9,000 be reappropriated for construction of a six foot chain link fence topped with three strands of barbed wire, around the City Yard.
2. That \$3,000 be reappropriated for construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Paseo de la Playa at Torrance Beach. (Changed from 4 to 6 ft. wide.)
3. That the remainder, \$24,733, be returned to the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve.

Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

23. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

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

1. \$911.41 to GarWood Truck Equipment Company for three only hydraulic pumps to be used on City packers for conversion program adding auxiliary engines to packers.

2. \$1,164.80 to Victor Comptometer Corporation for two only calculating machines to be used by the Finance Department as a regular budget item for new personnel authorized.

3. \$311.17 to Econolite for two 8 ft. traffic signal detector pads, non-directional, required by Traffic and Lighting Department as a regular budget item.

4. \$1,614.81 to Econolite for one intersection control timer and four two-way pedestrian signals to be used by Traffic and Lighting Department. Funds were appropriated for these items by Council from 186.1 Gas Tax Funds.

Councilman Beasley seconded and the motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

24. BID FOR PLANTER BOX FOR JOSLYN CENTER. Recommendation of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Gregory's Cabinet Shop be accepted in the amount of \$637.00.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

#### AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. PACIFIC COAST LITTLE LEAGUE REQUEST FOR RENEWAL. Airport Commission President Blaisdell submitting Commission's recommendation of approval.

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

City Manager Ferraro asked if this includes concurrence with respect to liability insurance - public liability. The coverage is now \$100,000 and \$300,000 and the cost is comparatively small for \$1,000,000.

Mr. Tom Conoty, President of the Little League, 4525 Vista Montana, said he has contacted the insurance people to determine the cost and has not yet had a reply. Mayor Isen asked that the insurance phase be brought back to the Council in two weeks. The approval granted is subject to adequate insurance and if there is any question on that the matter will be reconsidered at the December 21st meeting.

#### WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

26. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF MRS. VIVIAN SANDERS, 23811 WARD STREET. Communication from City Manager recommending authorization be granted for purchase of this property for the sum of \$29,700 and that the City Manager and City Attorney be authorized to execute all necessary legal documents, including the opening of an escrow.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

27. REQUEST FOR USE OF TORRANCE CITY HALL FOR ELECTIONS. Request of

Benjamin S. Hite, Registrar of Voters for use of the Torrance City Hall June 7, 1966 and November 8, 1966.

The City Manager's recommendation is to grant the request and Councilman Olson so moved. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST and for approval of policy statement attached.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission and approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

29. CONCURRENCE IN PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1635. Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission Chairman, noted by City Manager re ordinance amending land use ordinance.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this communication would be referred to the City Manager for return to the agenda at his convenience. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

30. TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES - PROPOSED AUCTION SALE 88-A. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager that certain parcels be acquired for public use.

The parcels recommended are 1280 and 1416 for street purposes; 1101, 1293, and 1294 for park purposes; 1219 for park and street purposes; 449 for urban renewal purposes.

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

31. REDUCTION IN SUBDIVISION BOND FOR TRACT NO. 19879 (Hasvold & Pollock) Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bond be reduced to \$2,200.

Councilman Miller moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. STORM EMERGENCY COSTS: Report from Director of Finance with recommendation (a) to confirm emergency purchases, and (b) that no additional appropriation be made at this time.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to both (a) and (b) and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. PROPOSED RIVIERA VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT: The recommendation is that the Mayor and City Council appoint a councilmanic committee to meet with the City of Redondo Beach on a date between December 8th and 14th in order that the planning and financing proposals being recommended by the City of Redondo Beach be preliminarily evaluated and that Planning Commission Chairman David Halstead be a member of the task force representing the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, Tom Rupert, David Halstead, Councilman Vico and himself (Mayor Isen) would comprise the committee from Torrance. There was no objection.

34. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1638 declaring moratorium on convalescent homes, etc. Returned to the agenda by request of Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen stated two weeks ago he had said he would make a motion to rescind emergency ordinance No. 1638. There had been a hope that the property on Torrance Boulevard which is involved could be purchased by the promoters of the larger development discussed, but nothing further has come to light.

Don Hitchcock, 2311 Torrance Boulevard, representing the present owners, said there is no negotiation in process for the purchase of the land. His clients intend to build a convalescent home.

Dr. Robert Chandler, 4305 Torrance Boulevard, said his group have made two offers - written offers to the present owner, and are in escrow on the back portion of the land. It developed there has been no reply to these offers.

Mr. Richard Motiano, one of the owners said they had made a counter-offer and have not heard from it.

The parties were advised to step into another room and determine if any serious negotiations could be had. On their return, Mr. Hitchcock said negotiations were unsuccessful.

Mayor Isen reluctantly moved that Ordinance No. 1638 be rescinded, effective forthwith and Councilman Olson seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

There was considerable discussion prior to the vote being taken but no factors entered that had not been considered before. It was the general thought that Torrance Boulevard is not a proper place for a convalescent home, but there is no reason to stop the development by the legal owners of the property and the building permit is ready to be issued.

Both Mayor Isen and Councilman Sciarrotta remarked that their "Yes" votes are reluctant. Mayor Isen urged further negotiation and offered the council's services and his own as a mediation board. He deplored the necessity of approving a \$200,000 development where there could have been a \$2½ million project in a twin building to 4305 Torrance Boulevard, but said the Council had no choice.

City Manager Ferraro asked if the Council would give consideration to asking the Planning Department to create a zoning that would insure medium and high rise development of Torrance Boulevard so this problem will not arise again. Mayor Isen said he saw no objection.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

35. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE REVEREND HUGH R. PERCY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE REVEREND HUGH R. PERCY, B.A., B.D., ON HIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY AS RECTOR OF ST. ANDREWS CHURCH AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELFARE OF OUR CITY.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-239 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of December 9 through 15, 1965 as BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK.

37. City Manager Ferraro called attention to the contents of the letter from the Riviera Homeowners Association listed in informational items, as Item B, as an excellent example of cooperation with the homeowners group and two realty boards.

38. City Manager Ferraro stated Leonard Horwin has called a meeting of the Rapid Transit District on Friday, December 10th at 2 p.m.

39. Councilman Beasley appointed to the Torrance Beautiful Commission Mr. William Burchfield, an architect. Council poll was unanimous in favor.

40. Councilman Beasley appointed to the Airport Commission, Mr. Armand Burgess. A poll of the council was unanimously favorable. Mr. Burgess lives in New Horizons.

41. On behalf of Dan Butcher, Clark Leonard of Lanco Engineering, asked if there might be some modification of conditions as to Tract No. 29103 as to offsite improvements. Councilman Miller moved to include this late item on next week's agenda and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried, there being no objection.

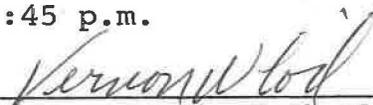
42. Mr. P. L. LaComb, representing Standard Oil Company of California, of Whitley Collins Drive, Palos Verdes, said he had written a letter with a proposed amendment to the oil code and asked that it be referred to a committee of the council for review - it is a matter dealing with secondary oil recovery and was referred to a committee consisting of Councilmen Olson, Lyman and Miller.

43. Mr. Al Baker of 2809 Onrado, Torrance, stated his application for the liquor market at Anza and Sepulveda, had been protested by the Torrance Police Department. Chief Koenig was present and said it was not a protest but simply a matter of going on record that the location is adjacent to a school. The Alcoholic Beverage Control makes its own determinations.

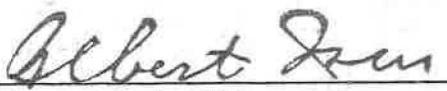
44. Mr. Ted Koletos stated the City Manager had turned down the purchase of his property as a hardship case. This is in the redevelopment area. There has so far been no agreement on the price and Mr. Koletos said he has been placed in a very dangerous position. Mayor Isen asked him to place his complaint in writing for referral to the City Manager.

45. Councilman Beasley introduced Mrs. Beasley from the audience.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:45 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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