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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., on January 18, 1966, 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, Civil Service Commissioner Townsend led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Arthur Nagel, First Methodist Church, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. A group of members of the Dragons Club which is a division of the YMCA was present with their Assistant Leader, Bob Borton and they were introduced and welcomed by Mayor Isen. They have the volunteer duty of distributing the new exclusive Torrance telephone book compiled by the Lions Club and they presented copies of this useful publication to Councilmen and City Department heads. Mr. Borton explained that 1700 of these young boys will be delivering the book to all residents of Torrance at no cost. The pay which they receive for delivering will be their contribution toward the new YMCA building.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Councilman Olson presented to Timothy Chang a perma plaque resolution previously ordered by the Council in recognition of his having been awarded the only Space Exploration Badge in California, by the Boy Scouts of America. Councilman Olson read the text of the resolution and told of the honors bestowed on Timothy when he was presented the award. His mother was also present and she was introduced to the Council and audience.

Mayor Isen introduced John Judd, President of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, and Wm. Uerkwitz, its Past President, and they participated with the Mayor in presentation of a perma plaque resolution to Chief Benner in recognition of his fine service to the City as Fire Chief. Chief Benner responded graciously and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a letter received.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 11, 1966 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved to pay all bills regularly audited and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

8. 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.

9. OPINION 66-25 - GARAGE FOREMAN POSITION.

This is the opinion requested of the City Attorney by Council and Mr. Sam Hunegs, Director of Council No. 20, Southern California Council of Public Employees, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, read in full his analysis of the opinion, copies of which were distributed to the council and staff present. He protested the appointment of Richard Rozendal on four grounds:

1. That the City Manager abused the City Council and Civil Service Commission policy regarding the Rule of Three, to-wit: that he did not select the top ranking scorer.
2. That Mr. Rozendal had not served at least six months as a Garage Serviceman after being certified as a permanent employee on March 21, 1965, prior to taking a promotional exam on August 28, 1965, for the position of Garage Foreman, thus violating Rule VII, Section 4 of the Civil Service Rules.
3. That the City Manager improperly delegated his appointment making power to the Garage Superintendent, thereby violating Ordinance 326, Chapter 9, Section 8.13, adopted February 23, 1965.
4. That Mr. Rozendal did not meet the specifications for the position of Garage Foreman.

and recommended:

1. That City Council find that the Rule of Three as interpreted by the City Attorney does not apply to the miscellaneous employees of the City of Torrance.
2. That City Council find that the City Manager violated Section 3 of Rule IX, Rules and Regulations Supplementing the Personnel Ordinance No. 326.
3. That City Council find that the City Manager improperly delegated his appointment making power to the Garage Superintendent.
4. That City Council find that Mr. Rozendal met neither the qualifications for the examination nor the specifications for the position of Garage Foreman.

In conclusion, Mr. Hunegs' communication requested the City Council to require the City Manager to withdraw his appointment of Mr. Rozendal and to make the proper one in line with the City Charter and the expressed wishes of the City Council.

There were numerous questions regarding how the terminology of the ordinance and rules should be construed and in order to clarify one of them for all time, Mayor Isen moved that it be established that the first six months probationary period does not apply to promotional examinations; that there has to be six months in addition before an employee can qualify for a promotional examination. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

However, City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council is not the body to interpret the ordinance which they adopted as to accomplished events. In view of his statement, Mayor Isen moved instead, to direct the Civil Service Commission, as the wish of the Council, so to interpret. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley questioned City Attorney Remelmeyer's statement that the Council cannot interpret the ordinance or rules and Mr. Remelmeyer repeated that the Council can amend only as they apply to the future - it cannot go back into past actions.

Mayor Isen directed City Attorney Remelmeyer, with relation to the motion passed, while the Civil Service Commission is following through, to show the Council "in black and white where the City Council has no right to state policy on this matter". Mr. Remelmeyer said to talk about a particular man on a particular job is not stating policy. This appointment, he said, is completed, subject to change by the City Manager who has the right by Charter to terminate the employment; the Council has no such right.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Manager carefully review the appointment of Mr. Rozendal; there was no second.

Mayor Isen moved that the Civil Service Commission also conduct hearings as to whether or not the required qualifications on the original prospectus were met by this particular applicant. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to the motion which Mr. Beasley had proposed, Mayor Isen suggested waiting until these matters are determined and he directed that the Civil Service Commission bring back its rulings as quickly as possible so that there will be no possibility of a lapse of the six months period. There was no objection.

HEARING:

10. ZC65-53, WALTERIA COMMUNITY CHURCH, CHANGE OF ZONE - A-1 to R-3. Formal hearing re property located on south side of Newton Street approximately midway between Park Street and Madison Street described as Lots 5, 6, 19 and 20 and adjacent vacated street and alley, Walteria Tract. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response. Councilman Olson moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. There was no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to approval of the zone change, subject to the granting to the City of an avigation easement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley then pointed out the time elements involved in consummating the zone change, and, as a courtesy to the church, moved that an emergency ordinance, as well as a regular ordinance, be submitted to the Council at its next meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley said the Church has had its contractor engaged for six months and this action will at least save them part of the further waiting time.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. V65-31, C. N. CAKE, VARIANCE TO PERMIT A HELIPORT. Request for variance to permit a heliport on top of a proposed fourteen story high-rise building on property described as a portion of Lot 8, Tract 3458 located at Madrona and Amie Avenues in C-2 and C-3 zones.

Mayor Isen commented this is a matter to be referred to the Council Airport Committee and Councilman Sciarrotta so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

12. V65-49 THRIFTMART - Proposed resolution granting variance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-8

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. 65-49 - THRIFTMART, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-8 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:

13. EXTENSION OF TIME - TEMPORARY BILLBOARD AT 2716 Sepulveda Boulevard. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for extension of time be approved.

14. EXTENSION OF TIME - TEMPORARY BILLBOARD at 4320 Pacific Coast Highway. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Kenland Development Company be approved.

15. PERMISSION TO ERECT A TEMPORARY BILLBOARD at 23517 Crenshaw Blvd. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building and Safety, with concurrence of City Manager, that request of Southwood Construction Company be granted.

16. CHANGING THE NAME OF THE ZONING APPEALS BOARD to HOUSING ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD. Recommendation to so change name.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation stated as to each of Items 13, 14, 15 and 16. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller said one of the members of the Board under discussion in Item 16, Park Montague, is very ill, and probably the City should not count on his acting. Mayor Isen thereupon moved that the five members of the Housing Advisory and Appeals Board be considered to be: Wally Pollock, Kurt Fenger, Larry Voien, and Roy Bayer, with a fifth member to be considered at the Personnel session next week, if that appears advisable. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and the Council was polled with unanimously favorable result.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

17. Proposed resolution to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking on the south side of Carson Street from Crenshaw Boulevard to Plaza del Amo.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-242 WHICH ESTABLISHES "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-9 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE COUNTY ROUTE MARKERS ON THAT PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE N7. Communication from Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager re authorization to place County Route Markers.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation to install the markers at no expense to the City of Torrance, the authorization being granted to the County of Los Angeles. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The proper hour having arrived, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley and there being no objection, this Council meeting was recessed for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

After reconvening, the Council took a further general recess and came back to its deliberations at 6:30 p.m.

VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 1:

19. Recommendation of City Manager that Council accept the work and grant extension of time as requested by Nelson & Belding.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation as to Vehicle Parking District No. 1 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was:

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASSISTANT.

This is a resubmittal of the present specification for Traffic Engineering Assistant, with no change, and a recommendation that no change be made. The Commission believes the requirements for class specifications should be written around the job rather than the individuals who may be competing for it.

The City Manager's office has recommended that Mr. Kovach be permitted to take the examination and the opinion of the City Attorney has disqualified him because of requests from other employees for a waiver of requirements. Mayor Isen, Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta expressed the belief that whatever can be done, should be done, to permit this applicant to compete. Councilman Miller wondered if it would be wise to downgrade the educational requirements if they are necessary, or if not necessary, why they were placed so high. Mayor Isen reminded him that taking the examination is not necessarily tantamount to winning

the position. If it cannot be arranged that Mr. Kovach will be permitted to take the examination, he believed the position itself should be eliminated as unnecessary. He feels the wishes of the Council are being disregarded.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said if the Council intends to overrule the Commission and change the specifications, he would suggest that he (Remelmeyer) be directed to bring in an amendment to the Civil Service rules which would clearly give the Council that right to set the specifications rather than the Council on recommendation of the Commission, as now. Any amendment or change in specifications up to this time have been made by the Council only with concurrence of the Commission.

In response to a suggestion by Mayor Isen, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the question back to City Attorney Remelmeyer "to straighten out, regardless of how he does it." Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. Mayor Isen added that whoever falls within that qualification, can then take the examination.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. TRAVEL REQUEST - INSTITUTE OF COMPUTERS. City Manager submitting request to authorize the Assistant Finance Director to attend the ICMA Institute on computers in Chicago, Illinois, with appropriate expenses estimated at \$450 to be appropriated from the General Fund.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request and make the appropriation. 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.

22. SALE OF SURPLUS ACCOUNTING MACHINE. This is a request for approval of sale of a surplus accounting machine, to the City of Hermosa Beach their bid being \$1,000 the highest received and a fair market value.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

\$326.77 to Johnson Stationery for steel furniture (2 desks and 4 chairs) to be used by Recreation Department, a regular budget item.

\$464.46 to Pacific States Wholesale Company for airport runway lights to convert old lights to new configuration, an Airport budget item.

\$504.87 to Carl Entenmann & Son for 33 police badges and 35 hat pieces, Police Department, a regular budget item.

\$310.96 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for 1 only four-inch detector - L.A. pattern, to be installed at the new Police Building.

\$600 to State Educational Agency for surplus property for two auxiliary generator units and \$3,061.76 to Shepherd Machinery to refurbish the units to first class mechanical condition, to be used as an emergency power source by Police Department.

25. BID ON TWO SKID MOUNTED COMPRESSORS. Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Essick Machinery Co. be accepted, \$1,179.36, including tax.

As to both Items 23 and 25 above listed, Councilman Sciarrotta moved approval. 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.

24. VEHICLE AWARD - PICK-UP TRUCKS - BID NO. 65-82. Recommendation of Garage Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Vel's Ford be accepted, \$15,242.33 for eight pick-up trucks, with seven City units scheduled to be traded in at the time of delivery of the new units.

Councilman Lyman said the prices are being compared as between a bid price and a negotiated price and there was some discussion of maintenance costs, etc., Mayor Isen moved to concur in awarding the contract to Vel's, as recommended and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

Councilman Lyman repeated his disapproval of this method of operation and said he intends to look further into it.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

26. PROPOSED ORDINANCE controlling use of amusement devices and making betting in relation to such devices a misdemeanor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1653

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 20.20 ENTITLED "AMUSEMENT DEVICE PERMIT," SECTION 20.21 ENTITLED "SAME--REVOCATION AND DECLARATION OF NUISANCE," SECTION 20.22 ENTITLED "SAME--REVOCATION OF ENTERTAINMENT AND/OR BUSINESS LICENSE," SECTION 20.23 ENTITLED "SUMMARY ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE" AND SECTION 20.24 ENTITLED "BETTING--A MISDEMEANOR" TO ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 20 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE USE OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO DETERMINE WHEN SUCH DEVICES ARE DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION OF ENTERTAINMENT AND/OR BUSINESS LICENSES WHEN SUCH DEVICES ARE IMPROPERLY USED, AND MAKING BETTING A MISDEMEANOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1653 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FIRE OPERATIONS:

27. BID AWARD - ADDITION FIRE STATION NO. 1. Recommendation of Chief Benner to accept bid of Don B. Wolf, with concurrence of City Manager. \$25,827.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in so awarding the contract and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

28. LOS ANGELES STRIP LIBRARY FEES AND REFUND. Communication from City Manager.

The recommendation is that the Council approve the refund of the approximately \$160 referred to and upon approval, the City Manager will notify the County of Los Angeles library system to proceed with the refunding as agreed. This involves no Torrance money.

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

29. DESIGN YOUR OFFICIAL CITY FLAG CONTEST: Recommendation of City Manager to authorize the promotion of a "Design Your Official City Flag" contest, with a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond as prize, to be charged to Community Promotion.

Mayor Isen proposed that a second contest be authorized, to design a more contemporary City seal and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to authorize both. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta had made his motion prior to the inclusion of the second contest regarding the City seal and remarked on that score that he preferred to keep the seal now in use. A reminder by City Manager Ferraro, developed that also included in the motion is authorization of presenting the bond, presumably one for each contest, although that was not stated.

30. PURCHASE OF TWO 75 kva GENERATORS FROM SURPLUS. This is a request from the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the suggestion to the City Manager for further study and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ELECTION MATTERS:

31. OPINION 66-24 OF CITY ATTORNEY RE DEPOSIT BY A CANDIDATE WHO FILES FOR ELECTION.

The deposit discussed is to cover the costs of printing and handling written statement of the candidate's qualifications and the amount \$75.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the conclusion of the City Attorney that the deposit may be required, including a reasonable cushion provided the excess of deposit over the printing and handling costs is returned to each candidate. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Clerk Coil asked what the Council wished to do about a clean-up fee with respect to candidates publicity signs and Mayor Isen asked that that phase of the subject be back on the agenda next week.

32. COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL, with proposed resolutions.

Councilman Miller feared the possibility that the Mayor might be left without salary in case the resolutions were passed as proposed. He recommended, rather, that the new resolution printed on pink paper be considered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 12, 1966, AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-10 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 12, 1966, AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY ADDING SECTION 2 THERETO RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-11 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. RELEASE OF OIL WELL BOND NO. L-7018349. Communication from License Supervisor, concurred in by City Manager.

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

34. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND FOR TRACT NO. 29101, Sunnyglen Construction Co. Communication from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, concurred in by City Manager.

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

35. REFERENCE TO AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REVISION OF CITY CODE. Recommendation City Clerk, with City Manager's comment, with reference to revision of City Code, that Miss Shirley Henry of Newport Beach be employed under conditions and at prices as set forth in the City Clerk's memo.

Miss Henry was present and Mr. Coil introduced her to the Council.

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

36. COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT RE VARIOUS RAILROAD PROBLEMS.

The City Manager had requested the Council to express its wishes regarding continuing the special committee of Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta, or appoint another committee to monitor proceedings on a new railroad location where it is planned to put in a spur. He added the name of Councilman Olson to the two mentioned and it was the informal decision of the Council that these three work as a committee on all of the related problems and that they appoint one of their members as Chairman of such committee.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:37. ORDINANCE NO. 1648.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1648

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS BORDERED ON THE EAST BY TRACT 9765 (TORRANCE SAND & GRAVEL); ON THE SOUTH BY THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES; ON THE WEST BY CANYON ROAD (VACATED) AND ON THE NORTH BY CALIFORNIA AVENUE (VACATED) AND DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-7.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1648 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. ORDINANCE NO. 1649.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1649.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS BOUNDED BY OCEAN AVENUE, HAWTHORNE AVENUE, TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND CARSON STREET (ENTIRE BLOCK) AND DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-38.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1649 at its second and final reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

39. ORDINANCE NO. 1650.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1650

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN 177TH STREET AND 178TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-47.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1650 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. ORDINANCE NO. 1651.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1651

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1651 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. ORDINANCE NO. 1652.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1652

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND HOURS OF WORK
OF THE CITY TREASURER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1652 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

42. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 10 to 17, 1966 as TORRANCE REGISTRATION WEEK.

42A. With reference to Item D under INFORMATIONAL ITEMS Mayor Isen suggested that City Manager Ferraro write to Mr. Anderson explaining the situation regarding licensed bars.

43. Councilman Beasley said that through the courtesy of Del Amo Properties and their excavation contractor, the City will receive 15,000 cubic yards of dirt whenever it is ready for it.

44. Councilman Lyman complained that there had not been adequate information or action on a call made by his wife to the City Water Department regarding the milkiness of the water furnished to his home. There was no answer to the complaint over the weekend. He feels there should be a better system of handling complaints as to City services. City Manager Ferraro said he would investigate and report back as to this particular matter as well as the system in general of handling complaints over weekends.

45. Councilman Miller asked support of the Council in directing the City Attorney to prepare a resolution honoring the contribution of Sam Levy to the YWCA building so that it might be presented to Mrs. Levy at the dedication. He so moved and added that it should be in perma plaque form. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

46. Councilman Miller said he would like to have some sort of policy established with respect to abstention from voting by a council member. He believes the public is entitled to know what motivates such failure to vote, whether for or against an issue, and he asked for comments from the other council members.

Councilman Beasley believed this to be a reference to his abstaining from voting on the conditional use permit for a cemetery and told his reason for not voting in a more definite manner. Councilman Miller said while it is true, this brought the matter to his attention again, he meant to cast no aspersions on that vote.

Councilman Lyman believed it is completely within the bounds of propriety to abstain and give no reason and added that there are other ways of avoiding voting on an issue.

Councilman Miller repeated that he would like to have the record show that the majority of the Council favored a policy of explanation of an abstention even though there would be nothing mandatory in such a policy. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

47. Councilman Sciarrotta asked what is holding up the paving of Maple Avenue between Carson and Sepulveda and was told by the City Manager that it is a matter of rights of way. An engineering firm is making a survey toward the necessary dedication toward either an eighty or one hundred foot opening. There is an offset problem and a drainage problem. The project is under way, but something must be done to obtain the right of way on a gift basis.

48. Mayor Isen stated preliminarily that the oral communication he is about to present is probably the most important he has presented for the consideration of the Council in Torrance in the ten and one-half years he has been Mayor. He respectfully requested no interruption or comment until he had completed his communication, and exercised his privilege to request it be included verbatim in the minutes of this meeting:

"I intend to discuss the problem of indecent public exposure and to propose a charter amendment which will legally and effectively establish this community's moral standards by vote of the people and prohibit the employment, use and exploitation by business establishments of semi-nude women, commonly referred to as "topless" or "bare-bosom" waitresses.

"About a year ago, we were confronted with the so-called "topless" or "bare-bosom" waitress here in Torrance.

Local government acted vigorously and promptly by enacting Ordinance No. 1584, which prohibits exposure of bare bosoms in public. Prosecution was ordered under this new ordinance and also under a Code section which prohibits any outrage of public decency.

"The problems presented regarding prosecution under both the Penal Code and our local ordinance were as follows:

- (a) Whether the State had pre-empted the City's right of home rule, which is as yet undetermined by judicial decision.
- (b) Whether the prosecution, under our ordinance, represented the attitude of the community regarding indecent exposure, and whether the ordinance represented the moral standards of Torrance.

"We were successful and the one operation left town.

"However, since then, we have been confronted with a plague of these topless establishments which are a blight on this entire area. Lawndale now has its problems - Redondo Beach has two establishments - drive down Imperial Avenue near the Airport reveals gaudy signs "Topless Lunch", "Topless Pizza", etc. - and the Los Angeles City and County strip have their share, with several operating in the Carson area with Torrance addresses, since they are within our mailing area; however, outside of our City police jurisdiction.

"Our State legislature has apparently adopted a "do-nothing" policy. In fact, attempts to get the criminal procedures committee to take action brought only amusement. Certain lobbies are evidently more effective and audible than the voice of the people

"So the City of Torrance must help itself.

"In order to effectively stop the trend in public nudity as an outrage of public decency, it is necessary to prove that the community's moral standards are being violated. In many communities where the police have arrested proprietors of establishments employing semi-nude women, the courts were forced to dismiss such cases because those communities had not indicated their concerted disapproval of such practices.

"It is therefore necessary that each community establish its moral standards. We seem to be in a period of moral decay which must be curbed. This is evidenced by public nudity, increasing pornography and promiscuity, and as morals go down the crime rate goes up.

"I am proposing that Ordinance No. 1584 prohibiting public exposure of bare bosoms be submitted to the people at the Municipal Election on April 12, 1966 for their approval as an amendment to our Charter.

"I should point out that a Charter amendment cannot be changed by any future City Council and therefore has a stronger effect than an ordinance, which can be changed by a majority of the Council. A Charter amendment can only be changed by a majority of the electorate.

"Even as of today in Lawndale, an operator of a "bare-bosom" establishment was arrested on charges of attempting to bribe city officials, evidently seeking a "go soft" attitude.

"There is precedent and a parallel for this proposal of a Charter amendment. On April 13, 1948, at the General Municipal election, the people of Torrance passed a Charter amendment, Article 19 Section 5, entitled "Operating Draw Poker Establishments Where Fee is Charged" and prohibiting the same. The effect has been to keep gambling out of Torrance.

"I realize that this is an original way of dealing with this problem, and never, to my knowledge, have voters anywhere in this state been afforded an opportunity to express themselves. I believe that the people of Torrance will vote overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed amendment, and that the impact of their vote against "topless" will be heard and heeded in Sacramento. The Legislature will then respond and clarify home rule on this issue once and for all.

"At this time I am moving that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a proper Charter amendment based on Ordinance No. 1584, to be placed on the Council agenda two weeks from tonight, February 1, 1966, at which time I will move that it be approved by the Council and placed on the April 12th ballot for the approval of the voters of Torrance."

Councilman Miller seconded Mayor Isen's motion and remarked that such action would refute a statement made by a person involved in the case several months ago to the effect that what Torrance was doing did not represent the wishes of the majority of the people. Also the fact that a charter amendment must be approved by the Legislature will bring Torrance's action into open recognition.

Mayor Isen clarified his intent: at this time he is merely asking for a proposed charter amendment to be prepared by the City Attorney. When it comes to Council if it meets with Mayor Isen's approval, he will move it be approved by the Council and placed on the April 12 election ballot for disposition by the people.

Councilmen Sciarrotta and Lyman proposed that there should be brought in the League of California Cities, League of Women Voters, etc but Mayor Isen said to let the people decide.

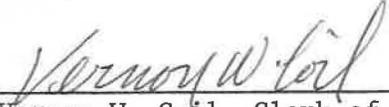
Mr. Uerkwitz from the audience expressed appreciation of the idea of the Charter amendment; Reverend Sippel said all he represents is solidly in favor of what Mayor Isen has proposed here; and Reverend Knouse of Walteria Methodist Church endorsed it with one word "AMEN".

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

49. A Mr. Bertusi of 2923 West Carson Street asked if the City has anything in mind for a rifle range. City Manager Ferraro stated a report has been made by Chief Koenig and a rifle range is under study. A total cost has been estimated to be \$500,000 which could be reduced somewhat if some free land were discovered. He asked the Council to please defer any discussion of this for the present. Councilman Miller suggested communication with Ben Smith. The Torrance Police Officers Association is also interested.

Mr. Willard H. Haslam, formerly Torrance Police Chief, told of what had been done in the past along this line and offered any help or resources he could make available. Mayor Isen promised him that the City Manager and Police Chief will call upon him and his organization.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance