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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on January 25, 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. No one was absent. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Mary Jo Connelly, one of three students from Bishop Montgomery High School who were visiting Council, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Arthur Nagel, First Methodist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation and Mayor Isen presented him with his Minister of the Month certificate.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Isen requested a correction to the minutes of the January 18th meeting:

On page 9, Item 32, COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, that the letter "s" be added to the word "resolution" in the third line of the first paragraph, so as to read "that the new resolutions printed on pink paper be considered."

With this correction, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Lyman, the minutes of the January 18, 1966 meeting were approved as written, there being no further objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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

HEARINGS:

8. ZC65-5 - JOE BARTON AND THE TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION - CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change from A-1 to R-1 on property located between Newton Street and the southerly City boundary northwesterly of old Hawthorne Avenue (Via Valmonte) and described as portions of Blocks 9, 14, 15 and 16 and adjoining vacated streets in the Walteria Tract.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mrs. William Neal of 4010 Bluff Street appeared to protest her property being changed from A-1. She was under the impression that A-1 is entitled to a better tax rate and Mayor Isen explained to her the various uses which are permitted under A-1 and R-1 and believed it would be to her advantage rather than otherwise, to have her property zoned R-1.

No one else appeared to speak and on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The recommendation was for approval.

9. ZC65-50, SCHULTZ ENTERPRISES (ROBERT SCHULTZ) CHANGE OF ZONE. Continued hearing on change of zone from M-1 to R-3 on property located north of Spencer Street, westerly of Earl Street.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard and Mrs. Mary Boles of Alter Realty, said she understands the entire area is up for restudy and asked when that study would be completed. Planning Director Shartle said he did not know; the study has not been started.

Mayor Isen acknowledged that the property might become more valuable as a result of this study, for a higher use. He suggested that she stipulate that the matter be tabled and that this area go back for restudy in connection with the entire area, to be back on the Council agenda later. Councilman Beasley thereupon moved to restore this case to the Council agenda ninety days from now and on behalf of both parties, Mrs. Boles so stipulated. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and Mayor Isen ordered in compliance with the motion.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendations regarding study for high density, highrise zoning and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. There was no objection.

10. ZC65-51, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change of zone from R-3 to R-1 on property located on both sides of Anza Avenue between Calle Mayor and a point approximately 100 feet southerly of 234th Street and legally described as Lots 132 through 150, 157 through 170 and 191, and 192 of Tract 25788 and Lots 91 through 97, Tract 26511.

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

Councilman Lyman commented that it is difficult to determine locations on some of these maps because a different key or symbol system is used.

In response to a question as to anyone who wished to speak, Mr. John W. Judd of 23505 Ladeene Avenue, appeared on behalf of the Southwood

Riviera Homeowners Association. He asked that the Council keep the R-3 zoning. He recounted the history of the area with respect to zoning and said the President of the Planning Commission had appeared at an Association meeting to explain the situation. Mr. Judd said he had not been able to attend the December 5th Planning Commission meeting to give them certain figures with respect to the wishes of the people of the neighborhood. He mentioned a master plan submitted by the County Planning Commission with respect to Anza Avenue by which it would become a through street from Newton Street, eventually to run into La Cienega to the north. He has not been able to learn more about this.

He described the development of the neighborhood and called attention to the R-3 property which is built R-1. The particular concern is with what might be done to the street by opening up of Anza to a 100 ft. street.

Councilman Olson called attention to the many objections from R-1 property owners to R-3 development, which the Council receives. Councilman Miller asked the effect of a developer putting R-1 on R-3 land and Mayor Isen said he believes this brings to light a weakness in the ordinance because R-3 land should require R-3 development. Councilman Miller thought a change to R-1 should be made prior to the land being sold.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the consensus of City Attorneys is that automatic rezoning is probably not legal and the best solution is along the lines of Mayor Isen's suggestion to prohibit R-1 in an R-3 zong.

Mayor Isen argued in favor of the Planning Commission and told Mr. Judd his association would be the first to complain if this area became blighted. He has examined this location carefully and minutely and stated if a super highway comes through here, zoning can always be changed to conform. As of now, Mr. Wilson has constructed some beautiful townhouses and then two single family residences next to them. In the next block are well kept R-1 homes and property in this block is selling. A resident who wished to convert his home to R-3 could obtain a permit to do so, or could perform a do-it-yourself project of adding a rental. This could open the door to complete blight and disorganization of uniformity and the Homeowners Association would be the first to complain.

City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac said Anza was placed on the City Master Plan and the regional master plan as an arterial at the time Mr. Wilson developed the original subdivision. It is now a 100 ft. right of way and will remain as such.

Mayor Isen said the people who want R-1, although in the minority, are also entitled to protection because of their investment.

Mr. Robert Irvin of 23144 Anza Avenue, had presented some petitions to the City Clerk, and he stated the fact that there is an alley here shows that it is going to be developed as R-3. Eighty percent of the people on his block would like it kept R-3.

Mr. Mark Brooks of 23140 Anza Avenue gave more detail on the survey of the homes in this area which he and Mr. Irvin had contacted. Of 37 homes contacted 34 wanted R-3 retained. The total number of homes is 41. He felt that the requirement for one and one-half parking spaces per family unit would obviate altering homes to apartments, from an economic standpoint if nothing else. He believed there would be no objection to RR-3 zoning which would require removal of the existing structure.

Mr. Brooks concluded by saying that the homeowners wish to retain R-3 by a 91% percentage.

Councilman Beasley believed changing from R-3 to R-1 would in effect taking something from the owner, and he would favor RR-3.

Councilman Vico moved to close the hearing. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the case back to the Planning Commission for restudy as to possible RR-3 and Mayor Isen seconded, but said there is always the possibility of someone coming in and building a house in the rear and there is a risk involved. In the past under similar circumstances, a moratorium has been declared and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to establish such a moratorium in this case.

Roll call on the motion to study re RR-3 was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico.

The motion carried.

Councilman Sciarrotta repeated his motion for a moratorium to be placed on the area until the study has been completed - for six months; prohibiting the building of additional dwelling units. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta (owns a piece of property in this area).

An emergency ordinance on the subject will be on next week's agenda.

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The hour of 9:00 having arrived, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess the Council meeting in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency session. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection. The Council meeting reconvened as such at 9:12 p.m.

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A recess was declared and the Council returned to its deliberations at 9:20 p.m.

Before proceeding with the next agenda item, Mayor Isen stated the discussion as to the property on Anza has brought out a weakness in the City's ordinance which would permit someone to get a tentative tract map approved calling for R-3, to build a single family residence and thus frustrate the intention of Council in granting approval of the map. He advised that a proper remedial ordinance be prepared for study, indicating that where R-3 is permitted in tentative and final tract maps, that it be followed through. There was no objection and City Attorney Remelmeyer will prepare such an ordinance as soon as possible.

11. ZC65-54, ROBERT SCHIMMICK, CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change of zone from C-1 to C-3 on property located on the west side of the Santa Fe and Los Angeles Harbor Railroad between Sepulveda Boulevard and 228th Street and described as a portion of Block 5 of the Shady Nook Tract at 1851 Sepulveda Boulevard.

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 speak on case ZC65-54 and Mrs. A. Wm. Finch of 1903 Reynosa Drive came forward.

There were also some polaroid snapshots of the area presented to the City Clerk just prior to the meeting, by Mr. Howard Smith, taken by Mr. Sexton and both of these men were also protesting. Mayor Isen recognized that this property could use some improvement. He had surveyed the area this afternoon and thought C-3 might be advantageous not only to Mr. Schimmick, but to the neighbors in that he would obtain a good renter and make good improvements. This shopping center which contains Alpha Beta and other stores is all C-3. Mr. Schimmick will be giving the City 12,000 square feet of property which he values at \$40,000 at least.

Mrs. Finch did not necessarily believe that a change of zone would make any appreciable difference in the way the property is maintained, and reminded the Council that now is the time to make certain there will be improvement. The street will be widened, Mayor Isen told her as soon as the necessary rights of way can be obtained; the City does not buy rights of way. The City will put in curb, gutter and paving if Mr. Schimmick dedicates. It will take some time because as Mr. Nollac pointed out the City must deal with the Public Utilities Commission for upgrading the railway signalization. 228th Street will be cleaned up and in general the neighborhood will be improved. Economic principles will control. Mr. Ferraro pointed out the ordinances with which Mr. Schimmick will have to comply, including landscaping, etc.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the zone change subject to the conditions listed by the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley cautioned the Engineering and Legal Departments not to bring in an ordinance granting the change until the dedication is made, as included in the conditions.

12. ZC65-55, DAN E. BUTCHER, CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change of zone from A-1 to C-2 on property located northerly of the southerly City boundary between Hawthorne Boulevard and old Hawthorne (Via Valmonte) and described asportions of Blocks 13, 14 and 16 and adjoining vacated streets within the Walteria Tract.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard in protest; there was no response.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the zone change in case 65-55 and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON CASE NO. 65-23.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1654

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 AT 2657 DALEMEAD AVENUE, SOUTHERLY OF THE INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE NO. 65-23. (Campbell, Lowe and Williams, applicants)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1654 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (owns property in immediate vicinity)

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. ANZA AVENUE IMPROVEMENT FROM TORRANCE BOULEVARD TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that \$2,382.72 be appropriated from 186.1 Gas Tax Funds to cover final construction engineering on project.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

15. MAPLE AVENUE FROM SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD TO MONTEREY STREET FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-13

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING AND SUBMITTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS TO CITIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-13 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

16. COMPLETION OF PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF 182nd STREET - SOUTH SIDE EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD B65-69. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, as follows:

1. that extra work be approved; 2. that \$500 be appropriated from 186.1 Gas Tax Funds to cover extra work and contingencies; and 3. that project be accepted and contractor be paid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to all three phases of the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-146, ARTICLE I, WHICH ESTABLISHES PROHIBITION OF PARKING FROM 2:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-14 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-116, ARTICLE III WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-15 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. PAYMENT OF SALARY TO CITY EMPLOYEES ON JURY DUTY. Supplementary report from Personnel Director on payment of salary to City employees on jury duty.

City Manager Ferraro said the situation has arisen because the employees are no longer granted automatic excuse from jury duty. Mayor Isen thought the \$10,000 revised estimate is still high, but he moved to concur in granting the recommended difference between salary and jury pay in order to permit employees to serve without financial loss as evidenced by the proposed paragraph submitted by the Personnel Director. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. BID ON VACUUM STREET CLEANER NO. 65-96. Recommendation of Director of Finance, Garage Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of Calavar Company be accepted. Negotiated price of \$17,279.38.

City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac explained the use of the equipment and the manhours it would save.

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

20. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approving the following seven items of expenditure:

1. \$318.24 to American Paper Towel Company for 30 cases of paper towels for Custodial Department, a regular budget item.

2. \$618.80 to J. G. Tucker Company for one only asphalt heater, portable, to be used by the Street Department in spot patching asphalt as a regular budget item.
3. \$349.44 to Western Lead Products for one ton of caulking lead to be used by the Water Department as a regular budget item.
4. \$838.68 to Factory Supply Company for steel lockers to be used in Fire Station No. 1 by Fire Department, as a regular budget item.
5. \$1,043.12 to Essick Mfg. Company for two vibrating plate tampers to be used by Street Department, a regular budget item.
6. \$400.66 to Allspray Company for 600 feet of air and paint hose used by City spray paint crews, a regular budget item, Traffic and Lighting Department.
7. \$1,254.24 to Meyer Associates for two Kreonite sinks to be used by the Police Department in their new addition for photo lab work.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

21. TRAVEL REQUEST TO INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING.

This is a request for authorization for Office Engineer Rempert to attend the California Street and Highway Conference, with appropriate expenses paid, a gas tax item.

The conference is to be held at Berkeley January 27 through 29, 1966 and City Engineer/Street Superintendent Nollac orally added the name of Albert G. Kovach as a requested attendee. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant authorization as to both Mr. Rempert and Mr. Kovach. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

22. INSURANCE - CITY BUS AND AUTOMOTIVE FLEETS - BID 66-4. Recommendation from City Clerk with concurrence of City Manager for acceptance of bids from Farmers Insurance Group, Joseph Thomas Agency for combined \$50 deductible comprehensive physical damage and \$500 deductible collision on public passenger bus fleet and Lund Co. for combined comprehensive physical damage on private passenger vehicles; fire, lightning, theft and transportation on commercial vehicles, covering the City Automotive fleet.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the bids listed as being the lowest and reject all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

POLICE OPERATIONS:

23. BID FOR POLICE FURNITURE 66-1. Recommendation from Finance Director with concurrence of City Manager that bid of United Desk Company be accepted. \$8,091.49.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ELECTION MATTERS:

24. RECOMMENDATION THAT POLLS BE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. APRIL 12, 1966. Recommendation of City Clerk.

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

25. Proposed Resolution authorizing execution of election supply agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-16

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MARTIN & CHAPMAN CO., LTD. RELATING TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 12, 1966.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-16 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

26. PROCLAMATION.

Mayor Isen proclaimed February 6 through 12, 1966 at CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH WEEK.

27. RESOLUTION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS GRATITUDE TO CHARLES F. "MONTE" CATTERLIN FOR HIS SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS CITY PROSECUTOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-17 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. RESOLUTION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE SERTOMA CLUB OF TORRANCE UPON THE PRESENTATION OF ITS CHARTER AND UPON THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS.

Councilman Lyman seconded the motion of Mayor Isen to adopt Resolution No. 66-12 and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

30. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF GRADING OF OLD CITY DUMP SITE:

The recommendation is that Council accept the project and that final payment be made to the contractor of \$1,345.83 due at this time, immediately. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

31. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF CITY HALL PARKING LOT B65-34. Contractor McAmis Engineering.

The recommendation is that the Council accept the work and that the final payment, without assessing liquidated damages, be made to the contractor immediately.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

32. ESTABLISHING CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to establish a Central Records Division as outlined by City Clerk Coil and authorize the employment of Gamlin Industries, Records Consultants for the sum of \$5,000 plus \$7.50 per hour for the implementation of the program by the City Clerk. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Lindamood who will work with the City Clerk's office in establishing the division was introduced to the Council.

As a part of the motion, Mayor Isen asked that half of the cost be placed in the 1966-67 budget and his second assented.

33. POLICY REGARDING RECORDING AND TRANSCRIPTION OF MINUTES:

Mayor Isen suggested this policy be further considered by the Committee which is reviewing the agenda, with the view of cutting costs. He will call a meeting of the committee during the next week. There was no objection.

34. REQUEST OF FRANCIS P. TORINO FOR NINETY DAY EXTENSION.

City Manager Ferraro stated there is a supplemental request of the Planning Director to resubmit the Torino matter to the Planning Commission for consideration under a conditional use permit in compliance with the new ordinance.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to send the matter back to the Planning Commission as suggested and Councilman Beasley seconded. There was no objection.

29. MONTHLY REPORT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER:

Mr. J. Walker Owens presented copies of his report for review by the Councilmen.

35. ORDINANCE RE <sup>ZC</sup> AC65-53, WALTERIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1655

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 LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF NEWTON STREET APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN PARK STREET AND MADISON STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZC65-53. (WALTERIA COMMUNITY CHURCH, APPLICANT) AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1655 as an emergency measure at this its only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1656

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 LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF NEWTON STREET APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN PARK STREET AND MADISON STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZC65-53. (WALTERIA COMMUNITY CHURCH, APPLICANT).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1656 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The permit will be held until the avigation easement is received by the City.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

36. ORDINANCE NO. 1653.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1653 at its second and final reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. City Manager Ferraro recalled the educational film of a council meeting made some months ago by Mr. Waterman which has now been completed and the city has purchased a copy for \$30. Mr. Ferraro proposed that the film be shown at a council meeting in the near future. The date of February 8, if possible, was set and an invitation will be sent to teachers and/or a delegation of third grade pupils.

38. City Manager Ferraro reminded the Council of the Boy Scouts Parade and a breakfast at the Crest Restaurant preceding the parade.

39. Mayor Isen stated that during January several Commissioners' terms have expired, but in view of the policy that incumbents remain in office until their replacements have been appointed, he suggested that new appointments not be made until after the April 12th election. This is the decision reached at the pre-council meeting on the subject this evening.

40. Mayor Isen reminded City Attorney Remelmeyer of the discussion at last week's Council meeting regarding a deposit to take care of litter caused by political signs and announcements. Mr. Olson, Mr. Remelmeyer and Mayor Isen have discussed the problem and decided it would be constitutionally questionable. There are many stumbling blocks, such as the right to demand a deposit for signs on private property. Mr. Remelmeyer will further consider the matter, but at present there seems no practical solution.

Mayor Isen said it might be that the City is reaching a stage where a filing fee should be required of candidates, with no refund.

41. City Clerk Coil called attention to Information Item A regarding applications for alcoholic beverage licenses, specifically the Unplush Hut. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that because of the proximity of the location to the Walteria Park, the Council go on record opposing any alcoholic beverage license at this particular site and that the ABC Board be so notified. Councilman Vico seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

42. City Clerk Coil reminded all that January 27th is the first day for registration as a candidate for the April 12th election and the last day is February 17th at 12:00 noon.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the City Attorney bring in a proposal as to what will be done about the League of Women Voters report on obsolete charter provisions. Mayor Isen did not believe any action is necessary.

44. Councilman Vico reported that National Supply Company would like to have permission to pour oil along Western Avenue to allay the dust in an effort to improve the street near Western and Carson. He also asked who is responsible for putting in curbs and gutters. City Manager Ferraro said he would look into it and call National Supply tomorrow.

45. Councilman Vico asked if there would be any objection to the Police Department using the borrow pit site for a pistol range. City Manager Ferraro pointed out several objections. There is some possibility of sale or exchange of the property so it could only be used temporarily and what is needed is a long range project with proper improvements for the purpose. Mr. Ferraro said something might be established as a firing range at the city dump site, as well as possibly some outside city limits locations.

46. With respect to the borrow site, also, Mr. Vico said something should be done toward selling the dirt which will be removed and then a dump site established with a charge to citizens who wish to dispose of rubbish. City Manager Ferraro promised a study of the subjects mentioned by Councilman Vico.

47. Mayor Isen recalled that there was some wish for a uniform water system in the City and purchase of the other water systems.

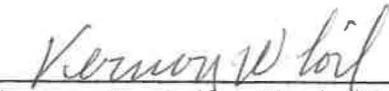
48. Mr. Orin P. Johnson had asked for time to make an oral communication and he came forward, stated his name and address and protested his being discharged from the position of Assistant City Manager as unjust and without cause. He requested reinstatement to his former position, without prejudice, and vindication of his name. His protest is on the advice of his attorney, Allen Well, 1840 South Elena Avenue, Redondo Beach, that the Council had pre-empted the City Manager's authority by setting the March 1st date.

However, the City Attorney explained under this form of City government, the Council has no jurisdiction with respect to either hiring or firing of the City Manager's immediate staff of assistants. They are not included within, nor do they enjoy any of the protection of Civil Service, nor does the City Manager himself.

City Manager Ferraro specifically asked that the record show that any detailed statements, including the text of the two letters exchanged, which appeared in the newspapers were given to them by Mr. Johnson, not the City Manager.

Two citizens, Mr. Wm. Uerkwitz and Mr. John W. Judd, spoke briefly on the subject, as did Mr. Sam Hunegs, Council No. 20 representative. Several of the councilmen gave detailed explanations of the reasons why the Council has no control, regardless of personal opinions.

No action was taken and the Council meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance